

God does big things with our small gifts

The Goal: We can trust God to provide what we need. Jesus powerfully shows in John 6:1-14 how a small gift of food from one child, can be used by God to feed thousands of people.

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 – Can You Build it?



What you need: You will need to gather enough construction material for each team (100 ice-cream sticks / toothpicks and a pack of semi soft candies)

The goal is to build the tallest tower in five minutes and have it stay standing for a 10 second countdown

- Form teams (or play as a family).
- Give each team the same number of small food sticks and semisoft candy. (E.g. jelly beans and toothpicks).
- Show everyone the construction materials.
- Explain the goal.
- Give everyone three minutes to strategise together.
- Give five minutes to build.
- Stop everyone, stand all towers up (some may have been constructed laying down) for the 10 second countdown.
- Winners have the tallest tower.

Reflect together

- What did you think about your supplies when you heard the task?
- Did you think it would work?
- Were you surprised at what was built?

Gather



Remember: God does big things with our small gifts **What you need:** At least one Bible for each small group

Story of the Bible

Gather in small groups and discuss the Biblical principles around our key theme: God does big things with our small gifts.



Read John 6:1-14 (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 were the disciples worried about?
- What was Jesus concerned about? Does that surprise you?
- Who got to be a part of the Miracle? What happened?



Reflect together

- What did you notice in this video?
- Could Jesus have provided the food for everyone without the gift of fish and bread?
- Why do you think the boy was willing to give his lunch to Jesus?
- Can you think of a time when you shared something small, and it made a difference?
- In what ways can we give to others, even if what we have seems small?



What you need: Chairs or cushions, music that you can stop and start.

This experience is about giving thoughtfully and prayerfully

Let's engage in a **giving challenge** with our family or friends! It can be done today or over the next few days.

- Pray together. Ask God to bring someone to mind who might be encouraged by a gift it might be a difficult relationship, someone lonely, someone having a tough time.
- Decorate a **gift box** and put a thoughtful message to the person and a **small gift** inside.
- Gather everyone close, holding their gifts. Pray for each of them as they give this encouragement gift, that it will bless each giver and receiver. Ask God to help the children see good come from a small gift.

Discuss your discoveries

- How did this giving activity make you feel?
- Did you notice anything about how the person you prayed for was affected? What happened?



Remember, it's important to give the other people your thoughtful and prayerful attention. 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 <u>https://generousgenerations.org</u> for more resources and Generosity Journeys with new discoveries, games, and experiences!

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

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