

# 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?

#### Gen-G Gem:

Jesus' Gift of Eternal Life is the biggest gift of all.

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