

The Original Generosity

The Goal: To discover that God's generosity to humanity started a long time ago, in the first verse of the Bible, <u>Genesis</u> <u>1:1</u>.

Leader's Notes: This is an immersive experience designed for ages 6-18. The duration is 30 minutes or can be extended by completing the GIVE activities together.

Please read through all pages of the adventure before starting the session. Please read the **Leader's Guide** for further guidelines on the adventures. Have fun!



Game — Genesis Juggle



What you need: A few items representing gifts from creation (like fruits, small toys, stuffed animals, balls etc.)

Play this game together:

- We're going to play a game called "the Genesis Juggle", a juggling game where we must juggle things, focusing on the many wonderful gifts God gave us.
- Divide players into small groups or pairs. Each group will take turns juggling the objects, while sharing something they're grateful for, or tell us about a way they can share God's gifts with others.
- The first group starts juggling the objects while sharing their gratitude or ideas. Let them juggle as long as they can while talking.
- After a set time, the next group takes their turn to juggle and share, and so on, until each group has had a chance.
- The other players applaud and encourage the jugglers.



Game Video Coming soon!

Reflect together:

- What are some things God gave us, that you are thankful for?
- How can we play the game differently?
- Try playing the game again, using the suggestions in the previous question.

Stop and imagine

 God showered us with lots of gifts from the beginning of creation, our job is to multiply these gifts and share them.

Gather



What you need: At least one Bible for each small group

Story of the Bible

Gather in small groups and describe or discuss the Biblical principles around our key theme: God's generosity to humanity started long before He sent Jesus. It started way back in Genesis.



Read <u>Genesis 1:1-27</u> and <u>2:1-3</u> (NIV) out loud together. (You can ask the kids to help read the verses)

Discuss

- What did God do?
- Can you name some of the things God gave us when he created humans and the earth? (He gave us the breath of life, created us in His image, a helper (Eve), all the many animals of the land, sea and sky, plants; He gave us a job, to look after all these things, and He gave us rest!)
- So where does generosity come from?

How God Made Everything

Reflect together

- Re-read <u>Genesis 1:28</u>
- What is the first commandment in this Bible verse?

What you need: Items that represent gifts of creation (fruits, seeds, flowers, small plants etc.), Small boxes or bags and note cards or paper and pens or crayons.

Creation Treasure Hunt

- Divide children into small groups and give each group a list of items to find, representing gifts of creation.
- Set a time limit for the treasure hunt and have the children collect their treasures in their bags or boxes.
- After the treasure hunt, gather the children to share their findings.
- Encourage the children to use the items to create gift boxes or bags with messages of generosity and love.
- Discuss who they thing they want to give their baskets to and how they can tell others about God's creation generosity.



Say something like: God gave us so many things when He created the earth and us. We want to use the gifts He gave us to show others His love.

Discuss your discoveries

- Why is it important to show generosity to others?
- Why do you think God gave us so many gifts when He created the earth and mankind?
- What will you do now to remind others about God's generosity all around you?



Bengy's Vegetable Garden

Repeat



This adventure is just the beginning of an ongoing journey learning more about our generous God!

You can repeat this experience or choose another! Visit <u>https://generousgenerations.org</u> for more resources and Generosity Journeys with new discoveries, games, and experiences!

Lights, Camera, Generosity in Action!

Share your story of your observations about God's generosity!

If you'd like to share your generosity story, please send a video or audio to the Gen-G stories team. Your story can inspire others to be a part of the Gen-G movement! You can email them to <u>stories@generousgenerations.org</u> or send them via WhatsApp to +27-83-395-4588