



## Giving Brings Joy

**The Goal:** To discover the joy and happiness that comes from being generous. To understand the meaning of Jesus' words: *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

**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. Change the questions and use different source

### The Generosity Adventure Path



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

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**Gather** around the Bible and discuss what it means.

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

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# Game – Joyful Giving Cards



**What you need:** A deck of playing cards and small gifts or treats (optional)

(Leader: The object is to spread joy by giving compliments and small gifts to each other.)

## Play this game together

1. Gather 3 or more players in a circle.
2. Shuffle the deck of cards and place them face down in the centre of the circle.
3. The youngest player goes first. Draw a card from the deck.
4. Each card corresponds to an action:
  - **Hearts:** Give a genuine compliment to the person on your LEFT.
  - **Diamonds:** Give a small gift or treat to the person on your RIGHT.
  - **Clubs:** Share a funny or heart-warming story with the group.
  - **Spades:** Express gratitude to someone in the circle for something they've done.
5. After doing the action, pass the cards to the next person clockwise, and they take their turn.
6. Repeat steps 2-4 until each player has had a turn.

## Reflect together

- What did you notice was weird or different about this game?
- We are thinking about how giving brings us joy. How did this game bring you joy?
- What did you enjoy most about the game?
- How would you play the game differently to explore that idea more? Try replaying the game with some of the suggested changes from your group.

## Stop and imagine

- Why do you think generosity/giving brings us joy?

# Gather



**Remember:** It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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



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## Story of the Bible

Gather in small groups and describe or discuss the Biblical principles around our key theme; It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**PRINCIPLE:** It's fun to receive, but Jesus said it's more blessed to receive.



**Read Acts 20:35** (NIV) out loud together. Consider using this as a verse to remember for the week. You could even write it out and mark the text to remind you to live generously.

## Discuss

- What is the Bible passage saying?
- What does that mean? For us, for the world?
- Why do you think this is so?

## Reflect together:

- Re-read Acts 20:35 together.
- Now you know that it is more blessed to give than to receive, what does that change in your heart?
- What will you do differently?

# Give – Giving Brainstorm



**What you need:** A piece of paper or sticky note and a pen for each person. For those who cannot write yet, adults or friends can offer to help.

## Acts of Kindness Brainstorm

We're going to engage in an activity called: "Acts of Kindness Brainstorm" with our family or friends! It can be done today or over the next few days.

- Think of something you can do to show kindness to someone else. It can be anyone and it doesn't have to be someone you know.
- Write down that act of kindness on a piece of paper or sticky note and add your name to the bottom.
- Put the notes up against a refrigerator or wall, to remind you to do it.
- When you have completed your act of kindness, find someone in your group, and tell them about the experience.



Record a short voice note where you tell the story of your generosity and send it to us. Maybe we will make a short animation movie with your voice.

## Discuss your discoveries

- How did this observation activity make you feel?
- What is something new that you have noticed about God?
- Did you notice generosity in others as well?



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# 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](mailto:stories@generousgenerations.org) or send them via WhatsApp to +27-83-395-4588