



WEEK 4

AT HOME LESSON



BIG IDEA

We can trust God
with our gifts!

THE BIBLE

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

MUSIC | Celebrate and Worship

INSTRUCTIONS: Sing some worship songs with your whole family!

QUESTION | What does "generosity" mean?

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

VIDEO | Unboxed, Lesson 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's teaching video with Pastor Robin and Mr. Harrison!

SCRIPTURE | II Corinthians 9: 1-15

- 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.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the passage with your children.

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.
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** Set up two treasure chests facing each other (about ten feet apart or more). Then split preteens into two teams. Have each team stand



behind their team's treasure chest. Give each team a bucket of coins and have them try to get as many coins in the other team's treasure chest.

- 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!

DIGGING DEEPER 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!

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!
- Encourage your child to share this activity (or the Make a Care Package Activity below) with Pastor Robin and others at JCBC by posting a picture or video on Facebook ([@jcbckids](#)) or Instagram ([@jcbckids](#)), emailing Pastor Robin (rpriddy@jcbc.org), or mailing a card or picture to the JCBC offices (6910 McGinnis Ferry Road, Alpharetta, GA 30005)!

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?

ACTIVITY | Make a Care Package

- For the past few weeks, we've talked about unboxing gifts from God. Today, we're going to create a box of gifts to give to others!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Prepare empty boxes for kids to decorate (such as shoeboxes, or cardboard parcel boxes—if you are preparing this lesson early enough, you could even ask the kids to bring boxes from home!). Give the kids arts supplies, such as markers, Washi tape, stickers, paint, and glitter glue and tell them to decorate their boxes. As a group, decide who you want to bless with a care package – it can be a cause your church supports, the seniors ministry in your church, homeless outreach, a women's shelter, military, etc. Once you have chosen your recipients, brainstorm a list of things that should go in the box. You can 1) have the kids take their boxes home, fill it, and bring it back the following week, 2) keep the boxes, and purchases all the necessary items and have kids fill the boxes next week, or 3) have kids bring an item from the list to add to the boxes next week. Make sure to research all restrictions on shipping policies if you are planning to mail these.*
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *Have a written description ready to give to the parent/guardian that includes: the purpose of this activity, the name of the missionary/charity that you are supporting, today's Big Idea, and a note to ask parents to pray with their kids. Encourage the parent/guardian keep these box in a place the child will see every day.*
- I can't wait to help some people with these care packages, can you? This week, remember to pray for the people who will receive the care packages. Next week, we will prepare the items we came up with today, and we will spend some time filling up all your boxes! And remember this week's Big Idea: We can trust God with our gifts!

MEMORY VERSE | Verse Square

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Number each corner of your room from one to four. Stand in the middle of the room with your eyes closed, and give the kids ten seconds to choose a corner to run to. When time is up, call out a number. Everyone who is standing in that numbered corner must recite the memory verse! Repeat as many times as desired.*
- If your child can say the whole verse from memory, encourage him or her to share a video with Pastor Robin and others at JCBC by posting a picture or video on Facebook (@jcbckids) or Instagram (@jcbckids) or emailing Pastor Robin (rpriddy@jcbc.org)!

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.