



Generous – Lesson 2

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

Key Point: Everything belongs to God!

Bible Verse: Matthew 19:16–30

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Matthew 19:16-20 in the Bible. **When Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem, a rich young ruler comes up to him (1). The man bows down and asks, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life (2)?" Jesus asks the man, "Why ask me about what is good? There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments (3)." The rich young ruler says, "I've obeyed all these commandments. What else must I do (4)?"**

Jesus says, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven (5). Then come, follow me." The man becomes sad and walks away from Jesus (6). The man is rich and has many things he loves that he does not want to give up (7). He does not understand that Jesus is the greatest gift and that he is generous and will give the man all that he needs and more. **Jesus tells the disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle (8) than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"**

When **the disciples** hear this, they are surprised and **ask, "Then who in the world can be saved (9)?" Jesus responds, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible (10)."** Jesus was teaching his disciples and the rich young man that nothing can be more important than loving him. He is the greatest treasure. God wants us to love him more than money, toys, or anything else. When we give freely, it shows that we believe that God is generous to us and that he has given us everything we have. Jesus is so generous that he gave his life for us so we can spend forever with him. We can have eternal life with him by fully giving our lives to him, and following him no matter what the cost.

Key Point: Everything belongs to God!

Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Was the person who came up to Jesus poor? (No)	What did Jesus tell the rich young man to do to receive eternal life? (Go and sell everything he owns, give his money to the poor, and then follow Jesus!)
Did the man want to know how to get eternal life? (Yes)	Why was the rich man sad? (He didn't want to give up everything he had.)
What did Jesus tell the man to go sell? (His possessions)	Can we have eternal life with Jesus by following rules like the Ten Commandments or by being a 'good person'? (No; we all sin. But we can have eternal life by asking Jesus to forgive us and by fully giving our lives to him.)
Jesus said it was hard for what kind of person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven? (A rich person)	
Who is everything possible with? (God)	