

UPPER ELEMENTARY- NOVEMBER



ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 2024

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN GENEROSITY AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

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.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY

Every Good and Perfect Gift
James 1:17a

KEY QUESTION

What good things has God given you?

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY

Widow of Zarephath
1 Kings 17:7-16

KEY QUESTION

What do you have to give?

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY

God Loves a Cheerful Giver
2 Corinthians 9:7

KEY QUESTION

How do you feel when you give?

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY

Love in Action
1 John 3:16-18

KEY QUESTION

When has someone been generous to you?

MEMORY VERSE

EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM GOD.

JAMES 1:17A, NIRV

GENEROSITY

MAKING SOMEONE'S DAY BY GIVING SOMETHING AWAY



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WEEK 1

What good things has God given you? Sometimes we can get so caught up in the things that other people have that we forget about the good things WE have. It's easy to hone in on our physical possessions and forget that God has blessed all of us in different ways. We hope this question invites preteens to open their minds to the various ways God cares for them.

We start the month with an insight from James 1:17a: "Every good and perfect gift is from God." (NirV) Every good thing in our lives comes from God, starting with the gift of Jesus. When we take the time to reflect on all that God has given us, we can respond by being generous to others.

God gives us good things. Some of the best gifts in life don't come with wrapping paper. Sometimes the best gifts in life are free because they were thought out and made especially for us. We have all received good things because of God's generosity. From the air we breathe to the things we enjoy in our everyday lives, everything good comes from God.

Memory Verse

"Every good and perfect gift is from God. "

James 1:17a (NirV)

Bible Truth

Every good and perfect gift.

James 1:17a

Bottom Line

God gives us good things.

NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.

Special Delivery -Week 1 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.
 2. Worship
 3. Room Expectations
 4. FATW: **Uncharted**
 5. Intro: Special Delivery
 6. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus Tempted In the Wilderness**
 7. Application
- Weekly Bottom Line: **You always have something to give.**
- Memory Verse: **“Every good and perfect gift is from God.” James 1:17a (NirV)**
- Key Question: **What good things has God given you?**
- Prayer

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

8. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



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WEEK 1

WELCOME 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatiron Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today! It's a great day for us to sing and give praises to God. We are going to worship God together. Today, let's use everything we have to praise God—our hands, our feet, our words, and our energy . . . but most of all, our hearts. Let's all stand up on our feet as we sing together!

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs).

Show Worship Song: One Way

Show Worship Song: This is Amazing Grace

Announcements

Share campus-specific announcements -see your Kids Director for details.

ROOM EXPECTATIONS 3 minutes

Show Graphic: Elementary Room Expectations

We want to have all the fun here at Flatiron Kids Ministry! We have a few things that we like to commit to make sure everybody has a good time.

Flatiron Kids Are:

Respectful: We respect everyone and take care of the room and toys we have.

Kind: We treat each other kindly, just like we want to be treated; we go out of our way to be kind to others in the room.

Focused: We listen and follow the leaders in the room and the teacher in each activity.

Accountable: None of us are perfect; we will all make mistakes, but we will try our best and choose to change our actions when needed.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD 3 minutes

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World – Uncharted

Here in Kids Ministry, we do this cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month we help one of our friends with a special project in their community. This month, we're partnering with our friends called Uncharted International.

Uncharted supports brave men and women in several places around the world who are building churches and teaching about Jesus. They help people learn about how awesome God is, often in communities where it's dangerous to follow Him, and we're going to support them in their work.

If you brought money for our friends, come on up!

Show Song: Friends Around the World – Uncharted

Thank you so much for taking care of our friends! Praying is a great way to show others we love them. I challenge you this week to take time to pray for our friends at Uncharted.

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Theme Graphic: Special Delivery

“What’s up, everybody? (Hold up Bible.) This month, we get to take a look at the Bible and talk about how God gives us good gifts. The Bible is true, trustworthy, and helpful in our everyday lives. Today, we’re looking at a book called James, which was written by a man named . . . James. James was the half-brother of Jesus, which is pretty amazing to think about! James became a follower of Jesus and believed that Jesus is God’s Son. In fact, James gave his life to help lead the church. James wanted everyone to have faith in Jesus, like he did.

But he didn't want them to stop there. James believed that it was important for us to put faith into ACTION. He didn't think we should just believe in Jesus and then never do anything with that faith. He knew that if people put their faith into action, they could make a difference in this world as they shared God's love with others. Let's check out our video!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 -12 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK1_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

ANYTHING good in your life comes from God! So when you experience something good . . . you can stop and thank God for it. And even when things don't seem to be going your way, remember the things that are always true. Remember the good gifts that God has given you. Remember that God loves you, and God is with you. Remember that God sent Jesus FOR you.

If you've never made the decision to follow Jesus, I want to let you know that it's really very simple! All you need to do is to talk to God and tell God that you put your faith in Jesus as your Savior. If you've never made that decision before, talk to your leader about it, and the people you live with. They can help you understand what it means to accept God's gift and follow Jesus with your whole life.

[Bottom Line] God gives us good things. Some of the best gifts in life don't come with wrapping paper. Sometimes the best gifts in life are free because they were thought out and made especially for us. We have all received good things because of God's generosity. From the air we breathe to the things we enjoy in our everyday lives, everything good comes from God.

Generosity is about making someone's day by giving something away.

MEMORY VERSE

Show Verse: James 1:17a (NirV)

Here's what James had to say about the things God has given us. This is our Memory Verse for this month—James 1:17. Say it with me.

Every good and perfect gift is from God. (NirV)

Every good and perfect gift is from God. Every good thing in our lives comes from God, starting with the gift of Jesus. The more we notice and thank God for being generous to us, the easier it is for us to live with generosity too.

Show Graphic: WK1_Key Question

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **What good things has God given you?** Don't just think about the big, flashy things that God has given you. Take time to talk with your group about the good gifts from God that you may have overlooked. And don't worry if you're having trouble thinking of something; you'll have plenty of time to chat about this with your Small Group and get some ideas. Before you go, let's pray and thank God for giving us so much—especially Jesus!

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the example Jesus gave us. Thank You for the way He stood up to the devil and showed self-control. We want to live like Jesus did, so that we can be ready to do what's right. Help us to have the self-control we need to choose Your way. Help us to remember the truth of Your Word, the Bible, and remember Your heart in it, so that we can live the way You've taught us to live. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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SMALL GROUPS

Get ready to head to Small Group and review today's Bible story!

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).

Show Graphic: Small Group