

# Giving to Help Others

Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-24

**Bible Truth:** I will give to help others.

**Bible Story:** 1 Kings 17:8-24

**Bible Verse:** “Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.” (Matthew 5:42, NIV)

## FOCUS

### Learning Activity: “I’m Thirsty!”

#### Preparation

Write Matthew 5:42 on a poster board or whiteboard.

Before the lesson, ask one child to help you with the presentation. He or she will need to beg you continuously for something to drink.

**Materials**  
poster board  
markers  
pitcher of water  
cup for teacher and each child

#### Presentation

Say: **I’m very thirsty. My throat is so dry. I can hardly speak. I need a drink of cold water.** Pour yourself a cup of water and take a quick drink. **Now that I feel better, I can read today’s Scripture.** Read Matthew 5:42. When you finish reading, drink the rest of the water and fill the cup again. Drink the water slowly. The child whom you asked to help should start asking for something to drink: “Can I drink some? I’m thirsty!”

Say (to the child): **Not now.** (Again speaking to audience): **Let’s hear what the Bible verse says. It’s very important. It talks about people asking us to help with their needs. Jesus said in this verse that we shouldn’t turn them away.** Continue drinking your water. The child asks for a drink again.

Ignore the child and say: **When we don’t help others, we aren’t doing what Jesus asked us to do.** Keep drinking your water. The child keeps asking for a drink, and you keep ignoring him. **If someone is hungry or thirsty, we need to give them something to eat or drink. If they ask us to borrow something, we need to let them borrow it.** Drink water again. The child keeps asking.

Pretend to suddenly notice the child. Say: **What did you say?** The child will reply, "I asked for water." **Oh, I guess I should do what Jesus told me to do.** Give the child some water to drink. **When we hear others asking for help, the Bible tells us that we need to respond and give them what they need.** Offer all of the children a glass of water.

## **SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Matthew 5:42**

### **Preparation**

None

### **Explanation**

Say: **When somebody asks us for help we have two options.**

**These options are found in the verse. Can you find them?** Ask

one of the children to go to the front to underline the two options. Say: **Yes, we can give them what they need or we can turn away from them. What does Jesus want us to do?** Allow children to respond.

### **Memorization Activity**

Allow the children to act out this verse with a partner while they memorize it. One child extends hands out to their partner and says: "Give to the one who asks you." The other child turns away from the one asking and says: "and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Repeat this exercise several times and ask the children to switch roles.

## **INSTRUCT**

### **Bible Story: "A Woman Willing to Give," 1 Kings 17:8-24**

### **Preparation**

Read and study 1 Kings 17:8-24.

The week before this lesson, ask a woman to learn the following monologue to present to the children. Provide her with a Bible costume and some wooden logs to carry.

### **Presentation**

Have the person presenting the monologue say: **My husband died some years ago. I was left alone with no one to help me take care of my child. Unfortunately, my country was in the middle of a drought. There was very little food or water. One day, I was at the city's gate picking up some wood when a stranger asked me, "Would you give me some water and a piece of bread?"**

#### **Materials**

scripture verse poster from the FOCUS activity

#### **Materials**

Bible  
Bible costume for a woman  
wooden logs

I told him that it would be my pleasure to give him a cup of water but I didn't have bread. All I had left in the house was a little bit of flour and oil. I was thinking of preparing a loaf of bread for me and my son. I knew that after eating the bread we were going to die of hunger.

"Don't be afraid," said the man. "Go and prepare something for the three of us. The Lord will make sure that you have enough flour and oil until the day it starts to rain again and the harvest grows back."

I did as I was told. No matter how much oil or flour I used daily to prepare the bread, there was always enough left.

The name of the man was Elijah, and he was one of God's prophets in the land of Israel. He stayed with us for many days.

While he stayed in our house, my son became seriously ill and died. "Give me the boy," Elijah said. He carried my son in his arms and took him to his room, laid him in bed, and started to pray to God. He prayed over my son's body and asked God to give him life. Elijah did this three times. On the third time, my son was brought back to life. There's no doubt that Elijah is a man of God!

I'm so glad I gave water and bread to Elijah when he asked me for it. God multiplied my food because I gave it to someone in need. When my son died, God gave him back to me. God is good to me!

At the end of the monologue, discuss the following questions with the children:

Why was it difficult for the woman to share her bread with Elijah?

What great things happened to her because she shared?

If you were the woman, what would you have done when the stranger asked you for something to eat and drink?

## **APPLICATION**

### **Learning Activity: Communication, "What Would Happen If...?"**

#### **Preparation**

Make several copies of the "What Would Happen If..." handout located at the end of this lesson. If you do not have access to a copy machine, copy the situations on poster board for the children to see.

**Materials**  
copies of the "What  
Would Happen If..."  
handout

## **Presentation**

Divide the children into groups. Give each group a copy of the "What Would Happen If..." handout. Ask them to decide how they would respond and what blessings they might receive if they chose to give. Have each group share their answers.

## **MINISTRY TIME**

### **Preparation**

None



### **Materials**

none

### **Presentation**

Have a time of prayer with the children as they ask God to make them willing to help those that are in need. Encourage the children to find one person in need that they can help this week. Remember to give them an opportunity to share about how they helped in the next session.

## What Would Happen If....

Directions: Read each of these situations and decide how you should respond.

1. What would happen if...someone at school asked you to borrow a pencil?
2. What would happen if...your brother or sister asked to borrow your bicycle?
3. What would happen if...a missionary visited your church and talked about the hungry children that are in his country?
4. What would happen if...your mom asked you to spend the afternoon cleaning the house?
5. What would happen if...your friend asked to borrow money for lunch?
6. What would happen if...you and your parents saw a homeless man as you walked out of a store?