



Helping Kids Grow in Generosity God's Way

When Giving Feels Like Losing

Lesson Aim

Kids will learn that generosity means trusting God with what we have—even when it feels small—and that God can multiply our giving to bless many.

Scripture Focus

- “Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.” (John 6:11, *ESV*)
- “give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38, *ESV*)
- He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10, *ESV*)

Connect

- **Connection Point:** Ask: “Have you ever had a snack or toy that you really wanted to keep for yourself but then someone asked if they could have some? How did that feel?”

Teach

- **Bible Story:** Read or retell the story of Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand (John 6:1–14)

One day, Jesus was teaching a huge crowd of people. Imagine thousands of men, women, and kids sitting on a grassy hillside, listening to Him all day long. The people loved hearing Jesus talk about God's Kingdom, but after a while, they started to get hungry.



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The disciples looked around and worried. “Jesus,” they said, “there are so many people! Where are we going to get food for all of them?” Buying enough bread would cost a fortune, and there was no bakery big enough to make that much bread anyway!

Then a boy stepped forward. He wasn’t anyone special. He didn’t have much. But he had a little lunch with him—five small loaves of bread and two fish. It was probably just enough for him to eat that day. Yet the boy chose to share what he had with Jesus.

Jesus took the boy’s lunch, thanked God for it, and began breaking the bread and fish into pieces. Something amazing happened. The food didn’t run out. The more Jesus gave, the more there was. The disciples passed the baskets around, and everyone ate until they were full. When it was over, twelve baskets of leftovers were gathered, way more than what they started with!

All because one boy gave what he had, God turned a small lunch into a big miracle. The crowd saw that Jesus had power from God, and their hearts were filled with wonder.

- **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do you think the boy felt when he gave away his lunch?
2. What does this story teach us about trusting God with what we have?
3. How might God use your small act of generosity to bless someone else?

- **Explain:**

- Generosity isn’t about how much we have—it’s about trusting God with what we do have.
- God can multiply our giving and use it for His Kingdom.

Model

- **Teacher shares:** a personal story of generosity—something simple they gave (time, food, or help) that God used in a meaningful way. This makes the lesson real and practical, not just a Bible story.
- **Student activity:** Invite kids to act out generosity in role-play (sharing lunch, letting a sibling go first, giving a toy) or play “Generosity Pictionary,” drawing generous acts while others guess.

Pray

- “Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us that even small gifts matter in Your Kingdom. Help us to be generous, even when it feels hard. Remind us that You can use what we give to bless others in big ways. Amen.”

Craft/Activity

- Kids make a “**Generosity Basket**” craft. Provide small paper lunch bags or folded paper baskets and let them decorate with markers, stickers, or cut-out bread and fish shapes. Inside, they can place slips of paper where they write or draw one way they can be generous this week. At the end, pray over their baskets and encourage them to “fill” them during the week by living generously.

Key Takeaway

- When we share what we have, we show God’s endless love.