

Week 4

Wrapped Up!

Read This First

Read MATTHEW 25:37-40.

For the next few hours, wherever you go, create a spot for Jesus—in the car, at the dinner table, on the sofa, and so on.

When you have the opportunity to be generous, picture Jesus right beside you. Give a gift of your time, money, or stuff as if you were handing it to back to Jesus. Giving to others is one of the ways we love and serve Jesus. When you give, it shows others how valuable they are—not only to you, but also to God.

ASK God to help you keep Jesus in the picture today.

Day 1

Read ROMANS 12:13.

Giving doesn't always mean actual gifts that you buy. You can give people your time by hanging out with them, helping them with a chore, or by doing something fun they want to do. When you give generously to the people God's put in your life, you make them feel important.

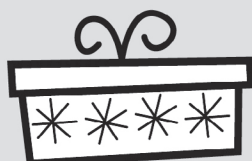
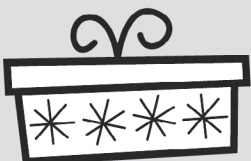
Find some extra gift tags or you can make your own. On separate tags, write different amounts of time from 5 minutes all the way up to half an hour. Then give your time away to others today by doing something helpful or just plain fun with them. They get to pick how you spend your time together. (And try not to watch the clock!)

ASK God to show you who needs some of your time today so they can feel more valuable.



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Day 2

Read JOHN 15:12

God showed His great love for us by sending Jesus. He continues to show us His love in many ways. He wants us to show our love back to Him by being generous with what we've been given. Christmas is the perfect time to put generosity to work. Remember, generosity is making someone's day by giving something away.

Make up a tongue twister about being generous at Christmas. For example, "Big Dave gave Maeve clay" or "Christmas cookie cans can carry crisp Christmas cookies."



Praise God for all that He's given you. Ask Him to help you give more to others.

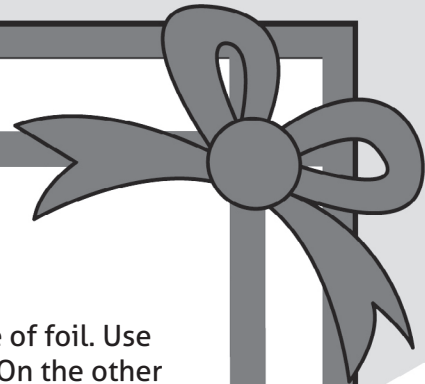
Day 3

Read MATTHEW 10:29-31.

Create some fake coins by rolling up and flattening out a piece of foil. Use a pencil to write the name of someone you know on one side. On the other side, draw a heart, cross, or other symbol of God's love.

God loves all of His creation, but He values people the most. He wants us to value others the way He does and to treat them with generosity. Share the coins you made with people in your life. Tell them they're important to you and to God.

Ask God to help you get wrapped up in others today.



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