A Generous Adventure



God provides for all

The Goal: We can trust God to provide what we need. This is because God promises in <u>Matthew 6:26-34</u> that as He cares for the birds of the sky, so He cares and provides for us, His children.

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!

The Generosity Adventure Path



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 – Basics Treasure Hunt



What you need: You will need items or pictures representing basic needs (food, clothing, shelter etc.) for a treasure hunt.

The goal is for each team member to find as many basic needs as they can.

- Hide items or pictures representing basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter etc. around the playing area before the players arrive. Also hide small toys or pictures of birds and flowers among the hidden items to represent God's care.
- Give each player a bag or container. They are going on a treasure hunt to find things that represent basic needs. Set a timer for a few minutes.
- Bring players together and let each player count and share what they found.
- Now let them share the one they think is most important with someone who doesn't have that.

Reflect together

- How do the things you find remind you of how God provides?
- Why does God provide these things? Does He provide for everyone?
- How did you feel when you gave one basic need away to someone else? Did you worry that you might need it?
- Can you think of any other questions?

Gather



Remember: God provides for all

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

Story of the Bible

Gather in small groups and discuss the Biblical principle: **God provides for all**.

PRINCIPLE: Everything belongs to God – He made everything and everyone out of nothing. Therefore we are not giving away anything that is ours, but rather God's things.



Read Matthew 6:26-34 (NIV). Invite someone to read the passage aloud. Consider using this as a verse to remember for the week. You could even write it out and mark the text to highlight God's love and generosity.

Discuss

- What do you think the people listening to Jesus were worried about?
- What does Jesus say about their value and our value?
- Who does Jesus say cares about our needs? Why? What has God done?



A Joy Story

Reflect together

- What did you notice in this video?
- What happened later after Joy (the dog) gave all his master's worms away?
- How would you like to approach life differently?

Give



What you need: Gift box, paper, writing materials, optional small gifts, chairs, music

This experience is about giving time and kindness

- Decorate a gift box, write nice compliments or kind words. Put them in the box. You can also add small gifts inside.
- Stand in a circle and play musical chairs.
- Put the chairs in a circle and sing a song or play music. One chair for each player. Players must move around the chairs until the song or music stops. When the music stops players must sit down.
- The leader puts the gift box on one of the chairs and whoever stops at the gift box can take one item or note and give to someone else.
- When the music stops, the leader sits on a chair. There will be one player without a chair and they are out. They can remove another chair. Keep playing until there is one person left.
- The person left can take as many presents as they can and give them away to anyone.



Generous Giver

Discuss your discoveries

- How did it feel to give a kind note?
- Did you receive something? How did that make you feel?
- Do you sometimes feel afraid that when you give, there won't be enough left for you? Why?



Remember, it's important to give other people your time and energy. Enjoy your special time together sharing generosity and have lots of fun! It's a great way to build relationships and show kindness to others!

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 https://generousgenerations.org 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 stories@generousgenerations.org or send them via WhatsApp to +27-83-395-4588