

Surprising Generosity

The Goal: To show love and kindness to others, regardless of their background or circumstances.

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 videos to best serve your group.





What you need: Two Dice. If you don't have dice, just choose numbers.

Play this game together:

- Get into small groups of three to four people.
- The goal is to build a human tower together, supporting each other so nobody touches the floor.
- Roll one dice or pick numbers to decide how many feet can touch the floor.
- Roll the other dice or pick numbers to decide how many hands can touch the floor.
- Try to balance and support each other using only the allowed number of feet and hands.
- If someone falls or touches the floor with too many limbs, try again until you can all balance together.



Game video coming soon!

Reflect together:

- What did it feel like to support each other?
- We are thinking about showing love and kindness even to people we may not like. 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:

What is generosity like for you when it's for someone you don't know or like?

Gather



Remember: Showing love and kindness to others, regardless of their background or circumstances can help point people to Jesus.

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

Story of the Bible

Gather in small groups and ask this question: "There was a man hurt in the street. Who do you think helped him? A pastor, a policeman, or his enemy?"

PRINCIPLE: When we pray and ask God who we should give to, He shows us, and we should be obedient to show His love and kindness to others, regardless of who they are.



Read Luke 10:25-37(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 highlight God's love and generosity.

Discuss

- Has someone ever shown you mercy? In what way?
- Have you ever deserved to be punished, but someone has chosen to forgive you instead?
- Can you remember who Jesus said our neighbour was?

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan

Reflect together

- Re-read Luke 10:25-37 together
- Would you want to help your enemy? Most people would not want to do that, but Jesus wants us to be different. Read Matthew 5:44 together.

Give



What you need: Ask the parents before the session, to bring small bags or boxes, toothbrush soap or shampoo, (stuff to keep clean), something to eat, bottled water (to drink), warm stuff like blankets, scarves, socks (to keep warm), note cards or paper (for special messages). Put all the similar items together (all the hygiene things, all the warm things etc.)

Generosity Kits

Let's engage in this challenge called: **Generosity Kits**, inspired by the Parable of the Good Samaritan:

- Let's split into groups and get a bag or box to fill with things to give away.
- We'll work together to put in what we think someone might need.
- Then we'll make special note cards with nice messages to put into each generosity bag or box.
- When we're done, we'll talk about where our kits will go and how they will help people who might need it.



Say something like: God wants me to be like the Good Samaritan and be kind to others so they can feel God's love too.

Discuss your discoveries:

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

Priceless

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