



BIBLE CONNECTION

Luke 19:1-10 (page 1136)

CHARACTER WORD

Generosity - An unselfish attitude,
willing to share with others

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can show generosity to others
because God is generous to me.

MEMORY LINK

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man has come
to seek and to save that which
was lost."

(KBC Study Bible, page 1136)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, index
cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards

Option 2: Bibles

BIBLE CONNECTION

Play money, family photo

SURF TEAM TIME

Memory Link cards, index
cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Play money with one
\$20 bill, envelopes

Option 2: Paint stir stick or
ruler, sponge ball, cups

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God's generosity is endless. He is a loving father who wants to give good things to His students. He gives without expecting anything in return. His supply never runs out. He faithfully provides for our needs and often blesses us with more than we deserve.

How should we respond to God's generosity? By our thankfulness to Him and our generous living toward others. When we are generous to others, we reflect the generosity of God. Yes, God wants us to be generous with our money, but generous living involves much more than our stuff.

People recognize Christ followers by the fruit we show in our lives. "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23). As we become more like Jesus, we bear more fruit, which we are to generously give away to others.

What does it look like to be generous in giving love? Or to give kindness generously? Imagine the difference it could make if we decided to give generously in every area of life. That would truly reflect God's generosity toward us, wouldn't it?

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is generosity. What does generosity mean to you?
- Greed is the opposite of generosity. Describe a greedy person.
- How can you be generous with things other than money or stuff? (Time, talents, friendship, kindness, helpfulness)



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing students' hearts toward God



Worship is designed to bring students' focus toward God. It is the responsibility of the worship leader to narrow the students' attention, help them focus completely on God and prepare their hearts to hear from God. Be intentional when you prepare the order of worship songs. Choose high-energy songs first then transition to quieter worship music.

Consider these song choices: "A Generous Heart", by Sovereign Grace Music (<https://youtu.be/1XXtz7CCRqY>) and "You Gave", by Group (Lifetree Kids) (<https://youtu.be/sRai5-Tnxkc>)

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



The Market Place “GENEROSITY”

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Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1136)

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Ask students to hold up their Bibles high in the air. Count how many remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage everyone to bring their Bible every week. *The first four books of the New Testament are called The Gospels. They are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They tell us about Jesus. Today’s story is in the gospel book, Luke, which means it’s a story about Jesus.* Guide the students to recite gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John).

Instruct students to open their KBC Study Bibles to Luke 19:10 (page 1136). Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud as the others follow along.

Focus on today’s Memory Link

Have you ever lost something that really meant a lot to you? Or an important piece of paper? Maybe a special toy or a special gift that someone gave you? I have many times, but I always rejoice when that something is found! Our verse says that God sent His Son to seek or look for those that are lost. This means that Jesus came to earth looking for those that don’t know Him and offers them everlasting life! Our God is a generous God!

Option 1 - CARD MIX UP

Index cards for each surf team

Prepare:

Write each word of the Memory Link on a separate index card.

Mix the cards so they are not in order. Instruct each surf team to sit in a circle. Place the cards out in the middle of the surf team and direct the students to put them in the correct order. Repeat the activity as time permits. After a few rounds, begin removing a word card each time the activity is repeated.

Alternately, you may choose to make two sets of verses for your surf team. Divide each surf team into two teams to compete against each other in putting the words in the correct order.

Option 2 - CIRCLE PASS

KBC Bibles brought by the students

Guide students to sit in a circle. Those who brought their Bibles will hold Bibles on their laps. If everyone brought a Bible, remove one to play the game. As they recite the Memory Link, they will pass Bibles to the right. When the last word is recited, freeze and award one point to every person holding a Bible. Remove a Bible and start another round. For each round, change up the number of Bibles in play and the direction Bibles are passed. Continue play till one student receives 10 points or time runs out.

Memory Link

Repetition is the key! The more the students repeat a verse the more likely they are to memorize it and hide it in their hearts. Keep repetition from becoming boring by challenging students to repeat verses at different volumes or use different accents, such as baby, video game characters, or action figures.

BIBLE CONNECTION

Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story



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Play money, photo of your family

Set the Stage

Hold the picture of your family in a manner that makes it difficult for students in the back to see. Tell about the picture. You will notice many straining to see the picture or complaining about not being able to see. After a few minutes hold up the picture where everyone can see it. *I know that many of you could not see the photo of my family. How did that make you feel? What could you do in order to see my picture? Today you will hear about a man who was short but did something unusual in order to see Jesus.*

Tell the Story

We are in the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament again today so of course our story is about Jesus. Guide students to open their KBC Study Bibles to Luke 19:1-10 (page 1136). Invite them to follow along as you read the story directly from the KBC Study Bible.

Today's character word is generosity. Let's take a look at a man named Zacchaeus who was a greedy man. He stopped being greedy and started being generous when he received forgiveness from Jesus.

Tax collectors were people who gathered up money from people to give to the Roman government according to the law. Many tax collectors would steal some of the money they gathered from the people. Let me pretend that I am Zacchaeus. Hold out your hand to one of the students you selected before the session and say, "Hi, my name is Zacchaeus. I am the tax collector and I am here to collect your taxes." Take the play money from the student. Put some of the bills in one pocket and say "some for their taxes." Put the other bills in a different pocket and say "and some for me!" Look at the students and wink. Go to the next two students and do the same thing. "You see, this is why people didn't like tax collectors. Many of them stole money for themselves."

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. He climbed a tree so that he could see Him. When Jesus saw this man in a tree, He told Zacchaeus that he wanted to stay at his house. Zacchaeus must have been so excited. But then people began to mumble and talk under their breath. They couldn't believe that Jesus was going to be the guest of a "sinner."

Zacchaeus was surprised that Jesus wanted to go to his house! But listen to what he says. Read Luke 19:8 from your Bible. Zacchaeus took action. He stood up and said that he would give half of his possessions to the poor, and if he had cheated anybody out of anything, he would pay them back four times the amount. Go back to each student, reach for the play money you placed in your pocket and give back four times what you 'stole' from them. Say to each student, "I am sorry for stealing from you. I am giving back four times what I took from you." This generous action showed that Zacchaeus was a changed man.

As You Prepare

Before club starts choose 3 students to help you. Give each one a few play money bills. Prepare a pocket or envelope with extra bills so that you can pay each student back four times the amount you take from them.

Teaching Tip

When calling on students to answer questions, don't always call on the first student who raises his hand. Students need time to think about the answer. Wait a few seconds for several students to raise a hand before choosing a student to share.

Guide students to find Luke 19:9-10 in their Bibles and discover what Jesus said after Zacchaeus promised to return everything he had stolen. Ask a volunteer to read the verses aloud. Explain "salvation" means to be saved or rescued. *Who was saved? (Zacchaeus) What was he saved from? (sin) Who saved him from sin? (Jesus)* Explain that Jesus would refer to Himself as "the Son of Man." *Why did Jesus say He came? (To seek and to save that which was lost.)*

Like Zacchaeus, all people are lost and separated from God because they are born in sin. Jesus came to rescue or save people from sin.

People who have been saved from sin and choose to follow Jesus act differently. In fact, others will be able to tell that they've been changed. What changes took place in Zacchaeus? (He changed from being greedy to being generous.) What caused Zacchaeus to change? (Jesus saved him from sin.)

Application

Once a person becomes a follower of Jesus, they are changed from the inside out. Zacchaeus' actions and attitudes changed from being greedy to being generous because Jesus first changed his heart.

Gospel Connection 

Just like Jesus generously offered Zacchaeus forgiveness from his sins and a fresh start, Jesus generously offers you forgiveness from sins and a fresh start, too. Jesus loves you and is ready to forgive you. If you want to receive forgiveness for your sins and be changed from the inside out, the Bible says that you must first ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sins. You must BELIEVE that Jesus' died on the cross for your sins. Finally, CHOOSE to FOLLOW Jesus by making Him your Forever Friend.

Lead in prayer.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to meet with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

Teaching Tip

Involve students as leaders as often as possible in club. They can assist with attendance, reading from the Bible, act out stories, pass out snacks or materials, etc. Giving them jobs can help with behavior and it gives students ownership of their club.

Gospel Tip

Understanding sin is critical to understanding the need for a Savior. The Bible clearly teaches that all people are born into sin. When talking with students about sin, help them connect the definition of sin (breaking God's rules) to their own sinful nature. Encourage them to share some of the ways they have sinned and disobeyed God. Offer hope that God provided a solution to our sin problem.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups;
applying today’s Bible Connection and Character Word



Memory Link cards, Index cards, pens, highlighters

Today’s Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about today’s story?*
- *How did Zacchaeus show that his heart had changed?*
- *What did Jesus say about Zacchaeus?*
- *How is God generous to us?*
- *How can you be generous to others?*

Use the Bible 

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today’s Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today’s story in their KBC Study Bibles and highlight today’s Memory Link if they have not already done so.

Pray

Encourage kids to write prayer requests on index cards. Lead them in prayer. Take the cards home and pray for your students and these requests during the week.

Dear God, thank You for Your generosity to us. Help us to be generous to others. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Teaching Tip

A treasure chest is a fun way to motivate students to learn memory verses, bring Bibles, invite friends, behave well, and come to Beach Club! Give out “beach bucks” or “treasure tickets” that students can spend at the treasure chest. Or draw a few students’ names each week to win special prizes. You can find inexpensive items at your local discount store or online at a carnival supply outlet. Stock up on candy after holidays.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today’s Bible Connection and Character Word



Option 1 - SHOW ME THE MONEY

Play money, including one \$20 play bill, envelopes per team

PREPARE: Put one play money bill in each envelope. In one envelope put the \$20 play bill. Prepare enough so each student has an envelope.

Guide surf teams to sit in a circle. Give each student in the surf team an envelope you prepared. When you say “go”, students will pass the envelopes around the circle. When you say, “stop” each student will hold one envelope. Say, “Show me the money.” Students will open envelopes. The person with the \$20 bill answers a review question. Ask students to return play money to envelopes and repeat the game.

Alternate Set up: Leave all the envelopes empty except one. Put a piece of play money in that envelope and use it to determine who answers the question.

Option 2 - PUTT PUTT

Paint stir stick or ruler, sponge ball, 2 cups per team

PREPARE: Set the 2 cups 6-8 inches apart.

Line up surf teams single file about 5 feet away from the cups. At a signal, the first person in line answers a review question. If the answer is correct, they may use the paint stir stick to putt the sponge ball between the two cups. If the ball goes between the cups without touching a cup teams score 2 points. If the ball goes through but touches one or both cups only 1 point is scored.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is today’s character word? (generosity)*
2. *What does generosity mean? (an unselfish attitude, willing to share with others)*
3. *Who were the main people in today’s story? (Zacchaeus and Jesus)*
4. *Why didn’t people like Zacchaeus? (He was a tax collector. He stole money.)*
5. *What did Zacchaeus do to see Jesus? (He climbed a tree.)*
6. *What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus when he saw him? (Come down. I’m going to your house today.)*
7. *What did Zacchaeus do to show he was a changed person? (He gave half of his possessions to the poor and gave back four times what he had stolen.)*
8. *What words describe Zacchaeus’ attitudes before and after being changed by Jesus? (before he was greedy, after he was generous)*
9. *Name one way you can show generosity to others. (Answers will vary.)*
10. *Name one way God has shown generosity to you. (Answers will vary.)*
