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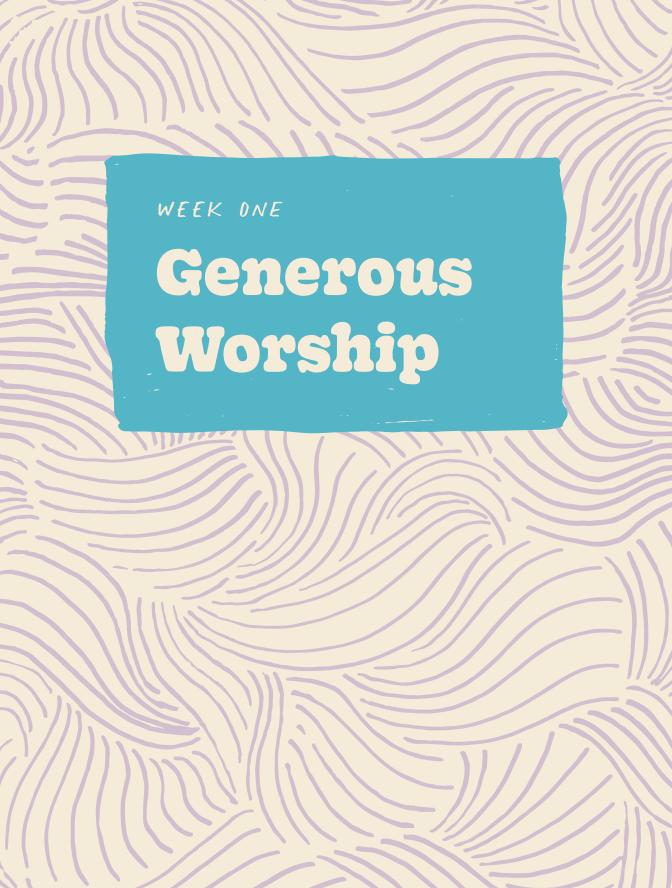
Generous Family

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Generous Relationships

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Generous Leadership



WEEK ONE | GENEROUS WORSHIP

Acts 16:11-15

Paul Baptizes Lydia and Her Family

Paul traveled to many places, teaching people about Jesus. One night, God told Paul, "Go to another country and teach people there!" Paul listened to God. He got onto a big boat. Up and down, over the waves the boat went, sailing to a faraway country. When he got there, Paul taught. "Jesus loves you!" he said. "Jesus came to earth to teach us how to live and has saved us all from our sins!"

An amazing woman named Lydia heard Paul teaching. Unlike many other women of that time, Lydia had her own business. She sold beautiful, expensive purple cloth to rich and famous people. Lydia said to Paul, "Tell me more about Jesus! I want to learn everything I can about the Son of God!" Paul told her about Jesus' teachings. "Love everyone!" he said. "Share with others!" he continued. "And, most importantly" he finished, "remember that God loves you forever!"

Lydia was amazed. "I want to be one of Jesus' followers!" she exclaimed. "Will you baptize me and everyone who lives in my house?" Lydia, Paul, and all of the people who lived in Lydia's house went to the water. They splashed into the cool wetness. Paul baptized each of them. "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!" Lydia said, "Thank you! Will you stay at my house with my family?" Paul said, "Sure!" and went to stay with Lydia.

Lydia became a follower of Jesus. She was very generous, using her money to help many people. "Jesus loves you!" she told as many people as she could. "Jesus has saved you from your sins! Follow Jesus–He is the Son of God!" Many people learned from Lydia, the amazing woman who sold purple cloth.

Spark Story Bible, pages 532-535

Summary & Reflection

During Sunday school this week, we learned about generous worship. Worship is telling God how much we love Him for who He is and what He does. In this week's Bible story, we learned about Lydia, a woman who had her own business and money, yet when she came to know Jesus through Paul's messages, her riches faded from importance and she joyfully worshiped Jesus! She worshiped by sharing who she was and what she had to help those around her.

Lydia generously invited Paul into her home to rest, and even after Paul left, she kept telling people about Jesus and using what she had to help other people. She reminds us that we worship Jesus not only by singing, but also through the way we share what we have with others because of our love for Jesus.

QUESTION 1

| What did Lydia do with her riches after she met Paul and dedicated her life to serving Jesus and His Kingdom? |
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| How can you v | vorship Jesus in a new way this week? |
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Bedtime Prayers

Feel free to read this together as your prayer, let your child guide the prayer time by reading, or just pray from your hearts.

DAY ONE: Dear Jesus, thank you for your generous love and for showing us how to love each other. Please help us to be more like You. Help us to be generous with others every day so that they can see You in us. Amen.

DAY TWO: Dear Jesus, thank you for the joy that we experience in You. Help us to remember that worship can be as simple as singing praise songs in the car or helping others. Thank You for providing us with different ways to worship You! Please continue to bless us with time so that we may be generous with it and spend time with our friends and family. Amen.

DAY THREE: Dear Jesus, thank you for daily blessings. Sharing can be hard. Help us to be kind and brave so that we can share Your love with others, just like Lydia in this week's Bible story. Encourage us to share our toys, games, and money generously. Amen.

DAY FOUR: Dear Jesus, thank you for your generous love and for showing us how to love each other. Please help us to be more like you. Help us to be generous with others every day so that they can see you in us. Amen.

DAY FIVE: Dear Jesus, thank you for this week! Continue to open our ears to hear and hearts to receive the things You want to teach us as we head into a new week. Help us to be generous givers like You. Amen.

Word Search

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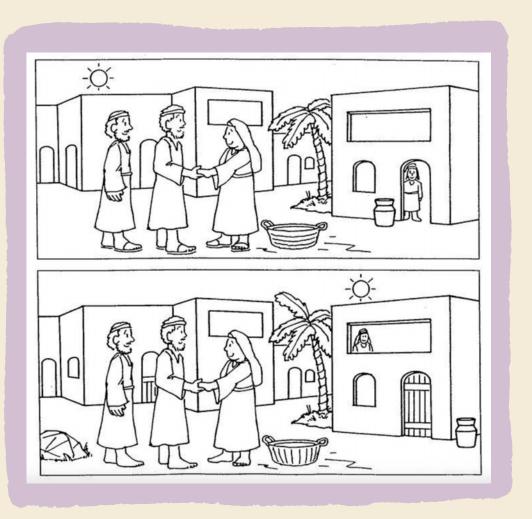
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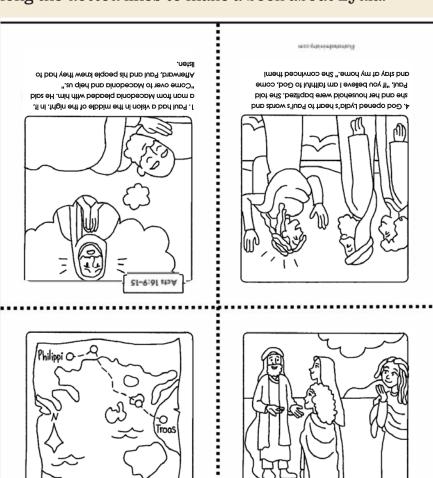
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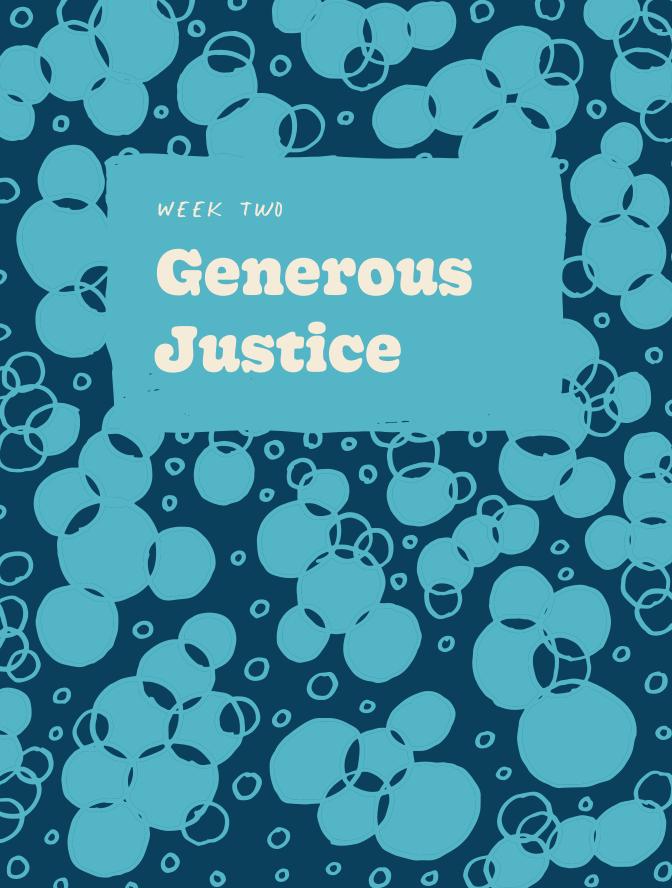
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They started in Troas and saild to many places, including Samothrace, Neapolis, and Philippi, in Macedonia. Once they arrived in Philippi, they remained there for a few days.

 On the sabbath day, they went to a gate outside the river and spoke to a group of women gathered there. One of them, a purple cloth dealer named Lydia, listened eagerty to what Paul said.





WEEK TWO | GENEROUS JUSTICE

Mark 12:38-44

The Rich Man and the Poor Widow

Jesus sat down outside the temple and taught the disciples about how to share. "Do you see that rich man in fancy robes?" Jesus asked the disciples. They looked around and saw him. He twirled his robes when he saw that they were watching him. "I must be very special," thought the rich man.

The man in fancy robes stopped in front of a money box outside the temple. He slowly reached into his money purse and pulled out several coins. One by one he held them up to the sun so that they flashed for all to see. "It's time for me to give to the poor!" he said very loudly. The coins made a loud "Clang!" as he dropped them in the money box.

Now Jesus asked the disciples another question: "Do you see that poor old widow?" Jesus whispered the question because he didn't want to scare her.

She looked this way and that. She tried to hide in the crowd. She bent over the moneybox. "Clink. Clink." Her two tiny coins barely made a sound as she dropped them in. The old woman reached her hand into her pocket. It was empty. Quietly, the poor woman shuffled away.

"Did you notice?" asked Jesus. "The man in fancy robes gave just a little of his riches and showed off a lot. The widow gave the only two coins she had and kept quiet about it. She shared everything. She is the only one who gave the most. This is how I want you to share."

Spark Story Bible, pages 342-345

Summary & Reflection

In Sunday School this week, we learned about generous justice. Justice is making broken, hurt, and unfair things right based on God's goodness and love for the whole world. There are a lot of things in the world that need God's justice.

It can sometimes feel like we have to have a lot of money, power, or experience in order to make things right and fair, but in this week's story, Jesus tells His friends that you don't have to have a lot to make a big difference! In fact, you can have a lot of money, like the rich person in the story, and still miss God's invitation to be generous.

When you give what you do have, even when it costs you something, your generosity becomes part of God's big justice.

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In this week's Bible story, how did Jesus say that we should share?

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Bedtime Prayers

Feel free to read this together as your prayer, let your child guide the prayer time by reading, or just pray from your hearts.

DAY ONE: Dear Jesus, thank you for another amazing week where we get to learn more about you! Thank you for the story of the generous widow and the reminder that we can be generous too. Help us to be generous in our lives. Show us how we can be a part of your justice this week. Amen.

DAY TWO: Dear Jesus, sometimes justice can be hard. Please give us the confidence to speak up against unjust and unfair things we see in our world so that we can show others your love. Show us your justice. Amen.

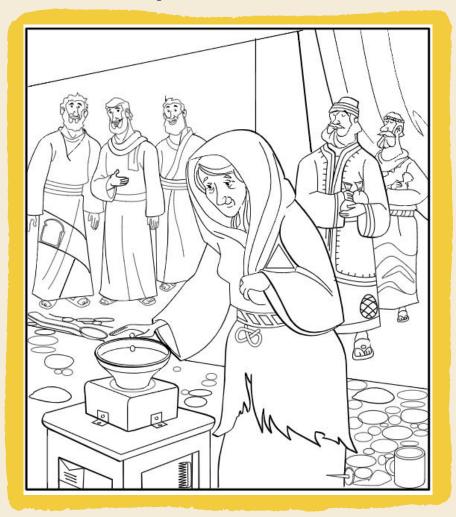
DAY THREE: Dear Jesus, help us see the world the way that you see the world. When others are hurting, help us to be caring and helpful. Help us treat others the way that we want to be treated. Help us to ask for help when we are hurting or in need. Thank you for always loving us. Amen.

DAY FOUR: Dear Jesus, sometimes we forget that you are always a giver of good gifts. Help us be like the woman in this story who trusts you so much that she gives even when she is running out of money. Remind us that you always take care of us. Amen.

DAY FIVE: Dear Jesus, help us remember that every person in the world is made in your image and likeness – that each one of us is made special. Help us to see everyone as they are loved by you instead of judging them based on our differences. Give us your love for others. Amen.

Find the Items

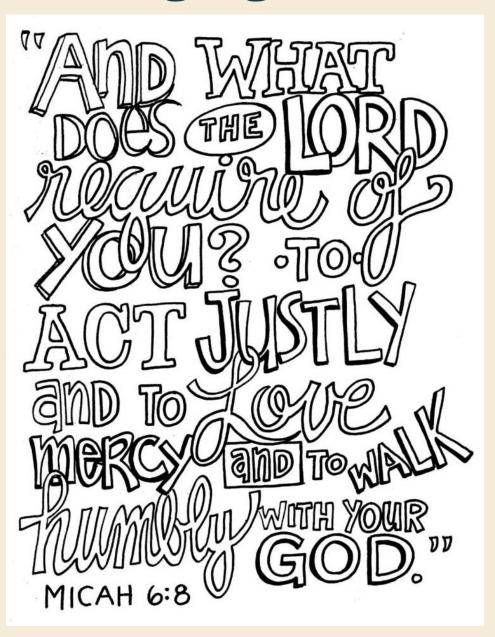
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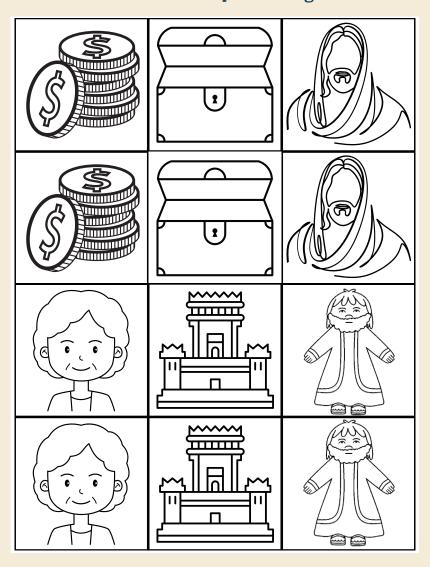


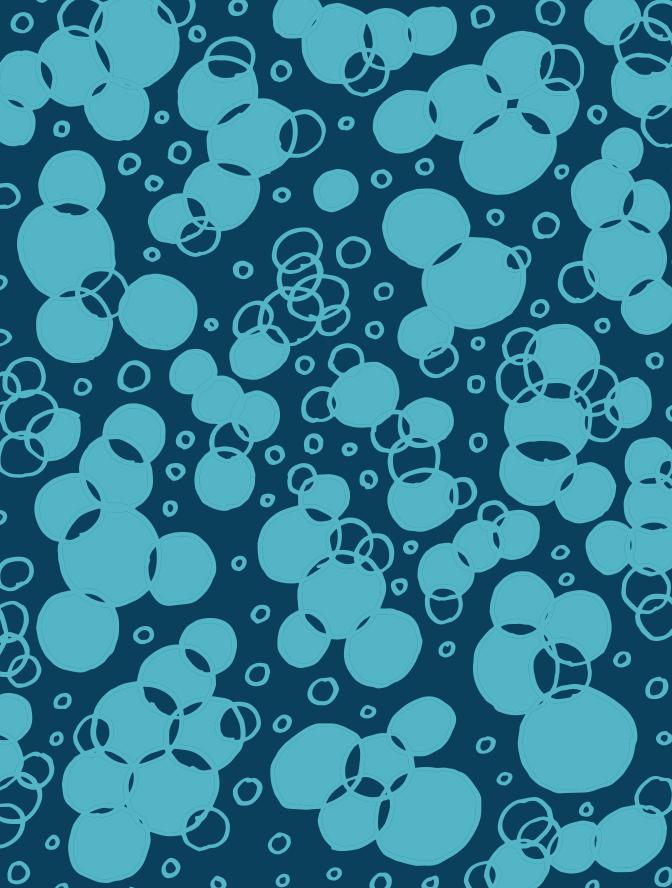
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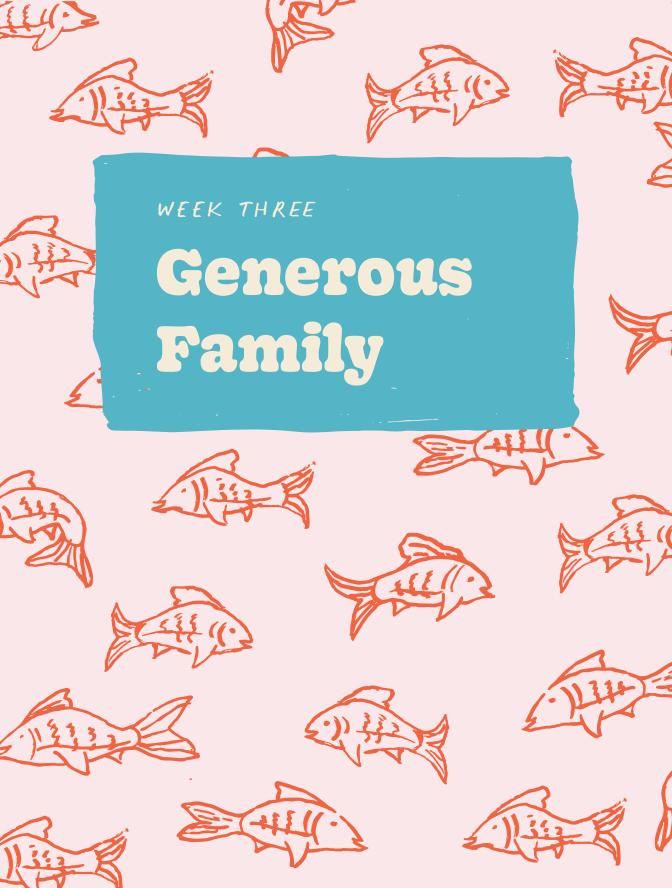


Matching Game

Color and cut out all of the squares. Place all the squares face down. Pick two card and try to find a match. The game continues until all the squares are gone.











John 6:1-14

Jesus Feeds 5,000 People



It was a beautiful, sunny day as Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee in a boat with white sails. Jesus has been healing sick people, and many more people of all ages came to see him again that day. Maybe they could hear more of Jesus' stories or see Him show God's power through another miracle!

When Jesus saw the large crowd of men, women, and children, He asked His friend, Phillip, "How are we going to get enough food to feed all of these people?" Phillip answered, "I could work for six months and not earn enough money to buy food for all of these men, women, and children!" The disciples didn't know what to do.

Just then, Andrew pointed to a young child and said, "Here is a boy who has five small loaves of bread and two fish. It is something, but certainly isn't enough food for all of these people!" The boy looked very nervous as he said in a small voice, "Jesus please take my food if you think it will help."

Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two fish that the boy offered and asked His friends to have the crowd sit down. About 5,000 people sat in the grassy meadow by the lake that day!

After Jesus gave thanks to God, He blessed the five loaves of bread and two fish. Then He shared the food with all the people who were there that day. All 5,000 people ate until they were full!









Then Jesus said, "Now, let's gather up all of the leftovers." And do you know what? There were enough leftover pieces of bread to fill 12 large baskets-more loaves and fish leftover than the boy had given Jesus!

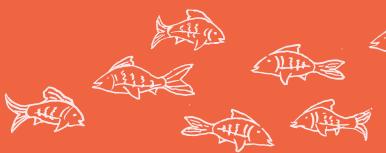
The disciples shook their heads in disbelief as they struggled to pick up the baskets, heavy with food. The people saw the full baskets of leftovers and began to understand that something extraordinary had just happened-another miracle! Jesus smiled as He heard people say, "God must have sent Jesus to us!" It was a day the boy, the disciples, and all of the people would never forget!

Spark Story Bible, pages 426-431





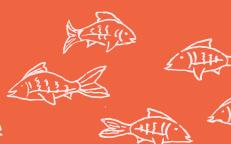




WEEK THREE | GENEROUS FAMILY

Summary & Reflection





In Sunday school this week, we learned about generous family, and it's bigger than what you may think! In the Bible story, a large crowd of hungry people gathered to see Jesus. It was a BIG group of people-well over 5,000 because that number only counted the men; women and children were there listening to Jesus, too. When all these people were hungry and without any food, a young boy gave his own lunch to Jesus so that Jesus could feed everyone.

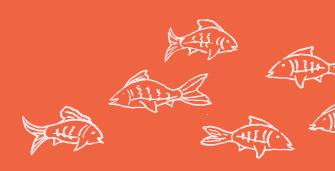
Even though the boy didn't know the people in the crowd, he treated them like they were his family by sharing with them. He didn't know how Jesus would use his lunch, but he had faith. And Jesus was able to feed everyone with the food the boy gave! Just like the boy who was generous with his food and that crowd of hungry people, we become a big family by sharing what we have and receiving what we need from God.

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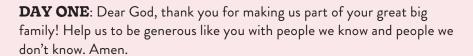
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WEEK THREE | GENEROUS FAMILY

Bedtime Prayers



Feel free to read this together as your prayer, let your child guide the prayer time by reading, or just pray from your hearts.



DAY TWO: Dear God, thank you for taking good care of us. Help us to trust you when we feel scared or don't know what to do. Amen.

DAY THREE: Dear God, thank you for your love for us. Help us to share your love with others, so that they will know your love too and not feel alone. Amen.

DAY FOUR: Dear God, thank you for being with us today. Help us to be with each other in ways that are kind and brave. Amen.

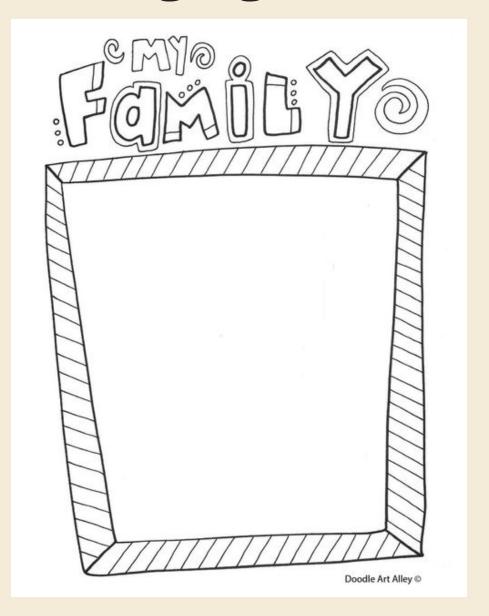
DAY FIVE: Dear God, thank you for our family and community. Help us to love and forgive each other like you do, so that other people will know what you are like because of what we do. Amen.







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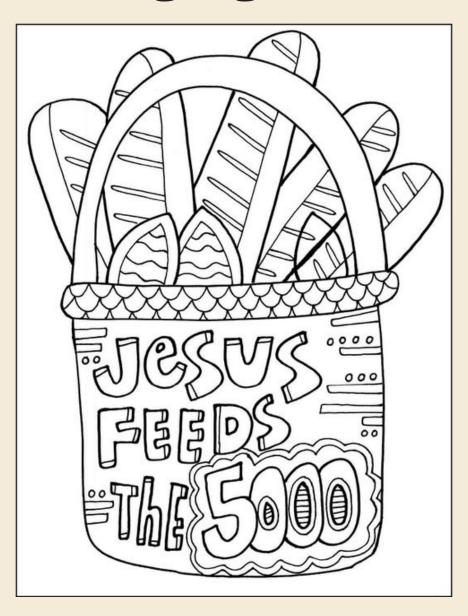
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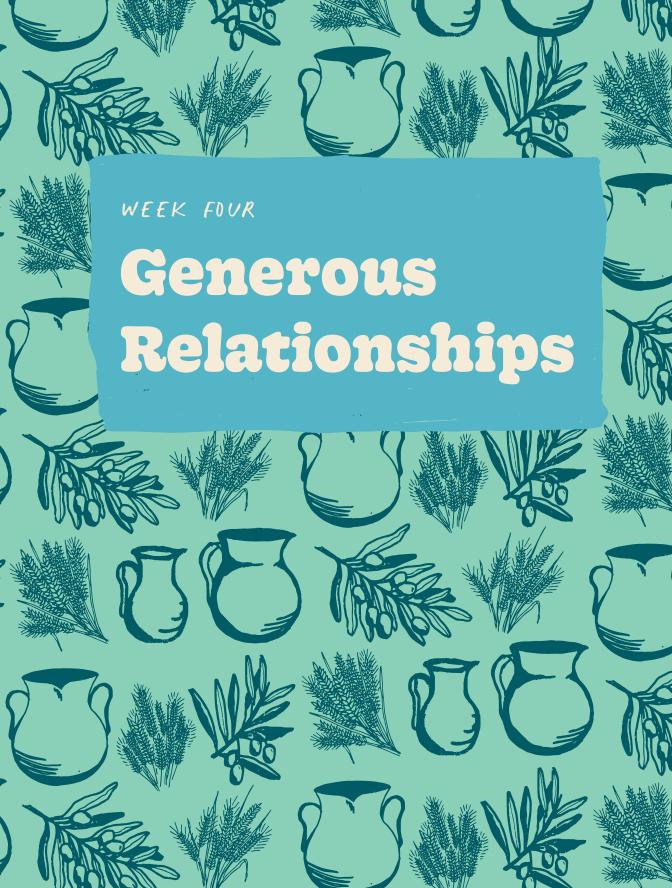
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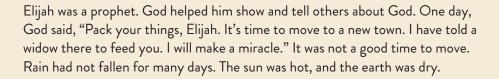




WEEK FOUR | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

1 Kings 17:8-16

Elijah and the Miracle of Flour and Oil



Elijah didn't have any friends in the new town. But he listened to God and went to the new town. When Elijah finally got to the town, he was thirsty. Just then, he spotted a woman. Could this be the widow God told him about?

"Excuse me, ma'am? Could you please bring me a drink of water?" The kind woman hurried to get the water."Grrr!" Elijah's tummy growled. He remembered that God said the widow would feed him. He called after her, "Excuse me, ma'am? Could you please bring me a nibble of bread?" The woman stopped in her tracks. She turned to face Elijah. The widow had sad eyes.

"I'm sorry, sir. I don't have any bread," she sighed. The last of my oil and flour will only make a biscuit. My son and I are going to split it as our last meal. We have no other food." She started to cry. "Dry your tears," Elijah said. "God will make a miracle for you. Bake the bread and share it with me. God promises that your flour and oil will not run out."

The widow mixed, kneaded, and baked loaf after loaf of bread. Her jar of flour and jug of oil made plenty of food for Elijah, herself, and her son. God's promise was kept. It was a miracle!

Spark Story Bible, pages 140-143

Summary & Reflection

In Sunday school this week, we learned about generous relationships. Sometimes it can be hard to share what we have with others. In this week's Bible story, we learned about a widow who was generous toward the prophet Elijah. When Elijah arrived in her town and asked for food and water, she didn't send him away even though she and her son didn't have a lot to share. Instead, she welcomed him into their home and fed him with the last of what they had.

This decision was not easy, but she chose to be generous and to trust what Elijah said that God would do. And they all were able to eat what they needed! When we are generous with people in relationships, there are many gifts: we are not alone, and we get to receive what God will do!

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WEEK FOUR | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

Bedtime Prayers

Feel free to read this together as your prayer, let your child guide the prayer time by reading, or just pray from your hearts.

DAY ONE: Father God, help us to practice gratitude. Every day we can see all the ways that you provide for us. All that we have is a gift from you. Thank you for always providing for my every need. Amen.

DAY TWO: Father God, thank you for your kindness. Help us to be generous with our words by speaking kindly and encouraging others. Amen.

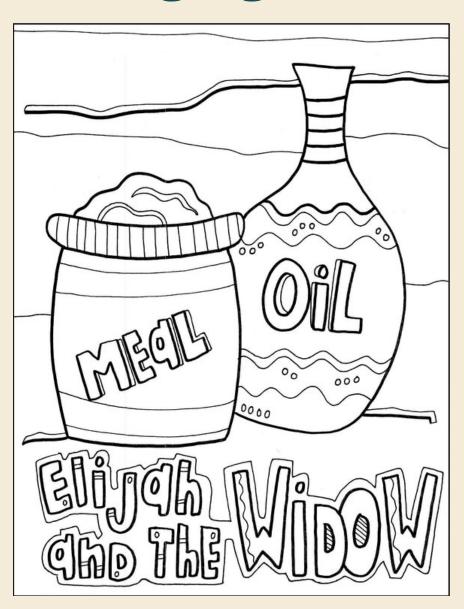
DAY THREE: Father God, thank you that we can talk with you. Help us to pay attention to the things other people say and do so that we will know how to share what we have and show them your love. Amen.

DAY FOUR: Father God, thank you for the gift of people in our lives who care about us and love us. Help us to be brave and kind as we share our lives by giving and receiving. Amen.

DAY FIVE: Father God, thank you that we are not alone because you are with us. Help us to be a friend to others who may feel alone today. Amen.







Using a marker, trace and color the oil jug.



Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonal.

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Picture Match

Color, cut, and match the pictures with the question.

Who was Elijah? Who did God send Elijah to? What did Elijah ask the widow for? What ingredients did the Who lived with the widow? Who did the bread feed? widow use to make the bread?



WEEK FIVE Generous Leadership WEEK FIVE | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

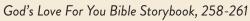
Running the Race Well

Paul once wrote that living the Christian life is like running a race. It's hard work. It requires lots of effort; and when the race is finished, there's a prize! When runners prepare for a race, they go into strict training. They eat a balanced meal, get plenty of rest, and exercise every day.

Just like daily training is important for runners, it's also important for Christians. When we try every day to worship and talk to God, to read God's Word and obey it, we grow closer to Him. Then, on the day of the big race, all the runners line up together, keeping their eyes focused on the finish line. Each one wants to win the prize. At the end of the race, only one runner will receive a gold medal.

When we, as Christians, keep our eyes on Jesus and live in a way that is pleasing to Him, we all get a prize! All of us who believe and trust God will have a crown in heaven – and that's a lot better than a gold medal. It is a crown that will last forever.

By fixing our eyes on Jesus and running the race, we will learn how to follow him and will become leaders who can show others the love of Christ.









Summary & Reflection

In Sunday school this week, we learned about generous leadership. Being a leader can sometimes feel scary because it is hard to stand up for what is right, to work together with others, and to follow God's lead.

The Apostle Paul said following Jesus in all we do is like running a race. Running a race is hard, but when a runner doesn't give up because they are focused on the finish line, they can run strong. God gives us strength like this.

When we focus on Jesus – our strong leader who leads like a kind shepherd – we will become more like Him in the ways we lead too.

QUESTION 1

What did Paul say that following Jesus is like?





Bedtime Prayers

Feel free to read this together as your prayer, let your child guide the prayer time by reading, or just pray from your hearts.

DAY ONE: Gracious God, thank you for being our kind and strong leader. Help us to be kind and strong like you. Amen.

DAY TWO: Gracious God, thank you for always being with us. Help us to have courage and encouragement to not give up in following you. Amen.

DAY THREE: Gracious God, thank you for knowing each of us more than we know ourselves. Help us to see the ways that each of us can be a kind and strong leader. Amen.

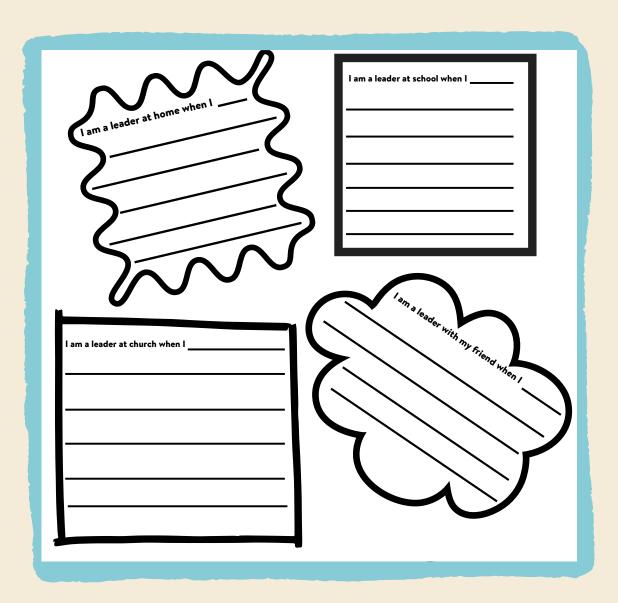
DAY FOUR: Gracious God, we pray that you would help us to be generous with power. When we are put in places of leadership, help us to be generous to those who we lead. Teach us how to be like you when leading and loving others. Amen.

DAY FIVE: Today, God, we pray that you will teach us how to be generous in humility. Show us how to put others first. Help us be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:2). Amen.





I am a Leader



Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonal.

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For Parents: Ideas to Practice Generosity

SHARE AND ROTATE TOYS: Encourage siblings to rotate their favorite toys every week to help introduce the concept of sharing. Emphasize how sharing can bring happiness to others.

WRITE THANK YOU NOTES: Encourage your child to write thank you notes to friends, siblings, parents, or teachers to reinforce the value of appreciation.

CREATE A GIVING JAR: When your child gets an allowance, encourage them to set some aside for giving. Discuss and decide on giving to the offering at church, a cause, or local charity to support. Then talk about how God can use your donations to help others and what it does in us when we choose to share what we have.

PUT TOGETHER CARE PACKAGES: If someone in your child's life is feeling ill, encourage them to help you put together a care package.

BAKE COOKIES FOR OTHERS: Involve your kids when preparing cookies (or other baked goods) to share with neighbors, friends, and local community members. Not only will they experience the value of doing something kind for others, but they'll also improve their practical skills (and make something delicious).

SERVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY: Discover opportunities to serve together with your children, like serving at a Community Meal or with the food bank at Bethany Green Lake, or at a local charity. Use this chance to talk to your kids about being joyful givers of our time in care and relationship.

Behind the Designs

GENEROUS WORSHIP: The curving, swirling pattern reminds the viewer of water (used in the act of baptism) and folds of fabric. Purple is a color associated with royalty, wealth, and piety. In addition to Lydia selling purple cloth, purple cloth and threads were used in the Old Testament on priestly garments and the Tabernacle curtains.

GENEROUS JUSTICE: Circles represent two ideas: first, the physical coins in the parable; and second, the concept of wholeness. A shape with no corners or sharp edges, the circle remind us of the completing work of restoration and holy justice. The circles interlock and overlap, illustrating that ideas and systems are and nothing escapes the power of God's justice.

GENEROUS FAMILY: The color palette for this section drives the primary design of the theme. Full of red-hued colors, the colors in this section evoke warmth and familiarity-feelings often associated with families. The variety of fish in the design represent the beautiful diversity of our family in Christ.

GENEROUS RELATIONSHIP: Throughout this section are the images of olive branches, wheat stalks, and urns. Each of these represent elements in the story—oil, flour, and water—but also are symbols used throughout the Bible in significant moments of relationship.

GENEROUS LEADERSHIP: The verse used in this section refers to running the great race of discipleship. Used throughout this section are running icons, including training shoes, a water bottle, a racing bib, and a running track.



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