

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: A Cheerful Giver

Bible Passage: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15

Main Point: God is generous to us, so we can be generous to others.

Key Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Big Picture Question: Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

Christ Connection: *God has been merciful and generous to us. He gave us the greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus showed us what generosity looks like when He gave up His life to save us from sin. Because of Jesus, we can be merciful and generous to others.*



Story Actions Activity

Materials – ball

Instruct everyone to stand in a circle. Give one person the ball. Explain that you will read a short version of today's Bible story. Everyone should listen carefully. Anytime they hear the word *left*, the ball should be passed to the left. If they hear the word *right/write*, the ball should be passed to the right. If they hear the words *give* or *gave*, the player with the ball should toss it to someone that is not beside him/her. Read the script slowly so the group can react to the underlined words:

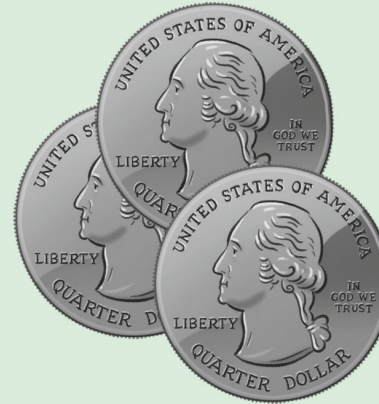
Script: Paul left his home to travel all over. When the believers in Jerusalem needed help, Paul decided to write a letter to his friends in Corinth to ask for help. He told them how the Christians did not have much money left, but they still gave joyfully. Paul encouraged the believers at Corinth to give in the same way. One way we can show we love God is to give. Jesus left heaven and came to earth so that we could have salvation and eternal life. Paul said that how much a person chooses to give is not as important as his attitude. "God loves a cheerful giver," he said. Believers should give what they decide is right. We can trust God to give us everything we need. Everything we have is a gift that comes right from God.

We know that God is generous to us, so we can be generous to others. He gave us the greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus showed us what generosity looks like when He gave up His life to save us from sin. Because of Jesus, we can be merciful and generous to others.

Coin Counter

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INSTRUCTIONS: Count the coins to see how much money is here. What would you do with that amount of money?



KEY PASSAGE:

2 Corinthians 5:17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

BIBLE STORY:

A CHEERFUL GIVER

- Paul wrote a letter to Christians living in Corinth.
- Paul told them about the generosity of the church in Macedonia.
- Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be generous too.
- God is generous to us, so we can be generous to others.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does generosity look like?
- What can we be generous with?
- Who should we show generosity toward?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Help your kids come up with a plan to begin or increase their regular giving at church. Remind them that their attitude about giving is more important than the amount they give.
- Search your home for spare change and give it away.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 33, Session 5