

Everything belongs to God

The Goal: To understand that if everything is the Lord's, we are not giving away our things, but His things.

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!

Engage in a giving adventure to experience generosity more fully as a recipient OR as a giver.

Gather around the Bible and discuss what it means.



Play an experiential **game** to raise curious thinking, then answer some reflection questions.

Game – Generosity Discovery



What you need: No resources needed. You can use paper and pencils to keep track.

The goal of this discovery game is to marvel at God's generosity. God has provided everything we have around us, He is the original source of all human-made things.

Example: What about trees? This is easy! God made trees (<u>Gen 1:11</u>). What about a chair? It is made of:

- Wood: God made the trees.
- Metal / plastic fixings: God provided us with metals and rare earth materials. The people God made found the metals and worked with them. Plastics are from petrochemicals from the earth.

Play this game together

We see what people have made and forget that every part of what we make, breathe, and eat comes from God.

- Divide into small teams.
- Each team should identify how God has provided the essential parts of any item in the activity space in five minutes.
- Push for detail. Have fun with it.

Reflect together

- Did you like the game? Could you move as fast as you wanted to in the beginning?
- What have you discovered about the world around you?

Gather



Remember: The earth, and everything in it belongs to God.

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

Story of the Bible

God made everything and provided it all for us, but he is the original Owner. Gather in small groups and describe or discuss the Biblical principles around our key theme: **Everything belongs to God**.

PRINCIPLE: **Everything** belongs to God. He made everything and everyone out of nothing. There was only God in the beginning.



Read <u>Genesis 1:1</u> (NIV) and then <u>Psalm 24:1</u> (NIV) out loud together. Consider using either verse to remember for the week. You could even write it out and mark the text to highlight God's love and generosity.

Discuss

- (Older groups): when we make something, how do we decide who owns it?
- How do we know if something belongs to us?
- How does God demonstrate his ownership of the universe? (This is an open question – expect a variety of answers)

God made Everything (Watch to 1'32)

Reflect together

- Re-read Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 24:1 together
- Do you have any reflections on God's generosity that you would like to share?



What you need: Chart and markers or coloured pencils / crayons, phone camera.

This experience is about giving praise to God for His generous provision for us

Praise God together for all that we can see around us that comes from His hands. God is generous, His gifts are incredibly diverse.

- Pray, sing about, or discuss what we are noticing together.
- Who do you like to talk with when you discover something? Share something that astonishes you about God's generosity and how His creation is used.
- Remember, in the game we played, we started to identify how God's generosity sustains every part of life! Pay attention this week to His visible and invisible gifts.

Discuss your discoveries over the next week

- How do you feel as you discover more and more that God has provided for you?
- What new things have you discovered about God, His generosity, His character?
- What have you noticed about your attitude towards the things that belong to you or your household?
- Find someone and give them a list of what you discovered. Share the Bible verse with them.



Football Generosity

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