



FAMILY  
LifeGroup



## CHALLENGE

Last session we asked you to try and remember a Bible verse. See who can remember it.

**'...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'  
Matthew 20:28**



## EXPLORATION

This week we continue our series Faith Formed. Today we are focusing on generosity.

Click [here](#) to watch a video about how families in our church have shared God's generous love with those around them.



## VERSE

**Luke 21:1-4**

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."



## MAIN THOUGHT

**God asks us to give, not to earn His love, but because He loved us first. We can share His generous love with those around us, in our time, our talents and sharing the amazing gifts He gives us each day.**



## DISCUSSION

These are to guide the general conversation.

1. What is something you are really good at?
2. What is the best present or activity you have ever been given or done with someone?
3. Can you think of a way God has been generous to you?
4. What is grace?

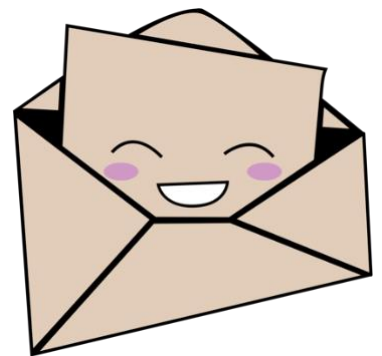


## ACTIVITIES

### CRAFT ACTIVITY

#### BE A GENEROUS GIVER

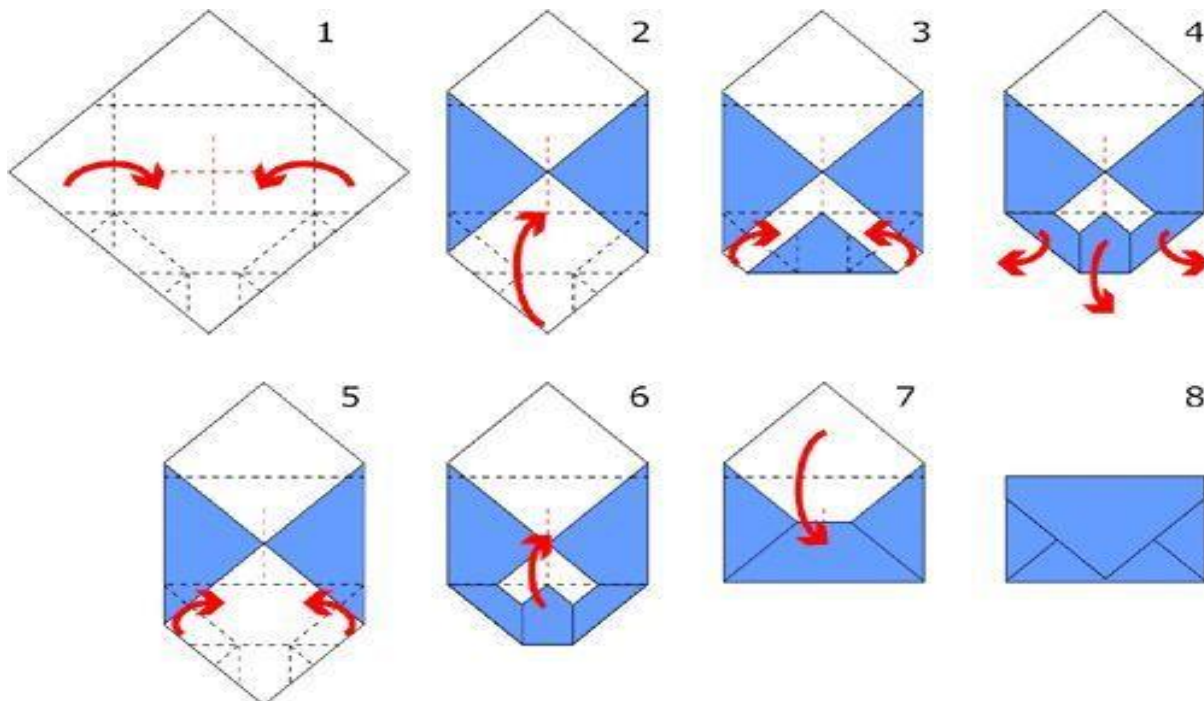
*In our reading this week a woman who had very little still gave her gift to Jesus. She also wasn't grumpy about it, she was joyful. The bible says that God loves a joyful giver. We can give lots of things, our money, our time and our gifts or talents. When we share these with others with a joyful heart, we are being generous.*



#### You will need:

- Coloured paper
- Print out of money, clock and kids (see end of guide)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Textas, pencils or crayons

Print off and cut out the images. Using the instructions below fold your paper into an envelope and glue down the sides so it will hold your images. On your envelope write "BE A JOYFUL GIVER". Inside, place your money, your time (clock) and your talents (the kids) You might like to draw and cut out some other things you can be generous with.



## ACTIVE ACTIVITY



### DOMINO EFFECT

*We are generous because God is generous to us! When we share his love and grace with those around us they experience His love. They can then share it with others too, creating a domino effect.*

Using dominos, stand them up in a pattern, close together, so that when you hit the first one it knocks the next one and this continues down the pattern. See how many different ways you can make the dominoes fall.



### PRAYER

**Jesus, We thank you for your generous love and grace to us. Thank you that you came and lived and died for us so we can be friends with God. Thank you for leaving your Holy Spirit who guides us through each day. Help us to recognise the times we can love and care for those around us and help us to do this with a generous, giving, joyful heart. We ask this in your name, Amen.**



### BLESSING

**Name, may God's generosity to you flow through you. Amen**



### CHALLENGE

Try and remember this verse this week. Perhaps you and your family might like to make up some actions to help, or even a song? It's a big one this week!!

**All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."  
Luke 21:4**

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**We would love to see how you and your family are growing faith in your home.**

Why not set up a mini 'Table' for the kids like we have been using at LifeWay? It can be as simple as paper and pencils, scissors and glue and Lego or Play dough. They can then make something while you watch the Live Stream as a family.

If you are happy to share photos or videos of what you have been doing please send them to Elise von Stanke [elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au](mailto:elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au) and we will share these with our community through Facebook and Instagram @lifewaylutheranchurch.

