



Connect

Prepare: paper and any type of pen (colored pencils, marker or crayons, etc)

Parents, say: Today, we will make coupons like the one shown below. You can make and design your own coupon or you can follow the sample below. Make as many as you want.

Other words you can use : I want to share my _____ with you.

You get a free _____ from me.

I will do the following for you:

Set the coupons aside when you are done. We will use them later.

Our Bible story today is about the people in a church in Macedonia. Let's read about what they did.



Read the Word

Are you afraid to share what you have because you feel it is not even enough for yourself? 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 is about the encouragement of Paul to the church of Corinth to be generous just like the churches in Macedonia.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— 5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

The churches in Macedonia were in extreme poverty but they continued to give generously for the work of the Lord. Like the Macedonians, we should not let our situation dictate whether we can give or not. We give and share with others because we want to honor God. God does not look at the amount that we give but rather He looks at our hearts - how willing are we to give.



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Are you willing to share food, clothes and toys with children who need it more?

7-12 years old

- What ways can we help those who have less in life?

Kid to Parent

- Besides money, food and clothes, what else can we give to others?

Being generous does not only mean giving money. We can be generous to others with our time, our kindness and prayers.

Now, let's bring out the coupons that you made earlier. We are going to practice how to be generous by filling out these coupons and giving them away. Think of people you want to be generous with and what you have that you can bless them with. You can give them something you own, or you can give your time by doing something for them. Whatever it is, you have to make sure that you will do what it says. You may keep some coupons for use when you have unexpected opportunities to bless others.

Now, when you are done, go and give the coupons away!



Dear God,

Help me be generous with what I have. Open my eyes to see people who are in need. Encourage me to share not only what I have but to share the Gospel as well and to pray for others too. In Jesus' name,

Amen!



Did you know that being generous is contagious? Yup, that's right! Research has shown that generous behavior from one person can inspire others to behave similarly, even towards different people. It was even found out that this behavior can spread by three degrees, meaning it goes from one person, to another and still to another. If each of these three people can further impact another three people and the cycle goes on, imagine what kind of impact that will make in our society!

If you do not believe this, you can test it and see for yourself.

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