



“Caring & sharing as part of God’s family”

“Loving our neighbour as we love ourselves” - Luke 10:27



Worship at Home

GENEROSITY



‘God loves a cheerful giver’

2 Corinthians 9.7

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value of Generosity together.

Read together

Our Bible story today is called the Generous Widow – or the Widow’s Mite. A mite in the time of Jesus was a small brass coin worth 1/28 of a denarius. A labourer would be paid about 1 denarius for a day’s work. A coin called a mite was also in use in Britain many years ago. It was a very small amount of money worth half a farthing or 1/8 of a penny.

One day Jesus and his friends sat in one of the temple courts. It was a very busy place. Lots of people were there, leaving gifts of money in the collecting boxes.

Some rich people dressed in fine robes gave large amounts of money. They liked to show off. They wanted everyone watching to see how rich and generous they were.

Jesus then spotted a poor widow quietly making her way across the temple court. Looking around to check no one saw her, she dropped two of the smallest coins into the collection box.

‘Did you see that?’ Jesus asked his friends. That widow has been more generous than anyone else. The rich people gave what they could easily afford, but the small coins she gave were all she had to buy food today’.

Reflect together

Jesus teaches that it's not about what you give, but the heart with which you give it. What do you think this means?

Does **generosity** always have to be about money, or can we be **generous** in other ways?

How **generous** are you? Do you just give what you don't really need for yourself or do you make sacrifices to give to others, like the woman in the story?

Pray together

John Wesley Prayer

Dear Lord,
Help us to be **generous** and
Do all the good we can,
By all the means we can,
In all the places we can,
At all the times we can,
To all the people we can,
As long as we ever can.
Amen

Generosity Acrostic

Giving up time to help others
Encouraging your friends to do their best
Never letting others down
Everyone enjoying themselves
Roasting marshmallows to share
Offering to play with someone who feels left out
Sharing toys in the sand pit
Inviting friends to my party
Trying hard with everything
You should always try to be yourself

There is a proverb – 'Many hands make light work'. I wonder which jobs at home could be done more easily if there were many hands to do them and everyone was **generous** with their time?

Think of something that you could do for someone to make them happy – then do it.

Create a 'generositree' by hanging up colourful leaves or fruit. Each time you, or someone in your house helps out with a task by giving up their time write on a fruit or leaf and hang it up.



Don't take kindness for granted

Talk about all the people who are going 'beyond the call of duty' during lockdown to make sure that we are safe. The rainbow has been a symbol of gratitude for the NHS during the Covid -19 lockdown. Have you made a rainbow yet? Get creative and make a rainbow with a difference! Use handprints, hearts, steamers, fabric, collage, chinks – the list is endless. Design and make your rainbow thankyou to the NHS, take a photograph of it and put it on our school forum.

Write your own **generosity** teaspoon (TSP) prayer and send it to school for others to read:

Thankyou

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