



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>)

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.
