

LESSON 18
"GENEROSITY"
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BIBLE CONNECTION

John 6:1-14 (page 1156)

CHARACTER WORD

Generosity - An unselfish attitude, willing to share with others

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can know that God is generous to me.

MEMORY LINK

Philippians 4:19

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
(KBC Study Bible, page 1298)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Bible, coins

Option 2: Fly swatters, index cards

BIBLE CONNECTION

Bread, sardines, play money, phone, snack

SURF TEAM TIME

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Inflated balloons, cones

Option 2: Bandanas, music

Jesus Feeds 5,000 People

WHAT'S THE POINT?

One of the words many toddlers learn quickly is "mine." They know what they want and how to hang onto it. They claim their territory by gripping toys, hiding them or even pushing others to get or keep what they determine is "mine". It's sad that many people continue with the "mine" mentality into adulthood. It's my money, my house, my family, my yard, my car and on and on it goes.

The first step in developing a generous heart is to understand that nothing on this earth really belongs to you. Everything you have is a gift from God and is meant to be shared. When you offer back to God what He's given to you, He can perform miracles. Like the boy who gave his fishes and loaves to Jesus, you may not have much to offer Him. But in God's economy, your simple sacrifice given from a generous heart can turn into a full-blown miracle through the power of God.

Giving generously and sacrificially shows you trust God to provide for your needs according to His riches in glory. A generous heart is a reflection of Christ's example of generously giving Himself to pay your debt of sin. The more you consider what Jesus gave, living with generosity toward others becomes a natural response.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, 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.

- Do you have something at your house that you don't like to share with your brother, sister or friend?
- Being generous is the opposite of being greedy or selfish, so what does generosity mean to you?
- Today's Bible lesson is about a boy who was generous with what he had. Who is someone you know that is generous?



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

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing students' hearts toward God



Often boys will disengage if they think worship is too "girly". Involving the boys in worship will not only point their hearts toward Jesus but can also help eliminate behavior problems that tend to happen when boys are bored. One way to get boys involved is with competition songs. For example, the boys sing a line then girls sing a line. Also consider songs that are fast paced with challenging motions or body movements. Enlisting male volunteers and older boys as worship leaders also helps create a masculine quality in worship.

Consider these song choices: "God Has Given Me", by Group (LifeTree Kids); "My Offering", by Third Day; "Whatever You Do" (1 Corinthians 10:31), by Seeds Family Worship

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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Philippians 4:19

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1298)

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Ask students to hold their KBC Study Bibles high in the air. Invite volunteers to tell facts they’ve learned about the Bible in Beach Club. After a few students share, lead everyone to find the tip-in page “About the Bible” (KBC Study Bible following page 242) and talk about the Bible facts listed on the page. Emphasize that the Bible is a great treasure from God to all people.

Focus on today’s Memory Link

Ask students to find Philippians 4:19 in their KBC Study Bibles (page 1298) and read it aloud together. *So does this verse mean that God will give you everything you want? Certainly not! The verse says that God will supply everything you need through Christ. Let’s talk about the difference between needs and wants. Sometimes the things you want are not best for you. Does that make God stingy or mean? Of course not! God is generous. Many times, God gives you more than you need just because He loves and cares for you.*

You can trust God to provide what you need because of His generosity. The biggest need all people have is forgiveness from sin and a relationship with God. By dying on the cross for your sin, Jesus generously gave himself for you and has made it possible for you to have a personal relationship with God.

Option 1 - NEED OR WANT

Bible, coin

Guide students to sit in a circle. Give one student a Bible. They will pass the Bible around the circle as they recite the Memory Link together. The last person holding the Bible when the reference is recited will flip a coin. If the coin lands on “heads”, they will hand the Bible to the person on their left and ask them to state something that is a need. If the coin lands on “tails”, they will hand the Bible to the person on their right and ask them to state something that is a want. The person now holding the Bible will start the next round.

Option 2 - SWAT A VERSE

Fly swatters, index cards for each surf team

Prepare: Write each word of the verse on a separate index card.

Mix up the cards and place them randomly face-up on the floor. Allow students to take turns using fly swatters to “swat” each word of the verse in order. Rearrange the words between each turn. Use a timer and see who can complete the activity in the fastest time. For a bigger challenge and if your space permits, spread the word cards far apart so students have to take a few steps to locate the next word.

Teaching Tip

As you teach Philippians 4:19, discourage students from negatively focusing on the things they do not have or things they wish they could do. Instead, help students positively focus their minds on the needs that God has already met and to give Him praise for them. Gently correct those who identify something they think they need that is really only something they want. For example, shoes are a need, but the coolest, most expensive athletic shoes are not.

Game Option

Sticky hands are readily available at party stores and novelty stores online. They can be used for many fun and creative games or may be given away as prizes in club. Most can be easily rinsed with water and reused over and over. For today’s “Option 2”, sticky hands would be a creative alternative. Students can use sticky hands to pick up each word card in the correct order.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

Five slices of bread, can of sardines, play money, phone, snack

Set the Stage

Guide students to sit with their surf teams and explain the introductory activity. *I will ask you for something and say the word 'GO.'* You will try to find that item among the people in your surf team and one person from your surf team will bring it to me. The first surf team that makes it to me wins that round. Request each of the following items and respond in the following ways.

Money – Thank the winner for being so generous, give the money back

Phone – Take a photo of the winner and give the phone back

Food – Ask if the winner will share, give the food back

Even at school, you keep lots of things with you. Today's story tells about a large group where only one person had anything with him to eat. It was a young boy whose generosity allowed thousands of people to see Jesus perform a miracle.

(Some students may not bring these items with them to their surf teams. If needed, pass some play money, a toy phone, and some small snacks out to some of the students beforehand and ask them to participate in this activity.)

Tell the Story

Ask the students to open their KBC Study Bibles to John 6:1-14 (page 1156) and note the heading at the beginning of the chapter to find a big number (5,000). *That is how many people gathered on a hillside to hear Jesus teach and heal people. When Jesus saw the crowd coming, he asked one of his helpers, Philip, "Where will we buy bread to feed all these people?" Philip replied that they didn't have the money to buy bread for such a large crowd. Andrew, another helper, pointed out a young boy who had 5 small loaves of bread and two small fish, but knew that could not feed everyone.*

Show the 5 slices of bread and can of sardines. *Is this enough to feed everyone in this room today? Maybe if we all take just a small piece. Is this enough to feed everyone at your school? 5 pieces of bread and a few fish are certainly not enough to feed 5,000 people.*

Jesus organized the crowd to sit into groups, much like you are seated in groups today. The boy generously shared his lunch. Jesus took what the boy offered and gave thanks to God for it. Then, Jesus started passing out the food to the disciples to pass out to the people group by group. Walk among the groups like you are passing out food as you continue telling the story. And Jesus kept passing out more and more and more. Jesus miraculously multiplied the boy's lunch until the entire crowd of 5,000 people were fed. And Jesus didn't just give them enough to eat, He generously exceeded what was needed. It was such a feast that the disciples gathered up 12 baskets of leftovers.

The young boy was generous and shared his lunch. Imagine you were the boy with the lunch. How hard would it have been for you to share? He could have hidden behind a tree and gobbled up his loaves and fish before anyone saw him. Instead, he was generous and gave what he had to give.

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Teaching Tip

Here's a way to help your students grasp the enormity of a crowd of 5,000 people. Use the number of people in your Beach Club or the number of students in the school that hosts your club. Once you have that number, figure out the math to determine how many groups that size it would take to form a crowd of 5000 people. Examples: A Beach Club of 75 people would need to be multiplied 67 times to reach 5,000 people. A school with 500 students would need to be multiplied 10 times to reach 5,000 people.

Jesus was generous too. He could have sent the people home to find something to eat. He could have continued teaching and let the people go hungry. But Jesus had compassion. He wanted to show them that He was God's Son. Jesus was generous and provided so much food that there were 12 baskets of leftovers.

Ask students to recite today's Memory Link, Philippians 4:19. *How did Jesus demonstrate this verse? He met the need for the people to have something to eat. He generously made sure everyone had more than enough to eat. God's goodness is rich. It contains everything you need. You may not have new shoes or live in a mansion or even get presents for your birthday. But with God, you have more than enough because God is enough.*

Ask a volunteer to read John 6:14. *The people who saw Jesus' miracle knew Jesus was special. They said He was a Prophet, meaning He was special and sent to share God's message with the people.*

The people who saw this miracle didn't know the whole story about Jesus. Today, we know the truth about who Jesus is. He is God's Son. He is the Savior. He loves people generously and generously offers forgiveness for sin. This miracle was part of God's plan.

Application

The disciples, Jesus' helpers, shared in Jesus' generosity by passing out the food to all the people. They helped the people receive the food that Jesus generously provided. You know that Jesus' generosity goes beyond food to eat. He generously offers love, hope, and forgiveness. Just like the disciples shared the food, you can generously share the good news about Jesus with others. Who can you tell? Your KiDs Beach Club Study Bibles contain what you need to know to generously share Jesus with your friends and family.

Gospel Connection

What idea did Philip have to solve the problem in today's story? He thought they needed money to buy food for the people. But Jesus knew that His power would solve the problem. That's how it is with sin. Some people think they can "pay" for a relationship with God by doing good things. But Jesus alone has the power to meet your biggest need and provide forgiveness from sin. Just like Jesus felt compassion toward the hungry people on the hillside, Jesus feels compassion for people who are separated from Him because of sin. On a different hillside, Jesus generously gave His own life to take the punishment for sin you deserve.

Close in prayer.

Guide students to find the tip-in page "How to Know God" between pages 626-627 in their KBC Study Bibles. Use these pages to help them understand God's plan of salvation.

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

When reading scriptures aloud with students, remember to speak slowly and clearly so struggling readers can easily follow along. Use lots of vocal and facial expression. Look up and make as much eye contact as you can. Feel free to pause when needed to define unfamiliar words or explain complex concepts.

Gospel Tip

When talking with a student, put your body language and facial expressions in neutral. Avoid the affirmative head nod and expressions like "that's right" or "that's good." Young people want to please adults, so it's important to minimize your non-verbal influence over a student's personal decision.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, 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?*
- *What did today's story teach you about God?*
- *If someone asked you, "How has God been generous to you?", how would you answer that question?*
- *How would you describe a generous person? How well does the word 'generous' describe you?*

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.

Hang 10 Pages

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

Let's take a look at your Hang 10. Can you retell the story you learned today to your family and explain how God was generous? Will you be willing to go through your Hang 10 daily with your parents or a family member and learn together what being generous means?

Pray

Give students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a student to lead in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for these requests this week.

Dear God, I'm so thankful for everything You have given me. Help me to be generous with what I have and be willing to share with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Continue to take time to pray with your surf team. Your students learn to pray from listening to you pray. Call them by name. Continue to pray for your students in your surf team throughout the week and let them know you are praying for them! Check in with them next week about some of their specific requests.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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



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Option 1 - BALLOON RELAY

Inflated balloons, cones for each surf team

Tell the students that today's game is a relay race. Direct each surf team to form a single file line several feet away from the cones. Explain that players will answer a review question, place an inflated balloon between their knees, and hop to the cone and back. The next player repeats and so on until everyone has a turn. The first team to complete the relay wins.

Option 2 - GIVE IT AWAY

Bandanas, music

Guide students to sit in a circle. Explain that the object of the game is to give away the bandana. Play the music as participants pass the bandana around the circle as quickly as possible. When the music stops, the person holding the bandana will answer a review question. They will generously give the bandana to someone else in the circle, who will begin passing it when the music starts for the next round of play.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is today's character word? (generosity)
2. What does generosity mean? (an unselfish attitude, willing to share with others)
3. Name someone who showed generosity in today's story and how? (The boy gave his lunch; Jesus multiplied the food, so everyone had plenty to eat.)
4. How much food did the boy have with him? (5 loaves and 2 fish)
5. How many baskets of leftovers did the disciples collect? (12 baskets)
6. The people who saw this miracle said Jesus was a prophet. Who do you know Jesus is? (the Savior; God's Son)
7. How did Jesus show generosity to all people? (He gave His life to pay for our sin.)
8. Recite today's Memory Link. ("And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:19*)
9. Name one way God has been generous to you. (Answers will vary.)
10. Who can you generously tell the good news about Jesus? (Answers will vary.)

Teaching Tip

Need more review questions? Create your own questions using these categories:

- 1. Salvation ABCs
- 2. Today's Memory Link
- 3. Last week's story
- 4. Previous character words
- 5. Application questions about today's topic



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Philippians 4:19

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