



Helping Kids Grow in Generosity God's Way

When Giving Feels Like Losing

Raising Christ-Centered Kids | Character | Generosity

By Nancy Fujii, Founder & Teacher, L.I.G.H.T. Kingdom Kids®

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35, *ESV*)

Key Takeaway

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

The Biblical Meaning of Generosity

Generosity isn't mainly about money or gifts—it starts with the heart. The Bible says, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7, *ESV*). True generosity is sharing what God has already given us—our time, our kindness, our forgiveness, and our help—with others. In God's Kingdom, giving isn't about keeping score. It's about trusting that His love is endless, so we never run out when we share.

When kids understand this, they begin to see giving in a new way. It's not losing—it's gaining. Sharing a toy, letting a sibling go first, or giving time to help a friend may feel costly in the moment. But in God's eyes, generosity opens the door for His love to flow through us. It changes our hearts and blesses others at the same time. And the greatest truth of all? When we give, we're reflecting Jesus—who gave His very life for us.



Understanding Generosity: When Giving Feels Like Losing

It's easy for kids (and parents!) to feel like if we give, we'll have less. "If I share my snack, I won't have enough for me. If I give away my favorite toy, it's gone forever." These are real feelings, and they can make generosity feel like losing.

But God's perspective is different. In His Kingdom, giving is never a loss—it's planting a seed. And seeds grow into something bigger than what we started with. When giving feels hard, we can remind our kids that God sees every act of generosity. He promises to provide for us, and He delights to bless a cheerful heart. Every time kids choose to give, they're practicing trust in God's love and learning to live more like Jesus.

Practical Steps: Helping Kids Grow in Generosity God's Way

1. **Start Small** — Encourage your child to share something little, like a snack or a turn in a game, and celebrate their choice.
2. **Tell the Why** — Remind them that we give because God gives to us first. His love never runs out.
3. **Make It Visible** — Create a "giving jar" or "kindness box" where kids can place coins, notes, or drawings to share with others.
4. **Practice Together** — As a family, bring a meal to a neighbor, donate gently used toys, or write thank-you notes.
5. **Celebrate the Joy** — After giving, ask: "*How did that feel?*" Help your child connect generosity with joy, not loss.

Scripture for Parents and Kids

- "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7, *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*)

Encouragement for Parents

Raising generous kids is a journey of many small steps. Some days they'll surprise you with big hearts. Other days they'll struggle to share at all. That's okay. Every act of kindness you model, every time you celebrate their giving, every prayer you pray—these moments shape their hearts. Don't give up. God sees your faithfulness and promises to give you everything you need as you guide your child toward a life of generosity.

CTMP Corner: Kingdom Kids in Action

- **Connect:** Ask your child about a time it was hard to share.
- **Teach:** Remind them God's love never runs dry.
- **Model:** Show generosity in front of them this week.
- **Pray:** Thank God for His endless gifts and ask Him to help your family give with joy.