



Generous – Lesson 2

Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hello everybody! I'm _____
and I have been waiting all week to be here with you. Do any of you remember the new memory verse we learned last week? Do you think you can say it with me? Everybody stand up and let's see if you know it.

"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.)

That was great! Everyone sit back down. Last week we learned about a very short man with

a very funny name. Can you tell me his name? **Zacchaeus** – that's right!

Zacchaeus spent some time with Jesus and realized that he was a sinner who needed forgiveness. He decided to stop stealing from people and to honor God with his wealth. We've been having fun learning about how to honor God with our wealth. I decided to invite my fun friend Zip to join us today. Let's see if he's gotten here yet.

3) Skit

Roles:
Storyteller
Zip

Props: Hat and scarf for Zip

Zip: (Singing) **La, la, la...generous...la, la, I'm so nice!**

Storyteller: **Hey Zip! What are you singing?**

Zip: I'm singing about being generous. My teacher says it's good to be generous.

Storyteller: So, you're talking about being generous. That's cool! Sometimes it's hard to be generous, but it is good.

Zip: Yep, and I'm good, so I must be generous too!

Storyteller: Hmm. I don't think you really understand, Zip. What do you think being generous is?

Zip: It's being good—like my teacher said, and like you said just a minute ago. Generous is good.

Storyteller: Well, not exactly.

Zip: Huh? Then what?

Storyteller: Being generous IS a good thing to be, but let me explain it to you.

Zip: Ok, cool.

Storyteller: An example of being generous is when you have something that someone else needs and you give that person what you have—even if you use it and like it. You know that God gave it to you and it pleases him when you help someone.

Zip: Hmm, wow, that sounds hard. I think I understand, though.

Storyteller: Well, you have a great hat and scarf. Is that the only hat and scarf you have?

Zip: Of course not! I have lots!

Storyteller: I have a friend who doesn't have a hat or scarf. She gets really cold and sometimes she gets sick. Do you think you can give her your hat and scarf, since you have lots of them at your house?

Zip: Umm, this is my FAVORITE hat and scarf. Can I go home and get another one to give her?

Storyteller: Zip, I'm going over to see her right after I leave here. You won't have time to go home. I'm sorry, it's now or never.

Zip: Oh, man this is hard. I want to please God, and I do have other hats and scarves at home that I can use myself. But these are my FAVORITE.

Storyteller: You know, this reminds me of the Bible story we're talking about in our classes today.

Zip: Really? Tell me! Maybe it will help me make this hard decision.

Storyteller: Well, it's about a rich young man. The Bible says that he came running up to Jesus

one day and asked him what he needed to do to go to Heaven. Jesus talked to him and told him to obey the Ten Commandments that God had given them.

The rich young man told Jesus that he knew the commandments and that he'd kept all of them since he was a young boy. Then Jesus told him to go sell EVERYTHING he had and come follow him.

Zip: Wow, he had a hard decision to make, too. But of course knowing that following Jesus would make God happy, I bet he sold his stuff and followed Jesus, right?

Storyteller: I would love to be able to sit here and say yes, but sadly, no. The rich young ruler chose his things over following Jesus.

Zip: That's so sad! Thinking about my stuff that way, I would rather give it away and please God than to keep it and only be happy for a little while.

Storyteller: You're right, no matter how much we enjoy the things that God has given us, we should always choose following God over stuff.

Zip: Absolutely! So my choice is to give your friend my hat and scarf! Here you go! Thanks so much for taking the time to teach me what being generous really is all about. It is good!

Storyteller: Thank you so much Zip! She will be so excited. Bye!

You know, sometimes following God can be tough. But it is always the right thing to do. And you know what? God had to give up something very special so that we could have a relationship with him. God gave his son Jesus so that we could be forgiven and be close to him.

I think we should pray and thank God for loving us so much that he gave his son for us. Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to us so that we could be forgiven of our sins. Please help us to remember your sacrifice whenever we have a hard time sharing our things with others. Amen.

4) Songs

5) Prayer & Closing

Thank you! That was great! Let's all sit down and pray together. Dear God, thank you for loving us and for sending Jesus to save us. Please help us share that love with others. Amen.



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