

UNBOXED

WEEK 5

BIG IDEA

We can trust God with our gifts!

BIBLE

Generosity: II Corinthians 9:1-15;
(John 6:5-13)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

ACTIVITY | Escape from Treasure Island



- Welcome back! Last week, we learned about treasures on Earth and treasures in heaven. God cares about things that are forever, not things that can break or get lost, and we can care about what God cares about!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the board game printable and tape it together. Also print both the treasure images. Divide the group into teams and you can use different size coins as tokens. You will also need a die (try a jumbo one [like this](#)). To play, have one team roll the die and move as many spaces as indicated. To the team who gets to "X" first, say, "Wow, you guys got to the treasure first!" Then show them the image of the rusty treasure.*
- Oh no, you found the treasure first, but the treasure has gone bad! **Quick, remind me where can we put our treasure so that it doesn't get destroyed by moths and rats, or stolen by burglars?**
- That's right, when we place our treasures in heaven, we can trust God to keep them safe and for them to be used in the right ways at the right times. [Show the image of the sparkly treasure!]

ACTIVITY | Treasure Hunt



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *This activity is customizable based on the number of kids in your group. If there are ten kids in your group, multiply that number by three, and your total is thirty. Use this number to determine how many gold coins to hide around the room before the kids arrive.*
- There are gold coins hidden in this room, and everyone must find three coins each. If you find more than three, you can give them to someone who hasn't found three yet. Ready? GO!
- **Did everyone find three coins on their own? Did anyone get help from somebody?**

QUESTION | What does "generosity" mean?



- **What does it mean to be generous?**
- **Can you give some examples of being generous?**

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SO WHAT?



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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce the story of Paul and then ask one kid to read the "letter" from Paul below. You can write the letter on parchment paper for effect.*
- In today's story, Paul is in a place called Macedonia, encouraging a church in an area called Corinth to donate some of their treasure to help a church in another place called Jerusalem. The church in Jerusalem needed help, and the churches in Macedonia and Corinth promised to help, but the Corinthians seemed to have changed their minds about it. Let's see what Paul wrote to them.

- "Dear friends in Corinth. Your excitement for Jesus is so catchy. . . your friends here in Macedonia are excited, too! You both promised to give a gift to your friends in Jerusalem, who could really use some help right now. That's why I'm sending some of the Macedonians to visit you and to help you prepare your generous gift. Please don't feel grumpy about giving. Choose to be happy instead! When you give generously, you're not just helping others, you're showing God your thankfulness. When you give to help others, they'll praise God and pray for you, and God will always take care of you. What an amazing gift! Love, Paul."

ACTIVITY | Treasure Collection



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have each kid hold out the three gold coins they got from the Treasure Hunt activity earlier. Set up a treasure chest about ten feet away from the start line. Encourage the kids to take turns tossing their coins, one by one, into the treasure chest from the start line..*
- I'm sure some of you wanted to hold on to your gold coins, which I totally get! But where did you get the gold coins? Did you earn them? Not really, right? I was sharing them with you but the coins actually belong to me.
- We want to keep nice things for ourselves. But the Bible teaches us that there's a better idea. God wants us to share these good things, including the gifts God gives us, with others. Because all the gifts are from God anyway!

VIDEO | Hangry



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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Explain to the kids that "hangry" means you're so hungry that you feel angry. Ask them if any of them have ever felt that way before and if they know why it happens. Watch [this video](#).*
- Hunger doesn't just affect your body. It affects your brain and your feelings, too. When you were hangry, hopefully, it only lasted a little while.
- But there are others in the world who are hungry all the time, because they don't have access to good nutrition and plentiful food supply. God cares about them and wants us to help them.

SCRIPTURE | John 6:5-13



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read or paraphrase John 6:5-13.*
- Once, Jesus was speaking to a large crowd – more than five thousand people! – and Jesus asked his disciples what they should feed them. The disciples looked at one another. None of them had a clue. Where would they get all the money? Where would they get that much food?
- Then, a little boy came up to one of the disciples, Andrew, with all that he had in his lunchbox — five small pieces of bread and two small fish. That was

barely enough food for one person! But Jesus took the boy's gift of the fish and bread, gave thanks to God, and started to pass out the food to the crowd.

- Do you know what happened next? Not only did Jesus give five thousand people enough to eat, there were twelve baskets of bread left over when they were done!
- The little boy trusted God with what he had. Then God did something amazing with it. That's what it's like to trust God with our gifts!

NOW WHAT?

ACTIVITY | Alphabet Gifts



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids to take turns going through each letter of the alphabet starting with A, and name something good God has given them that starts with that letter. Do this as many times as time allows.*
- We came up with a lot of things, didn't we? But there is still way more good things God gives us that we haven't even thought of. These gifts show how much God loves us and cares for us. Imagine all the wonderful things God can do when we give our gifts back to God!

PRAYER



- Thank You, God, for all the gifts You've given us. Please take our gifts and use them however You'd like. We can trust You, God, with our gifts, so please take them and do great things with them, like Jesus did with the little boy's fishes and bread.

SMALL GORUP TIME

DISCUSSION



- **Who was Paul writing the letter to, and why?**
- **What kind of attitude should we have when giving?**
- **How did the little boy trust Jesus with his gifts?**
- **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-8. What happens when you give cheerfully and not just because you have to?**
- **Name some of your gifts that you can trust God with.**
- **Why do you think God wants us to share our gifts?**
- **What is one thing you think God can do with your gifts?**

MEMORY VERSE | 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce kids to this month's memory verse, teaching them the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided.*