



WEEK TWO – NOVEMBER 2024 – KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *Widow of Zarephath | 1 Kings 17:7-16*

Bottom Line: *You always have something to give*

Memory Verse: *“Every good + perfect gift is from God.” – James 1:17a (NirV)*

Virtue: *Generosity – Making someone’s day by giving something away*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Series Overview: Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35, NirV) However, sometimes generosity doesn’t come naturally to us. We want the newest and best things, or we want everyone to notice what we have. When we really enjoy the things we have, sometimes that makes it harder for us to be willing to share with others. However, with the help of God’s Spirit, we can learn that HOW we give is more important than even WHAT we give. It’s about our hearts. God showed us the ultimate example of generosity by sending Jesus. This month, we’ll take a look at how we can respond by being generous to others.

Bottom Line: **You always have something to give.** Can you think of a time when someone gave something to you or shared with you, even when they didn’t have much to give? Just the fact that they thought of you made their gift so much more meaningful. When we trust God with what we have, God is able to do more than we can think or imagine.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Opening Small Group Activity

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Beanbag

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the FATW bag.
- Direct the kids to form a standing circle.
- Join the circle yourself, holding the beanbag
- Instruct the kids to gently pass the beanbag to a kid in the circle.
- Direct the kid who received the ball to share something they'd want the most of.
- Start the game by saying, "I would want the most _____ !" (i.e. candy, snacks, and so on)
- Toss the beanbag around the circle until each kid has a turn.
- Repeat as time or interest allows.

What You Say:

"Wow! Those were some really fun things to have the most of! I could tell that some of you really liked those things. [Transition] Does it feel easier to give when you have a lot of something? (Invite responses.) Well, let's go hear about someone who gave even when she did not have a lot!"

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 | LARGE GROUP

Large Group Overview: In week 2, we read about a miracle found in 1 Kings 17:7- 16. During a time of drought, the prophet Elijah visited a widow in

Zarephath. This woman barely had anything left for her family, let alone for him. Yet, she trusted God and gave everything she had to Elijah . . . and God provided for them above and beyond what they expected.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 | SMALL GROUP

Missing Pieces

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Playdough, “Missing Pieces” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Missing Pieces” Activity Page and a piece of playdough.
- Ask:
 - “When you look at this picture, what do you see?”
 - “Who do you think this story is about?”
- Review the Bible Story by reading the “Story Review” below.
- As you review the story, pause after certain words, direct the kids to find that uncolored item on their “Missing Pieces” Activity Page, and fill it in with their playdough.
- **Story Review:**
 - King Ahab was following false gods. He led his people to follow these false gods. So God’s prophet Elijah warned him the rain would stop, and King Ahab became upset!
 - God sent Elijah to hide in the Kerith Valley and said:
 - *“You will drink water from the **brook**. (Pause and prompt kids to fill in their Activity Page.) I have directed some **ravens** (Pause and prompt kids to fill in their Activity Page.) to supply you with food” (1 Kings 17:4, NIV).*

- Meanwhile, outside of Kerith Valley, the land was in trouble. There was almost no food to eat or water to drink. Life was hard for everyone, including a widow in **Zarephath**.
- The drought was so bad that Elijah’s brook dried up. God said:
 - “Go right away to Zarephath. . . . I have directed a widow there to supply you with food” (1 Kings 17:9, NIV).
- When Elijah arrived, he found the widow gathering **sticks** (Pause and prompt kids to fill in their Activity Page.) for firewood.
- When Elijah asked her for a drink of water and some bread, the widow said:
 - “I don’t have any bread. . . . All I have is a small amount of flour in a **jar** (Pause and prompt kids to fill in their Activity Page.) and a little olive oil in a **jug**” (1 Kings 17:12, NIV).
- After the widow explained she would make one more meal for her and her son, Elijah told her to make a small loaf of bread for him, and that God said that:
 - “The **jar** of flour will not be used up. The **jug** will always have oil in it. You will have flour and oil until the day the Lord sends rain on the land” (1 Kings 17:14, NIV).
- The widow shared her **bread** (Pause and prompt kids to fill in their Activity Page.) with Elijah. For the rest of the drought, Elijah, the widow, and her son had food to eat—just as God had promised.

What You Say:

“Amazing job filling in the missing pieces of the picture! Sometimes when we don’t have a lot of stuff, it can feel like we’re missing something. How do you think the widow in our Bible Story felt? (Invite responses.) I love that she trusted God and was willing to share the little that she did have! Her son and Elijah were blessed because of her generosity! She remembered that, [Bottom Line] you always have something to give. We all do—we can help others by being kind, opening a door for someone, sharing a smile, and so much more!”

[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when someone gave what they had to help you. It could be big or little, something physical, or their support/presence. Be sure to include how it made you feel to have a gift you knew God provided!)

Pray + Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to gather in a seated circle.
- Remind kids that prayer is one thing we can give that doesn't cost anything!
- Invite the kids to play a game called, "Smile, clap, wave, pray!"
- Model the activity by walking around the circle, tapping each kid while saying: "Smile, clap, wave, pray!"
- Instruct the kids to perform one of the four actions when you tap them.
 - If a kid is tapped on "smile," direct them to smile.
 - If a kid is tapped on "clap," direct them to clap.
 - If a kid is tapped on "wave," direct them to wave.
 - If a kid is tapped on "pray," direct them to pray for the kid who tapped them.
 - For example: "Thank You, God, for [kid's name]. Please keep them safe this week! Amen."
- Select a kid to go first.
- Once the kid who's selected to pray has prayed, instruct them to switch places with the kid who was tapping, and begin another around.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

"Dear God, thank You that we can follow Jesus' example and show generosity—making someone's day by giving something away! You have given us so many

*amazing things. Please help us to remember, **[Bottom Line]** you always have something to give. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."*