Generosity

Making someone's day by giving something away.

Get wrapped up in giving.

WEEK 4

Read: Acts 20:33-35

DAY 1

Generosity doesn't always have to be about money, or stuff, or even giving something away. Generosity can also be about TIME. You can show generosity when you give some of your time away rather than to simply use it all for what you want to do!

You only have so much time in your day. Think about it: by the time you do all the things you HAVE to do, like school, meals, homework, and bedtime, there isn't always a lot of time left. By choosing to use some of that leftover time to help someone else, you show generosity.

Next to the boxes below, make a quick list of three ways you could give of your time this week. Then, next to each item, write down the day and time you could do that thing. Once you've completed each task, check it off the list.

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Thank God for the gift of time to use generously for others.

Read: Matthew 6:1-4

DAY 2

Let's face it—it's natural to want other people to notice your generosity. It's always nice to get a pat on the back or to hear someone say, "good job!" But Jesus told us in these verses that getting recognized for our generosity isn't always a good thing.

God wants us to be generous because He's been generous to us. Generosity is about giving something away without expecting anything in return. And guess what? Even if no one else sees what you do, God always does! He loves it when we choose to be generous.

How is it going with your generosity list from yesterday? Have you had a chance to complete any of the things on it yet? If not, there's still time. But here's an added challenge: see if you can do the rest of your list in secret! Try not to let anyone in your family know that it was you.

Ask God to help you show generosity this week even if no one else is looking.

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Read: 2 Corinthians 9:7

DAY 3

Giving is great. But this verse reminds us that giving with a bad attitude isn't really showing generosity. God wants us to give with a cheerful heart.

But sometimes, giving feels like a "have to." If we're not careful, giving can become a chore—or one more thing to do—rather than a "want to." It doesn't really matter to God how much you give; what matters is the attitude you have WHEN you give. One way to make sure you have the right attitude is to thank God for all that you already have.

How is your challenge going? Check your attitude when you show generosity with your time. Are you giving with a happy heart? If not, spend some time talking to God about it. He can help you replace that bad attitude with a cheerful one.

Look for ways to give your time cheerfully this week.

Read: Luke 6:38

DAY 4

We've been learning ALL month long about how to be generous, generous with our money and our stuff, and even generous with our time and our talents. But sometimes it feels like we don't have much to give. Or it may feel like no one will care if we show generosity or not.

Check out your giving jar from the first week this month. Have you collected anything? It might seem like no matter what you do, you'll never have that much to offer. But generosity doesn't work like that.

Generosity doesn't have anything to do with amounts. God cares more about the attitude we have WHEN we give than He does about HOW MUCH we give. God promises that our gifts will be multiplied when we choose to give to give with a cheerful heart.

Now take a look at that jar again. Have you decided where you will give that money? Talk to your Mom or Dad and make a plan to give it away this week.

Know that God cares more about attitude than the amount when it comes to generosity.

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