

UPPER ELEMENTARY- NOVEMBER



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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 2

What do you have to give? Sometimes we may not think we have much to give. But have you heard the phrase “a little goes a long way”? Whether we have an abundance of something or only a little, we all have something we can give: time, gifts, or even knowledge. We hope this question helps preteens to discover unique ways they can help others with what they have.

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.

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.

Memory Verse

“Every good and perfect gift is from God. ”

James 1:17a (NIV)

Bible Truth

Widow of Zarephath

1 Kings 17:7-16

Bottom Line

You always have something to give.

NOTES:

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

Special Delivery -Week 2 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: **Widow of Zarephath.**
7. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: **You always have something to give.**
 - Memory Verse: **“Every good and perfect gift is from God.” James 1:17a (NIV)**
 - Key Question: **What do you have to give?**
 - Prayer
8. Lesson Total: 30 minutes
 - a. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



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WEEK 2

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 Graphic: Special Delivery

This month, we're finding out how much God has given to us . . . and how that makes US want to give to others. Sometimes, we might not think that we have a lot to give . . . or maybe we wonder if what we have to give can make a big difference.

I have a story to share from the book of 1 Kings. (Hold up Bible.) Our story today is about someone who didn't have much to give. But God used what she had to give in a big way!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK2_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK2_Bottom Line

No matter how little we think we can give, we can always give SOMETHING. Sure, we can look around and see that others may have more than us. But God has given each of us things that we can share with others. And that's what we need to remember today: **[BOTTOM LINE] You always have something to give.** Say that with me. **You always have something to give.**

If we trust God like she did, then we know that we can be generous to others around us—even if it feels like we don't have much to give them. And do you remember what it means to be generous, or to show generosity?

Show Graphic: Virtue

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

Memory Verse:

Let's remember this by practicing our Memory Verse for this month. It is James 1:17a (NirV). Let's say it together:

Show Verse: James 1:17a (NirV)

"Every good and perfect gift is from God." James 1:17a (NirV)

No matter who you are, what situation you're in, or how much or little you have, God has given you something that you can share with others. And the best thing we could ever give to ANYONE, EVER is a chance for them to know God and know God's love for them. We can do that by sharing God's love and the story of Jesus with the people around us.

Show Graphic: WK2_Key Question

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **"What do you have to give?"** Take some time to think about what God may have given you that you might be able to give to others in a time of need. And don't worry if you're having a hard time thinking about what you might have to give; you'll have a chance to chat about all of this with your friends in Small Group.

Before you go, let's pray and ask God to help us be generous and creative with our generosity!

PRAYER

God, thank You for treating us with such kindness and love. Help us to treat others that way too. Thank You for what we've discovered today—that we all have something we can give. Please show us how we can share what we have to help others. Help us trust that You'll take care of us. Help us to show others how much You love them by the way we treat them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

Let's head to Small Groups to learn more!

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).