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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  I give generously.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: What kind of attitude should I have when I give?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Have you ever seen a farmer planting a field? If the farmer is stingy and plants just a few seeds in a field, the field will yield a small, sparse crop. However, if the farmer uses a generous amount of seed, the land will yield a generous crop. Which do you think is better?

God wants us to give generously out of what we have. He also cares about our attitude when we give. God doesn’t want us to give with a bad attitude and because we feel like we have to; He wants us to give with a cheerful heart, remembering that all we have comes from Him and He will always take care of us. When we remember how generously Jesus gave to us, it makes it easier for us to give generously in return out of a heart of love for God.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** When the farmer plants only a few seeds, what kind of crop will he get in return?  **Answer 1**. He will get a small crop (2 Corinthians 9:6) |
| **Question 2.** When a farmer plants seeds generously, what kind of crop will he get in return?  **Answer 2.** He will get a generous crop (2 Corinthians 9:6) |
| **Question 3.** What kind of attitude does God want us to have when we give?  **Answer 3.** He doesn’t want us to give reluctantly or in response to pressure. God loves a person who gives cheerfully. (2 Corinthians 9:7) |
| **Question 4.** How has God been generous in what He has given to you?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** What are some ways that you can give generously back to God?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

God, thank You for everything You’ve given to me. Help me to always be willing to give generously and with a heart that honors You. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  I give generously.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: How much should I give to God?** |

**Read about It**

**Read**: Luke 21:1–4

Imagine that a friend comes to visit you and they have a dozen cupcakes with them. These are the kind of cupcakes that are perfectly soft with just the right amount of icing on top of them. When they offer to give you one of their twelve cupcakes, it’s going to make you feel good and of course you would appreciate the gift. However, imagine another friend coming to visit you and they have one freshly baked, warm brownie. It’s the only one they have and yet they are willing to give it to you because they love you. Which friend actually gave you more—the friend who still had eleven other cupcakes after giving you one or the friend who gave you their one and only brownie?

Giving to God like the friend who was willing to give their only brownie or the woman who gave her two small coins is the most powerful giving. Sometimes it’s difficult for us to be generous in our giving, especially if there’s something else that we want for ourself. However, when we are willing to give all we have to God for Him to use, He can take that gift and do something incredible with it.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How did Jesus feel about how much the woman gave?  **Answer 1.** He said that she had given more than all the rest of them even though it was only two small coins. (Luke 21:2–3) |
| **Question 2.** Why did Jesus say that the widow’s gift was worth more than the rich people’s gifts?  **Answer 2.** The rich people gave only a tiny part of their surplus, but the woman, even though she was poor, gave everything she had. (Luke 21:4) |
| **Question 3.** How does God feel about how much we are willing to give to Him?  **Answer 3.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 4.** Why is it sometimes difficult to give generously?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How does God honor our willingness to give generously?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

God, everything I have is Yours. I choose to put You first and give You all of me even when it’s difficult. Please take what I have and use it however You want to! Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  I give generously.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: How can I give generously to those around me?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 8:1–5

There’s something really cool that happens when we wrap our head around how much God has given us. When we begin to think about how much love and patience He has with us, how much grace He has given us, plus all the physical things He has given us like a home, family and friends, and food on our table, it can blow our mind! Even when we are going through difficult times or we have a problem or we can’t do some things that other people get to do, we are still incredibly blessed.

The churches in Macedonia were struggling and the people were going through some difficult times. However, even though they didn’t have much, they were willing to give, even beyond what they could afford, in order to help other people. When we give generously in love and with the right kind of attitude, God will use us to bless those around us.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What was special about the generosity of the churches in Macedonia?  **Answer 1.** Even though they were going through trials and were very poor, “they are also filled with abundant joy, which overflowed in rich generosity.” (2 Corinthians 8:2) |
| **Question 2.** How were the churches in Macedonia a blessing to others?  **Answer 2.** They were willing to give to other believers in Jerusalem and help them. (2 Corinthians 8:3–4) |
| **Question 3.** When was someone generous to you?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** How does being generous show our love for God?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you be generous to someone now?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

God, help me to never forget how much You have given to me. I want to share Your love with others by always being generous. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  I give generously.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: Why should I trust God with what I have?** |

**Read about It**

**Read**: 1 Timothy 6:17–19

What would you do with a million dollars? Maybe you would want to buy a new house or a beautiful new car. Perhaps you would like to go on an exciting vacation to a remote island and relax on the beach for a few weeks. Or, maybe you’d buy the latest and greatest video game system with every video game that was made for it. It would be really easy to rely on that money and to feel like you did not have to worry about how much things cost. That is, at least until the money was gone and you’re right back to where you started.

Even though you probably don’t have a million dollars to spend as you wish, the Bible does warn against trusting earthly things like money. Instead, you should trust God. He is the One who gives you money, talents and skills, and everything else you have. When you use those things for God’s plans and purposes, it is an act of worship to Him and you can experience life in the way He planned for you.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Why should we not place our trust in money or earthly things?  **Answer 1.** They are unreliable. (1 Timothy 6:17) |
| **Question 2.** How should we use the things God has blessed us with?  **Answer 2.** We should use our money to do good and be rich in good works and generous to the needy. (1 Timothy 6:18) |
| **Question 3.** What resources do you have that you can use to serve God?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** How can you use what God has given you to do good?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How do we experience true life when we generously give out of what God has given to us?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

God, I put my trust in You alone. Help me to honor You and worship You by generously giving to others. Amen.