

c|Life Preschool Online

Unit 9 Lesson 3: I Can Give to Others

Heartprint: **Jesus Showed Me How I Should Live**

Memory Verse: **Matthew 5:16**

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Here is the link for our large group video: https://youtu.be/FS_jZ3ZHQk8

Song: *This Little Light of Mine* from Listener Kids: <https://youtu.be/cKkblZtqhyQ> (fun video with a dancing lightbulb; slightly different from original song)

Activity: *Helping Others Game*

Items Needed:

- One of the boxes we use to hold toys
- As many toys as will fit in said box

Instructions: Dump all of the toys onto the ground in between you and your child(ren). Ask your child to fill the box by themselves as fast as he/she can. Encourage him/her to keep going or go faster! Once you see this child needs help, ask another child to assist in picking up the toys. You can add as many of your children to the “helping” group as needed/desired.

Connection Point: Ask the first child if they felt like they needed any help? Ask the second (and additional) child how it felt to help the other child. In our story today, we learned that God wants us to give to other people when we see someone in need. That doesn't always mean the person will need money. Sometimes they may need money, but sometimes they may need us to give of our time by helping them to do something...maybe pulling weeds out of their yard, maybe picking up toys in their room, maybe putting the dishes away. What we need to remember is that God wants us to give of ourselves so that God will be celebrated! Let's say this together: I can give to others!

Craft: *Giving Envelope*

Items Needed:

- Half sheet of construction paper
- Crayon/Markers
- Stickers (optional)
- Stapler

Instructions: Fold the sheet of paper from the bottom a little more than halfway. Take the top and fold down to create an envelope. Staple the sides (not the top flap). Have your child decorate their envelopes as they would like with crayons, markers and/or stickers.

Connection Point: We give to God to help others and not to make other people think of us, but to think of God. You can place money in your envelope to bring to church to give to God. You don't need to show your

friends at church that you are giving. You can ask us (Mommy or Daddy) to help you make wise choices with your money, but it will be a secret to others how much you have in your envelope.

Bible Lesson: I can give to others.

Memory Verse: “Let your light shine before others.” Matthew 5:16

Items Needed (Optional): a toy trumpet or noisemaker

This week’s story taken is from Matthew 6:1-4:

Guess what everybody? Today I am going to give some money to my friend because she doesn’t have any money! Don’t you think I am the best person ever? Before I give her the money, I am going to blow this trumpet (use toy trumpet or make a loud trumpet noise) so everybody will look at me as I give her the money. Now I feel good about myself and she feels bad about herself. Is this the right way to do something nice for someone?

Today in our story, Jesus is going to teach us not only about giving, but how we should give.

Let’s open this book. What is it? (The Bible) The Bible is God’s _____ (Word). The Bible is always _____ (true) and the Bible is always _____(right). We are going to look in the book of Matthew, chapter 6.

Jesus saw the crowds gathering to hear Him teach. He went up on the hill and sat down; the people sat down to listen to Jesus. They sat and listened just like you are sitting down and listening. Jesus loved the people. Jesus wanted the people to know that the Father has rewards in heaven for them.

I wonder what those rewards are? Do you get rewards at home for doing the right thing? What a good Father that He has rewards for us!

The first thing Jesus told them was ‘be careful!’ Jesus said when you do good things, do not do them in front of others just so they will see you do the good things. Why is this dangerous? Jesus said, if you do things just to show other people, then you will have no reward from your Father in Heaven.

Jesus said when you give to the poor, do not be like the hypocrites (HIP-uh-crits). Can you say hy-po-crites? A hypocrite is someone who pretends to do something because they are good, but really they just want everyone to see them as good.

Jesus said they blow a trumpet so that people will see them give. The hypocrites give in the streets and the synagogues (or churches). The hypocrites want all the people to look at them and give them glory. Jesus said this is the only reward they will ever get. The Father sees that they only want to do good so that people give them glory. Jesus says when you give to the poor or people who need things, do it in secret. Do not let anyone know what you are doing. God sees everything, He knows what you do in secret. When you do good in secret, the Father will reward you in Heaven.

God wants you to do good, but He does not want you to do good to gain glory for yourself. Do you know what “gain glory for yourself” means? It means doing things to make people celebrate you. We should only do things to make people celebrate God. Do good for the Father. He will get the glory and you get the reward.

What could you do in secret this week? Could you help someone? Let me tell you a story of someone, and I want you to see if someone in the story did something for all to see or did it just to be nice.

There was this girl in school who did not have any valentines to give out to the classroom. All the other kids had valentines to give out to the other kids. This little girl cried and cried because everyone would know that she had no valentines to give out. A little boy knew this, so he stopped at the store and bought an extra box of valentines. The next day he waited outside the school for his classmate. When the sad little girl walked up he said, "Come here". He snuck the valentines in her bag so that no other kids could see. The little girl was so happy! She had valentines to give out! The little boy was happy because he was able to help. Now his reward is in Heaven.

Jesus says, 'Be careful! When you do good, do it so no one else can see except your Father in Heaven.'

Let's pray:

God, you see everything. We want to help others the way you want us to. Show us who we can help and how we can give to others. Help us do this in a way that brings glory to you and makes people celebrate you and not us. In Jesus' precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. Did Jesus say we should help others? (Yes)
2. Does Jesus want us to tell everybody how we are helping others? (No)
3. Who sees it when we do good in secret? (God)
4. Who rewards us in Heaven when we do things in secret? (God)
5. Should we do things to make people celebrate us or God? (celebrate God)
6. Do you think you could help someone in secret this week? (Yes)

