

I Worship God When I Give! From Center Stage Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - GENEROSITY

Great leaders are generous and are willing to put the needs of others above their own.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we worship God through giving. We should give our tithes and offerings to God, but we should also give to people in need.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The believers share their possessions with each other. (Acts 4:32-37)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: PASS IT ON

Have each family member choose something that they can give away to a friend or someone from work or school. They must choose something that is in brand-new condition and is a gift that they would like to get. Include with the gift a card that explains why they are receiving this gift and asking the recipient to do the same thing by choosing a gift to give to someone in their life. Make a commitment as a family to do this regularly. When we make a practice of giving away things to others, it reminds us of what the early church knew: that nothing we have belongs to us, and that we should willingly and joyfully share with those around us.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers." Psalm 37:21 (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Worship God When I Give*
(File name: Elevate_GENEROSITY_CS_L5_IWorshipGodWhenIGive.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about the believers sharing their possessions in Acts 2:45 and Acts 4:32-37. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, what did Pastor Mike find in his attic, and what did he decide to do with what he found?
2. After Jesus died and was resurrected, He told his followers to spread His message. The early believers made up the first church. Where did the first church meet?
3. Did the early believers keep their things or share their things?
4. Read the passages below and replace the crossed out words with the correct words from the Bible.

Acts 4:32 (NLT) "All the believers were ~~divided~~ in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was ~~theirs~~, so they shared ~~a few things~~ they had."

Acts 2:45 (NLT) "They ~~kept~~ their property and possessions and ~~would not help~~ those in need."

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5. Were there needy people in the early church?
6. Why not?
7. When believers share with those in need, they show God's love. When we realize that what we have is God's and not ours, it makes it easier to share. Pastor Mike mentioned three ways we can share with those in need. What were they?
8. When you share with those in need, what are you showing people?

Make a list of some things that you don't use or wear anymore. Talk with your parents about ways to give these items to people in need.

God has been so generous to us. He has given us everything that we have and He has given us Jesus' sacrifice to pay for our sins. When we are generous, we are showing worship to God for what He has given us and showing others what God is like. Take every chance you can to share with others, give to others, and help others. In this way, you can worship God by being generous.

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1. He found things he didn't use. He decided to give them away.
2. The Temple. People's homes. Outside.
3. They shared their things.
4. United. Not their own. Everything. Sold. Shared the money with.
5. No.
6. People sold land and property and gave it to the church to help them.
7. Give money during the offering at church. Give food to a food bank. Give clothes or toys to a mission.
8. God's love.