

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 4

When has someone been generous to you? Can you think of a moment when you really needed something and someone came through for you? Maybe it was something small, like lending you a pen . . . or maybe it was something bigger, like letting you borrow their car. When we think about the moments when others have helped us, we see how we can be there for others too. We close out the month in 1 John 3:16-18. John was writing to a group of believers to encourage them and remind them about Jesus' love for them. John described how Jesus gave the greatest example of love when He gave His life for us. To love IS to give. Whether we give our time, our talent, or our things, we can show the love of Jesus when we give to those in need.

Jesus showed us how to give. Giving can be difficult sometimes. Maybe we want to give the very best gift . . . or maybe we feel like we don't have the right resources to be able to give. But, when we look to Jesus, we can learn what generosity is all about. Because of Jesus' example, we can learn how to give and invite others to experience the love of Jesus for themselves.

Memory Verse

“Every good and perfect gift is from God. ”

James 1:17a (NIRV)

Bible Truth

Love in action.

1 John 3:16-18

Bottom Line

Jesus showed us how to give.

NOTES:

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

Special Delivery -Week 4 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: **Love in Action**
7. Application
 - Memory Verse: **“Every good and perfect gift is from God.” James 1:17a (NirV)**
 - Virtue: **Generosity**
 - Key Question: **When has someone been generous to you?**
 - Prayer
8. Lesson Total: 30 minutes
9. 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

We've been talking this month about how God has been generous to us, and how WE should then be generous to others. Of course, God gave us the very best gift by sending Jesus to be our Savior. Let's check out this week's video!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

Jesus gave His life to serve others. He spent His time showing love . . . and that's what we want to do too—in every moment that we can! “If we say we follow Jesus, our lives should show it. Just like Jesus, our love should be seen in actions, not just in words. Then we'll be able to share the beautiful story of God's love and generosity to this world.

[Bottom line] Jesus showed us how to give. Say that with me. **Jesus showed us how to give.**

Jesus truly showed us what we need to do to give like He did. We should give our lives for our brothers and sisters. We can give up our lives in little ways every single day that add up over time. We should live to help others and to be generous in the small things!

Show Graphic: Virtue

Remember, **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)

God has put people in our lives who need our help. When we keep our eyes open, God can show us ways to give and make a difference for the people around us. Let's pray and ask God to help us with that.

Show Graphic: WK4_Key Question

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **“When has someone been generous to you?”** Think about what their action looked like in those moments. Was their generosity expressed through words only? Or did you experience their generosity through their actions as well? If you're struggling with an example, have no fear. You'll get to chat more about this with your Small Group and think through all sorts of ways people might have been generous to you! Before you head to groups, let's pray and ask God to help us put our love into action!

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus for us. Thank You for the way Jesus showed us what it means to give up our lives for others. Please help us to follow Jesus' example. Help us to

see the needs of the people around us . . . and give us the wisdom to think of ways we can help. Help us to put Your love in action! 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).