LESSON 6 "GENEROSITY" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Luke 21:1-4 (page 1139)

CHARACTER WORD

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

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can give generously.

MEMORY LINK

2 Corinthians 9:7b

"God loves a cheerful giver."" (KBC Study Bible pg. 1274)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Painters' tape Option 2: Jump rope

BIBLE CONNECTION

Two pennies, play money

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Pennies, buckets
Option 2: Pennies

A Widow Gives All She Has

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Today's character word is <u>generosity</u>. The Bible uses words like cheerfully, sacrificially and generously to describe how we should give. <u>Generosity</u> is not so much about how much is given but more about the attitude in which we give. Remember that good character reflects God's character. So, what's God's character like in regard to <u>generosity</u>? He provides everything we need and often He blesses us beyond what we deserve. That's grace. As you prepare to teach kids about <u>generosity</u>, don't neglect to explain that we can be <u>generous</u> to others because God was first <u>generous</u> to us.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Pass out Memory Link cards, index cards and pens.

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

- Our Character Word is generosity. What does generosity mean?
- Share a time when you gave away something that meant a lot to you.
- Share about a time you received something that is special to you.
- Tell about a generous person you know. What makes them generous?



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 TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Consider fun, high-energy songs that kids will love to sing and dance to. Try this VBS song on giving and a great song by Third Day on how we are to give ourselves to the Lord as an offering.

"Give it Away" by Weird Animals VBS, Group Publishing "This Is My Offering" by Third Day

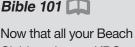
MEMORY LINK



2 Corinthians 9:7b

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1274)

"God loves a cheerful giver."



Clubbers have a KBC Explorer's Study Bible, show them the pages in the very front following the Table of Contents that explain how to "explore" their new Bibles. Encourage them to read pages viii - xi about the Digging In, Word Decoders, Bible Explorers, Discoveries, Bible Treasures, Mystery Solved, Maps and how to use the Dictionary Concordance.

8 Minutes - Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on Today's Memory Link

2 Minutes - Teaching the Bible verse to clubbers

Let's find 2 Corinthians 9:7b in our KBC Study Bible on page 1274. Who would like to volunteer to read it out loud?

Our Bible verse tells us that God loves it when we give ourselves to do things for others, or when we give to others. How do you feel when you help someone with their homework? When you do a chore your mom asks you to do or when you give a gift to a friend just because? On the other hand, when we gripe and complain about helping our brother or sister do something we don't want to do, are we a cheerful giver? No.

God wants us to willingly give of our time and efforts to help others. It makes us feel good when we give of ourselves to help someone else. It makes us happy and it makes God happy too! That is exactly what our verse says today, "God loves a cheerful giver!" Turn to your neighbor and say, "God loves a cheerful giver!"

Option 1 - MEMORY JUMP

Painters' tape

Prepare

Make six Xs on the floor with painters' tape. The kids will jump from one to the other, so be mindful of how far you space them.

Guide each surf team to line up single file. One at a time, students will jump from X to X. As they jump to each X, they must say one word from the memory verse, ending on the last X by saying the scripture reference. First jump, "God;" second jump, "loves;" third jump, "a;" and so on. The child then goes to the back of the line and the group continues to cycle through. Lead your group to say the verse aloud together once everyone has a turn. Repeat until the leader calls time. This may be played within your surf teams or as one large group divided into two teams racing against each other.

Option 2 - CRISS CROSS

Jump rope

Stretch out the jump rope in a straight line in the middle of the room. Guide kids to form a single file line at one end of the jump rope. Kids will take turns jumping in a "zig-zag" fashion... left, right, left, right... from one end of the rope to the other (think downhill skiing). On each jump, kids will say one word of the verse.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Two pennies, play money

Set the Stage

I would like to share a story with you about a powerful lesson someone learned about giving when she was in the ninth grade. A girl was traveling with a group of high school students from her church on their way to camp. They stopped at a fast-food restaurant for lunch. She got in line, ordered her food, paid, and then sat down to eat with her friends. But something caught her eye. She looked up and saw a girl walk over to a table with two boys. The boys did not have food. She sat down next to them, talked for a few minutes, and then got up and went back to her seat. As she left, the girl noticed money on the table. The guys then stood up and went to order food. It all hit her at that moment. They didn't have money. They were not going to eat lunch. She was so caught up in her food and her friends that she missed seeing others that needed help.

This girl's mom was on that trip as well and as they were loading back up on the bus, she stopped her. Her mom had seen the whole thing take place as well and knew she had been watching. She handed her a \$20 bill and told her to keep it for when she saw someone in need. She also told her that once she used it, she should come back to her and get another \$20, so she would always be prepared to help someone in need. Well, the girl used that first \$20 her mom gave her, but she never went back. From that point forward it just became part of her. She would always keep \$20 in a hidden pocket in her wallet. When she gave it away, she would replace it with another the next time she earned money.

Tell the Story

Our story today is in the book of Luke and is about someone who willingly gave all she had. Open your Bible to Luke 21:1-4. If you have a KBC Study Bible, turn to page 1139. Is this the Old Testament or New Testament? (New Testament) That means this story happened during Jesus' life. The story is about how God wants us to give and be generous. God tells us in the Bible we should give part of the money we earn back to Him, by giving to the church. When we give to the church, the church will then use the money to help people in need.

Who would like to read Luke 21:1-4 for us? Select a child to read Luke 21:1-4 (KBC Study Bible, page 1139).

The Bible tells us Jesus was at the Temple (church), and he was watching as people were giving their money. Use different amounts of money and change up your voice to act out several people giving money. Some people came in with \$50 and gave \$20. Others came in with thousands of dollars and gave \$100. Show the play money. These people were very proud of themselves. They had lots of money and they wanted everyone to know that they gave part of their money to God. Then Jesus saw a poor widow, a woman whose husband had died, walk up to give her gift to God. In her hand she held two copper coins. Show the 2 pennies. This was all the money she had. She had nothing else. Jesus watched as she put BOTH coins into the basket. She gave everything she owned to God, trusting that He would take care of her. Then Jesus called His disciples, His 12 closest friends, together. He told them that this poor widow put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their abundant

As You Prepare

Share a personal story about a time you gave something or about a time something was given to you. Or use the example given. Just remember to keep your stories ageappropriate and tie them into the lesson well.

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wealth, but she gave out of her poverty. She put in everything – all she had to live on.

Application

God does not care how much money we give. God cares about our heart when we give. Do we give because we want people to notice us, or do we give because we love God and trust Him? We all have something we can give. You can give money to the church, money to people who need help, or give your time and help someone. You can help your teacher clean up the classroom. Help your parents cook or clean up after dinner. You can help a friend or neighbor carry bags that are heavy. If you get to play video games or watch TV at home for an hour after school, then you can use 10 minutes of your time and help take out the trash or clean dishes. You also can save some of the money you may earn and buy a pencil for a friend at school that is in need. You have a choice. Choose to follow Jesus by being generous with your time and money.

Gospel Connection

God is the one that has given us everything that we have. We have not received money, food, clothes or our bed on our own. God made it possible. God has blessed us with all these gifts. In fact, God is so generous He gives us something we don't deserve – forgiveness from sin. But we have to ask Him for it. God gives us the choice to follow Him or not. He waits for us to choose to ask Him to forgive our sin, come into our life and be our forever friend so we can be in Heaven with Him one day. God wants more than anything for us to receive the free gift of eternal life through His Son, Jesus. If you want to know more about how to receive this free gift, please come visit with me after I pray.

Invite children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one.

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SURF TEAM TIME

5-10 MINUTES

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

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

Today's Bible Lesson

- 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.
- What questions do you have about today's story?

Use the Bible 🛄

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 do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 2 of the Hang 10. Read Acts 20:35 (KBC Study Bible, page 1217) Think about how you feel when you give something to someone knowing that it makes them happy. We get greater joy out of giving than we do when we receive something.

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your surf team this week.

God, thank You for giving us the greatest gift ever, the gift of Your Son, Jesus, who died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven and so we can spend eternity in Heaven with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Connection Tip

Think ahead about
Thanksgiving and what
your church offers those in
your community. Consider
handing out information
about fall activities and
things to invite your Beach
Clubbers and their families
to.

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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 - BULL'S EYE

Pennies and bucket for each surf team

Guide each surf team to line up single file. Ask the first person a review question. Correct answers earn a turn to toss a penny into the bucket. Continue letting students have a turn trying to toss a penny in the bucket once they have answered a question. Award points for successful tosses. The team with the most points wins.

Option 2 - IT'S A GOAL

Penny for each surf team

Guide each surf team to sit in a circle on the floor. Hand one child in each circle a penny. Instruct the child sitting directly across from him to create a goal on the floor by placing both hands flat on the ground with thumbs together and fingers pointing forward. The child with the penny will slide it across the circle, attempting to make a goal by sliding the penny into the flat hands of the child on the opposite side. After his attempt he may answer a question. Continue until all kids have a turn to slide the penny or time runs out.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Generosity)
- 2. What does generosity mean? (An unselfish attitude, willing to share with others.)
- 3. What book of the Bible did the story come from? (Luke)
- 4. What was Jesus doing in the story? (Watching people in the Temple give money)
- 5. How much money did the widow have? (Two copper coins)
- 6. How much did she give to God? (All she had)
- 7. What did Jesus tell His disciples? (She had given more than the rich people because she gave everything she had and gave with her heart)
- 8. How can you be generous? (Responses will vary)
- 9. Recite today's Memory Link. (2 Corinthians 9:7b, "God loves a cheerful giver.")
- 10. How is God generous to us? (Responses will vary)

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"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7b

