



## **Generous – Lesson I** **Order of Service (Skit)**

### **1) Introduction**

#### **2) Welcome & Memory Verse**

Hey everybody! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am so glad all of you are here today. I have a new memory verse to teach you today! Do you guys want to learn it? Okay! Everybody stand up.

**“God** (point up)

**will generously provide** (hands palms up and held out in front of you and then spread them apart keeping palms up)

**all you need.** (make your hands into fists as you bend at the elbows and bring your fists up to the chest)

**Then you** (point out with both hands)

**will always** (point with fingers up and move around to make a circle motion)

**have everything** (point randomly out to the sides of you)

**you need** (make your hands into fists as you bend at the elbows and then bring your fists up into your chest)

**and plenty left over** (use your hands in front of you like you are sprinkling seed out randomly as you finish the verse)

**to share with others.” 2 Corinthians 9:8**

**Let's try that one more time.** (Repeat.)

**Good job everyone!** You can sit back down now. We have some friends here today so let's get to know more about God, respect others, and put on our listening ears to hear about how God is generous.

### **3) Skit**

Roles:

Storyteller

Actor

(Actor runs up to the stage and starts stretching while the Storyteller is still talking.)

Actor: (Stretching) **Up, down, up, down, must, grow, taller!**

Storyteller: **Hey! What are you doing?**

Actor: **Do I look taller to you?**

Storyteller: **Huh?**

Actor: (Slowly) **Do...I...look...taller?**

Storyteller: **Um, no. Am I missing something?**

Actor: **I'm stretching to grow taller faster.**

Storyteller: **Um** (hides giggle), **why?**

Actor: **Because, when I'm taller and bigger I can do more for Jesus. I want to help people and give them things they need and tell them about God and...**

Storyteller: (Interrupts) **Wait, wait, wait. Why do you have to wait until you're bigger and taller before you start doing things for God?**

Actor: **Well, everyone that I know who does awesome stuff for God, they're big and tall. So I want to be the biggest and tallest so I can do even more for God!**

Storyteller: **So you think that being small will keep you from doing things for others and serving God?**

Actor: Exactly, so if you don't mind I need to get back to growing (stretches). UP, down...

Storyteller: (Giggling) Wow, you're really serious about this. Ok, let's sit down and talk about this. I have a story that might help you.

Actor: Oh, yeah! I love stories.

Storyteller: This is a true story that comes from the Bible. It's about a man named Zacchaeus. One day Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was going to come through his town. And Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. He wanted to see him really badly, but there were a lot of other people who wanted to see Jesus too.

So Zacchaeus came up with a plan. He decided to climb high up a tree so he could see over everyone else. And you know what happened?

Not only did Zacchaeus get to see Jesus, but Jesus saw him! Jesus even stopped and told Zacchaeus that he wanted to come to his house!

Zacchaeus was super excited! But some of the people around him were upset. You see, Zacchaeus was a tax collector—and he wasn't very nice. He even cheated people and charged them more than they owed so that he could get rich.

While Zacchaeus spent time with Jesus, he realized that he was a sinner and that he needed to change. Zacchaeus promised Jesus that he would give half of his wealth to help the poor and that he would give all the people he had cheated four times more than he took from them.

Jesus was happy that Zacchaeus followed and trusted in him. Jesus told all the people around them that the reason he came was to save people from their sins—people just like Zacchaeus.

Actor: That's a great story but, I don't see what that has to do with being small. So, if you'll excuse me... (Jumps up and starts stretching again.)

Storyteller: (Laughs.) Wait! Silly, come back here.

Actor: (Comes back, out of breath.) Okay. What now?

Storyteller: I was waiting to the very end to tell you an important part of the story!

Actor: Really? What's that?

Storyteller: What I waited to tell you was that the Bible says that the reason why Zacchaeus climbed the tree was because he was too short and couldn't see.

Actor: You're kidding!

Storyteller: Nope. It says "he was too short to see over the crowd." So you see, God uses all people whether they're big or small, old or young. God used Zacchaeus, who was short, to be generous with his life and work.

Actor: Wow! Thanks so much for telling me that story! It is so cool that even though Zacchaeus was small God used him. I was getting tired of stretching. Now I can stop waiting to get big and use my time to do things for God.

Storyteller: Absolutely. Do you have any ideas of what you are going to do?

Actor: Yeah! My school is collecting supplies for kids who need things. I'm going to go around my neighborhood to see if anyone has anything they would like to give them. I've also gone through my closet to see if I have anything they can use.

Storyteller: That's awesome! I'm so glad you know now that no matter how small you are, God can use you to be generous to others. And being generous is a great way to honor God. Let's pray and thank God for being generous to us.

Dear God, thank you for the reminder of Zacchaeus. And thank you for using us, no matter what size we are. Please help us to honor you by finding ways to share with others and show them how much you love them. Amen.

## **4) Songs**

## **5) Prayer & Closing**

**Wow! You guys did a great job singing praise to God! Everybody sit back down and let's pray.**

**God, you are amazing. Thank you for creating the beautiful earth and everything in it. We praise you with all of our hearts. You are our loving Creator. Amen.**



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