

Jesus is God's Greatest Gift

The Goal: To grasp the generosity of God's love through the selfless act of giving His Son for us all.

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 — Give A Lot

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What you need: Two items for each player. Provide them before the adventure, or make collecting the items part of the game, rocks, sticks, shoes etc.

Play this game together

- Divide into two teams. Place two items per person in the middle of the space. Each team stands on opposite sides.
- Set a timer for three minutes. When the leader yells 'GIVE,' both teams should run towards the middle and give as much as possible to the opposite team.
- Each player can only move one item at a time. No physical contact between players. No throwing items.
- The team that gives away the most items looks like the winner... but no-one can outgive God!
- Celebrate with everyone. With how well they played, and how generous they tried to be.



Game (How To Video)

Reflect together

- What did you notice was weird or different about this game?
- We are thinking about God's wonderful generosity. 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?
- Have you ever thought about it?

Gather



Remember: God gave Jesus.

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

Story of the Bible

Gather in small groups and describe or discuss the Biblical principles around our key theme: **God gave Jesus**.

PRINCIPLE: At Christmas we remember God giving us the gift of His Son. At Easter we remember the ultimate reason why God gave His Son.



Read John 3:16 (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

- What did God do?
- What does that mean? For us, for the world?
- How can we respond to our giving God?

Reflect together

- Re-read John 3:16 together
- Now you know that God has been this generous towards us all, how do you feel?

Give

What you need: A method to record what the participants notice

Notice God's generosity

Let's engage in this challenge called: "We see God's generosity" with our family or friends! It can be done today or over the next few days.

- Ask your group to gather a list of God's gifts to us. The idea is to observe our surroundings and see what God has provided to us.
- Provide a chart to add to, or note paper, or invite them to join a chat to share what they are noticing.
- Let each person share what they've noticed. It can be in words, pictures, even audio or video.
- It's more powerful to write these all down so the group can see how amazing and wonderfully generous God is.



Remember: God will grow generosity in our hearts, attitudes, and habits. We want to grow in generosity as we see and respond to the generosity of our God.

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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Fishing 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