LESSON 13 "GENEROSITY" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Matthew 26:6-13 (pages 1062-1063)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Generosity</u> – An unselfish attitude, willing to share with others

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can generously give my best to Jesus and worship Him.

MEMORY LINK

Colossians 3:23

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1303)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Memory Link poster, paper Option 1: Music player Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Small bottle of perfume or oil

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Beach ball Option 2: Jump ropes, coin

Mary Honors Jesus

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God's <u>generosity</u> is limitless. Although we disobey God by sinning against Him, God still <u>generously</u> gives His love and mercy to us. God has ultimately given <u>generously</u> to mankind through the gift of His Son, Jesus.

Jesus sacrificed <u>generously</u> by living a perfect life and dying on the cross to pay for our sins, so that we can have eternal life. When we recognize how <u>generously</u> Jesus has given everything for us, we can respond by giving our life to love and obey Him.

Worship is not just for church while singing songs, but rather, worship can be included in every aspect of our lives and at all times. We must make a daily choice to worship God. Our thoughts, words, and actions reveal if we are worshipping God or worshipping other things. Thankfully, God is <u>generous</u> to us not based on how much we give to Him, but just because He loves us. When we remember how <u>generously</u> God has given to us through Jesus, we can <u>generously</u> give all that we have to God in worship.

GET CONNECTED



10-15 Minutes - Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

No supplies needed

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

- What does generosity mean?
- How has God been generous to you?
- Describe how it feels to sacrifice something that is important to you.
- At Beach Club, there's a special time of worship through music. What are some other ways we can worship? (Reading the Bible, praying, obeying your parents, etc.)



Guide clubbers 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 Tip

Remind the kids that they were created to worship God, and that He enjoys when they worship Him. Use this opportunity to teach them what worship should look like in their hearts and through their outward expressions. Encourage clubbers to close their eyes or raise their hands at any time, but be sure to reinforce that these actions aren't required. They will watch and learn from how you worship the Lord in this time.

MEMORY LINK



Teaching a Bible verse to clubbers; helping them to memorize the verse

Memory link poster, paper

Prepare

Write each of the following references on separate slips of paper: Matthew 26:6-13 (pages 1062-1063), Mark 14:3-9 (page 1094), John 12:1-7 (pages 1167-1168).

Focus on the Bible

Invite three clubbers that brought their KBC Study Bibles to come forward. Give each of them a slip of paper with a Scripture reference written on it, and instruct them to find the passage in their Bible. Explain that today's story is found in three different books in the Bible. These passages are all found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and John. While the volunteers are finding their assigned passages, ask the rest of the group to help you identify which gospel book does not contain today's story (Luke).

Have each child read aloud the heading at the beginning of the passage they found. All of these headings are the same: "The Anointing at Bethany." Explain that the same story was written by different authors, but their different perspectives help us understand how we can <u>generously</u> give our worship to Jesus. Communicate that today we will read the story from Matthew, but in their Hang 10 devotionals this week they will read the story from Mark and John.

Focus on Today's Memory Link

Invite all clubbers to read today's memory link from the poster together aloud.

Today's Bible story is about a woman who generously gave something very important to Jesus, her worship. She gave her absolute best to Jesus without worrying about how others around her would react. This is exactly what God wants us to do. No matter what we are doing, saying, or thinking, we should focus on pleasing God rather than others.

Option 1 - MUSICAL MEMORY SWITCH

Music player

Have all clubbers gather into pairs of two. Explain that you will be playing music while they each say today's memory link to their partner. Both members of the pair should say the verse. When the music stops, they will need to quickly switch partners and repeat the memory link to each other again while the music plays. Start by giving the pairs plenty of time to say the verse before stopping the music, but gradually shorten the time so the kids must say the verse faster and faster.

Option 2 - ACT THE WORD

No supplies needed

Ask the kids to give some examples of things they can do for the Lord (chores at home, playing with their friends, eating dinner, school work, etc.). Guide them to act out one of these examples as you all say the memory link aloud. Continue reciting the verse three or more times while the kids choose a different action to depict as you say it together.



Colossians 3:23

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Teaching Tip

If you don't have the suggested supply needed for an activity, substitute another item you already have. In today's lesson you will find you need a beach ball, but you can substitute a bucket or sport cone. You will also find you need jump ropes. But you can substitute tape on the floor or pool noodles. Use what you have to make the activity work for your club.

Teaching Tip

Record Keepers, it's time for a KiDs Online Management System check up! Double-check your kids' information to make sure you have complete information on everyone. Are you behind on your data entry? Ask a friend to help you catch up this week. Need tech support? Contact your KBC field staff representative or call the KBC corporate office.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

Small bottle of perfume or oil

Introduce the Story

Show the bottle of perfume or oil to the clubbers. Utilize the information from the "Discoveries" notes on KBC Study Bible page 1063 to explain how precious alabaster bottles, perfumes, and oils were in Jesus' time.

This bottle of perfume is not an alabaster bottle, but imagine that this is a bottle of rare and expensive perfume or oil. If I worked hard to have enough money to purchase this bottle, do you think it would be a sacrifice to give it to someone else? What if I gave this to someone I love very much as a gift? That is what it means to be generous, being willing to share with others with an unselfish attitude. In today's story, we will learn about a woman who generously gave an Alabaster bottle of oil as she worshipped Jesus.

Use the Bible

Guide clubbers to turn to Matthew 26:6-13 in their KBC Study Bibles (page 1062-63). Instruct them to read aloud the heading at the beginning of the passage: "The Anointing at Bethany." Explain to the kids that Jesus will be anointed with oil in our story today. An anointing in this context means that someone is recognizing Jesus as Messiah, the One who had come to save the world. Ask for a volunteer to explain why Jesus came to save the world (Because sin had broken man's relationship with God).

Gospel Connection

Use this time to explain why Jesus' life was so important. The relationship between God and man was desperately broken because of sin. As God's Son, Jesus was the only person who could make a way for us to know God again. Give the kids a glimpse into why the woman in today's story was so willing to generously give her worship to Jesus. His presence was a life-changing event for this woman and she chose to sacrifice without being held back by the cost of following Jesus.

Matthew 26:6-9

While Jesus was visiting someone's house, a woman came in to the place where He was sitting at the table. She had a very expensive bottle of oil. The Bible doesn't tell us if any words were said, but we do know that she broke this bottle and poured the oil on Jesus' head. This is what an anointing looks like. Does this seem like an odd way to worship Jesus? Sometimes generously giving our worship to Jesus means that we will do things that others may not understand. The disciples (Jesus' followers) began to ask questions about what this woman had done. They said things like, "Why would she waste this expensive oil? The money spent on that could have been given to people who are poor." Why do you think the disciples would react this way? Do you think they understood that she was worshipping Jesus?

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Teaching Tip

Use a prop or KBC Study Bible in your hand as a way to keep the kids' attention during Bible connection. These visuals should not be a distraction, but rather a tool to help you draw clubbers into visualizing the story as you are telling it to them. Hold the object high so that the entire group is able to see without moving around too much.

Teaching Tip

"Anoint" will probably be an unfamiliar word for your clubbers. Explain that to anoint means to rub, pour or sprinkle something.
Often, anointing is part of a sacred religious ceremony to show something or someone is dedicated to the service of God.

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Matthew 26:10-12

The Bible tells us that Jesus knew exactly what the woman was doing. He began to teach the disciples using her example. Jesus explained to the disciples that by pouring oil on His head, this woman was preparing His body to be buried. Why would He say these things already? Jesus hadn't died on the cross yet, but He was preparing the disciples for the difficult time they were about to face very soon. Jesus' death on the cross would be hard for the disciples to understand, but He was trying to help them understand in this moment.

Talk About It

Do you think this woman understood exactly why she needed to worship Jesus by anointing Him with expensive oil for His burial? Perhaps not, yet she gave her absolute best to worship Jesus in that moment. Neither she nor the disciples might have understood why she worshipped Jesus in this way, but Jesus accepted her gift of worship. We should not hesitate in generously giving our best to worship Jesus every single day.

Gospel Connection

To truly give your best to Jesus in worship, you must first have a relationship with Him. As we discussed earlier, the relationship between you and God was not possible because of sin. God generously gave us salvation through His Son, Jesus. Salvation is important for your sins to be forgiven, so that you can be free to worship Jesus with your absolute best.

Just like the woman from today's story was changed by the presence of Jesus, so can you be changed by first ADMITTING you are a sinner. The Bible says that we must ASK God to forgive us because we have sinned against Him. You also must BELIEVE that Jesus paid for your sins by dying on the cross and rising from the dead in power over sin. Finally, you can CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus with everything that you have and worship Him forever.

Guide children who are interested in learning more about following Jesus as their forever friend to move to the designated area for decision counseling at the end of the lesson.

Application/Transition

Appoint a volunteer to read aloud Matthew 26:13 (page 1063). Jesus said the story of this woman would be told all around the world wherever the "gospel is preached." Isn't it interesting that she did not worship Jesus for the purpose of the world knowing what she did? Yet Jesus thought that her generous gift was so important the whole world should hear about it. You can generously give to Jesus in everything. By worshipping Jesus with your best, you are showing that He is the most important thing in your life.

Gospel Tip

Be sure the kids understand that sin is a barrier to their ability to worship Jesus with their whole lives. Whether a clubber knows Jesus as their forever friend already or not, they must understand the role of sin in their life as a hindrance to worshipping Jesus. Be sure to clearly explain that they need powerful change only the gospel can bring. The power of the gospel is not just reserved for the moment of salvation, but also as a continued reminder to worship Jesus with everything we have.

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SURF TEAM TIME

5-10 MINUTES LESSON 13 "GENEROSITY" (page 5)

Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Gospel Connection

Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers 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.

Today's Lesson

- What questions do you have about today's story?
- How was the woman generous towards Jesus?
- Does Jesus deserve our absolute best? Why is important to generously give our best to worship Jesus?
- Write some ways that you can worship God with your best this week on the index card.
- How does it feel to know that God loves when you worship Him?

Pray

Give kids a few moments to write their prayer requests on index cards. Invite kids to share what they wrote. Lead the kids in a time of prayer.

God, thank You for being <u>generous</u> in Your love and goodness to us when we do not deserve it. Please help each of us to worship You with our whole lives and bring You glory with everything we think, say or do. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Use the Bible

Give each child a memory link card. Review today's memory link and character word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's memory link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Lead the children to look at Days 1 and 2 in their Hang 10 pages. Explain that they will have the opportunity to read the other two passages in the Bible that share the story of the woman they learned about today. Challenge them to find out any additional information in the story, such as the woman's name, and come back to tell you about it next week.

Teaching Tip

If you notice that kids are having trouble participating in discussion during Surf Team time, soften your tone of voice, shift your posture, or rephrase the question. These simple changes may help you gain their attention and encourage more participation. Be sure to show interest as they answer your questions.

Teaching Tip

Remember that your main goal at KBC is to connect with clubbers so you can teach them the Bible. Connect with them by participating fully alongside them. The kids watch how you interact with each aspect of club. If you sing during worship and recite the memory link, so will they. If you listen during Bible connection and engage during surf team time, so will they.

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MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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

Option 1 - QUICK GRAB REVIEW

Beach ball

Divide kids into two groups and have each group move to different areas of the room. Place the beach ball on the floor near your feet. Explain to the clubbers that you will be asking a review question and they will send one person to run, grab the ball from the floor as quickly as they can, and answer the question. If the first person answers incorrectly, the other person will have the chance to answer. The group that correctly answers the most questions wins.

Option 2 - JUMP OVER

Jump rope, coin

Stretch out the jump ropes along the floor in a line. Tell kids to line up along any side of the rope. Ask a child a review question. If they do not know the answer, call on a different child. Once the question has been answered correctly, say "go," signaling the kids to jump back and forth across the rope until you say "freeze."" After the kids stop jumping, flip a coin. If the coin lands on "heads," kids standing on the right side of the rope will get a point. If the coin lands on "tails," kids standing on the left side of the rope will get a point. Ask another review question and continue play.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. In how many different places in the Bible can you find today's story? (Three)
- 2. What was the heading of today's story in your Bibles? (The Anointing at Bethany)
- 3. What material was the woman's bottle of oil made from? (Alabaster)
- 4. How did the woman get the oil out of the alabaster bottle? (She broke it.)
- 5. How did the disciples respond to the woman's act of worship? (They questioned her.)
- 6. Where did Jesus say the story of this woman would be told? (Wherever the gospel is preached/around the whole world)
- 7. What is today's character word? (Generosity)
- 8. How has God been <u>generous</u> to us? (By giving His son, Jesus, to pay for our sins on the cross)
- 9. Recite today's memory link. (And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. Colossians 3:23).
- 10. Name one way that you can generously give your best and worship Jesus.



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Colossians 3:23

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