

# Treasure

WEEK 4  
2 Cor 8:1-7



Ask the kids: Name something (It should be an object of value.) that you think Mom or Dad treasures most in their heart? Why do you think so? (Give time to let the kids think and give their answers.)

After the kids give their answers, parents will share about what they hold dear in their hearts. The things we treasure the most are the things most important to us. We work hard so we will be able to acquire it, we pour our energies, our time, and even our money to enjoy it and protect it. In today's Bible story, we will see the opposite. People actually gave away things that were valuable to them.



Let's read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7:

*1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you - see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*

At this time, the church in Jerusalem was in trouble and the Macedonian church was one of the first to come to their aid. But here is an interesting twist: the Macedonian church was not rich. In fact, people were facing extreme poverty – meaning that they would not have enough food to eat, and would not have proper clothes to wear, because they did not have the money even for the basic needs of their families. Considering their harsh conditions, they still gave generously to the church and were filled with joy! How were they able to give in this manner? As in the passage, the people firstly offered whatever they had to the Lord, then to the people around them.

As God blesses us, may we learn to bless others as well.

As we look around our community, there will always be people in need. Perhaps we can think of something we can share. It's not necessarily the things we don't need anymore but something that is valuable to us.



**Parent to Kid/s:**

**2-6 years old**

- What is one thing you think you can share with others? Can you think of anyone who may need it? Would you like to share it?
- Can you remember a time when you donated some of your things to someone who needed anymore? How did it feel?

**7-12 years old**

- Have you tried helping someone who you feel could not help you back? How was your experience?

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- What can we do when we feel that we are not blessed with enough things?

You know, there is one Person who gave us the one thing He loved the most. It says in John 3:16, that God loved us so much that He gave us his beloved Son, Jesus Christ to die for our sins, that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. This is our greatest blessing. Everything else we have is already a bonus.

When we know this in our hearts, giving and sharing with others will become something we can easily do because we know we are doing it for God and that God will take care of us.



Dear God,

Thank You for sending your Son Jesus to die for us on the cross. Thank You for all the blessings and treasures You have given us in this life. We love You and thank You for blessing us with our needs. We pray that You open our hearts to those who are around us, so that we can serve as a blessing to them as well and show them Your love, so they can also know who You are. In Jesus' name,

Amen!



Did you know what the Bible says about treasures? In Matthew 6:19-21, it says:

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Take time to reflect and see what we have been considering as our treasures. Are we focused more on the blessings or the One who gives us these blessings?