

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 3

How do you feel when you give? Have you ever noticed how excited some people get when they watch others open gifts? The gift isn't even for them, and yet they can't wait to see someone they care about receive something they'll enjoy! Our hope for this question is that preteens will stop and think not only about why being generous is important but also how important our attitude can be when we give. In week 3, we take a look at Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 9:7. Paul was writing to the church in Corinth, encouraging them to give. When we give, it pleases God—not just because of what we give, but because of the way we give it. When we give with a good attitude, we can help others see what God is like.

Give with a good attitude. Have you ever shared something really nice with someone, but you didn't do it with the best intentions? Maybe, if you were honest, you really didn't want to share what you had in the first place. Our attitude makes a big difference when we give. It doesn't matter what kind of gift you give if your heart isn't in the right place. As Paul explained, God loves it when we give cheerfully!

Memory Verse

"Every good and perfect gift is from God. "

James 1:17a (NIRV)

Bible Truth

God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Bottom Line

Give with a good attitude.

NOTES:

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

Special Delivery -Week 3 Teaching Outline:

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

9. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.

10. Worship

11. Room Expectations

12. FATW: **Uncharted**

13. Intro: Special Delivery

14. Bible Lesson Video: **God loves a cheerful giver.**

15. Application

-Weekly Bottom Line: **Give with a good attitude.**

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

-Key Question: **“How do you feel when you give?”**

-Prayer

16. Lesson Total: 30 minutes

Small Groups: 15 minutes



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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 talking about how our faith in Jesus changes us and makes us willing to give. Today we're looking at an idea that comes from the book of 2 Corinthians. **(Hold up Bible.)** Paul spent his time traveling around to different places, starting churches, and helping the believers understand how they could follow Jesus. Let's check out our video!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK3_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

When you give with a good attitude, others can see God at work! God is the ultimate Giver . . . so when we share what we have, we reflect a little bit of Who God is to the world around us.

So once you've made up your mind to give your time or your stuff, don't focus on what you're giving up. Instead, focus on how you're making the other person feel. Think about how God can use what you've given in a big way. THAT'S how we can give with a good attitude! Here's what we need to remember today:

[BOTTOM LINE] Give with a good attitude. Say that with me. **Give with a good attitude.**

When we're tempted to keep what we have . . . or to have a bad attitude when we give . . . we should remember that everything we DO have comes from God. Then we'll be willing to give it back to help someone else. Jesus was the best Giver of all of us. He showed generosity to everyone!

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)

We can never run out of ways to give with a good attitude! Exactly. And that's a great way to treat others the way we want to be treated. Let's pray and ask God to help us give cheerfully.

Show Graphic: WK3_Key Question

"As you go to your groups today, think about this: **"How do you feel when you give?"** Think about a specific time you can remember giving. What was your attitude like? How might you learn from Paul and have a cheerful attitude next time? If you have trouble thinking through a specific moment in your life, that's okay! You'll have a chance to chat with your group all about this and hear from them. That's one of the great things about Small

Group—you all get to learn what it means to follow Jesus together! Before you go, let's pray and ask God to help us give to others with cheerful hearts!

PRAYER

God, thank You for this reminder You've given us today from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. We want to do what Paul taught—to give with a good attitude and a cheerful heart! We want to make up our minds to give and trust that You can do a lot with what we give. Please help us to show Your love to others by giving what we have. 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 talk some more!

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).