



WEEK  
**TWO**  
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Give a Little Bit**  
Widow of Zarephath  
1 Kings 17:7-16

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What do you have to give?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You always have something to give.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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James 1:17a, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day  
by giving something away

### BASIC TRUTH

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### PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> for a visual on some of the activities.

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

#### **SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction**

Just for Fun  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### **STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways**

#### **WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God**

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions  
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You  
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

### HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App



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## MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



Before kids arrive, take some time to pray and be quiet before God. Ask God for wisdom on how to best lead your kids today as you talk about being generous with what we have, even when we don't feel like we have much to offer.

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## 1. JUST FOR FUN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, ball

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids as they arrive and invite those who brought an offering to place it in the container.
- Ask kids to stand in a circle.
- Choose a kid to go first and hand them the ball.
- Ask them to think of a good ice breaker question that everyone can answer.
  - Explain that an ice breaker is something that helps people get to know each other, and gets the conversation started. (For example: *What's your favorite ice cream flavor? Where were you born?*)
  - Instruct the first kid to share their answer to the question then toss the ball to someone else in the group.
  - Whoever catches it will answer the question and toss it to someone else who has not answered yet.
  - Continue until everyone in the circle has answered the question.
- The last kid to answer will then think of a new ice breaker question and repeat the process.
- Continue playing until each kid in the group has had a turn to ask a question (or as time and interest allow for).



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an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Generous Words" Activity Page

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Set out the cards from the "Generous Words" Activity Page so all words are visible.
- Choose a kid to go first.
- Invite them to take a look at all the words and choose any words they would like to form a phrase.
- Once they have read their phrase out loud for the group, they can put their words back into the collection and choose another kid to take a turn.
- Continue playing until everyone has had a turn to form a phrase or as time allows.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Awesome job creating phrases with the words you had! Sometimes it's easy to think we are limited by what we see in front of us, and it can be difficult to believe we have anything to give. **[Transition] Today, we'll hear about a woman who gave when she had almost nothing. Let's find out what she gave and why!**"

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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## 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Parchment paper (or wax paper), paper bowls, 1 Cup measuring cup, 1 Tbsp measuring spoon, flour, baby oil, zip top sandwich bags, permanent markers, wipes

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Give each kid a piece of parchment paper (or wax paper) and a paper bowl to place in front of them.
- Ask: "What did the woman in today's story have to give?" (*flour and oil*)
- Pass the bag of flour and the measuring cup around the circle and instruct kids to carefully scoop one cup of flour into their bowl. Point out how they can use the parchment (or wax) paper to catch anything that misses the bowl.
- Pass the baby oil and the measuring spoon around the circle and instruct kids to carefully add 2 tablespoons of oil to their bowl of flour.
- Direct the kids to use their hands to mix it together, creating a crumbly consistency of dough. Explain that this is called moon dough.
- Invite kids to play with their moon dough while you ask:
  - Do you think it was a difficult decision for the widow to share what little she had? Why or why not?
  - How did God bless the woman for being generous? (*God continued to provide for Elijah, the woman, and her son; The jar of flour and the jug of oil always stayed full enough to provide food for the next meal.*)
  - Have you ever been asked to give up something to share with someone else?
  - What are some ways that you can give?
- Give each kid a sandwich bag to place their moon dough in and seal to take home.
- Help kids clean up their parchment (or wax) paper and bowls.
- Provide wipes for cleaning hands.
- Set out the permanent markers for kids to write their names on their bags.

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**[Make it Personal] Share an age-appropriate time when it didn't seem like you had much to give or anything to offer but you still gave what you had. (For example: food, water, a listening ear, a smile, your time and energy, encouraging words, good attitude, etc.) Explain if it was difficult and how your generosity helped someone else.**



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## 2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Prepared poster board (or dry erase board), "Envelope Trivia" Activity Page, envelopes, tape

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into two teams and ask each team to select a spokesperson.
- Direct each team to sit on opposite sides of your group space, facing the front.
- Set out the prepared dry erase or poster board with envelopes attached so both teams can clearly see it.
- Explain that you are going to play a game of trivia. Teams will take turns choosing an envelope, listening to the question inside, and then letting their spokesperson share the group's response.
  - If correct, teams receive the points listed on the envelope.
  - If incorrect, the other team will have a chance to answer and earn the points, if they get it correct.
- Choose a team to go first and select any envelope.
- Read the question inside and give that team time to quietly discuss it.
- Invite the team's spokesperson to say the team's answer out loud.
- If correct, keep score. If incorrect, direct the question to the other team.
- Continue playing until all questions on the board have been answered.
- Celebrate the team with the most points as the winners.
- Ask the following questions for discussion:
  - How do you think the widow felt about giving the last of her flour and oil?
  - What would you do if you were her?
  - Why do you think God wants us to consider what we have to give?

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### MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- How has Jesus set an example for how we can give?
- What do you have to give?
- What gets in the way of giving?
- Do you feel like others around you have more to give?

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an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



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## 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, "Generosity Skits" Activity Page

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into 4 groups.
- Invite kids to sit with their groups and give each group a Bible and a "Generosity Skit" Activity Page.
- Explain that kids will work together with their groups to use their Bible to look up the verse on their group's "Generosity Skit" Activity Page.
- Tell the kids to take a few minutes to discuss the verse with their groups.
- Ask each group to create a scenario that illustrates an example of what their verse says.
- Encourage them to use the helpful hints provided.
- After each group has had enough time to practice their skit, give each group a turn to present their skit to the entire group.
  - Ask each group to read their verse first and then act out their skit.
- Explain to kids that generosity is not just something God wants us to read about; God wants us to live it out! When we give, it's not always something really "big."
- Explain that a lot of opportunities to give are in the small, ordinary moments of everyday life. (For example: encouraging words, sharing your time, a smile, etc.)
- Remind kids that the Bible can always be a source of wisdom for how we should live.



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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Dry erase board, dry erase marker, "Special Delivery" Activity Page, mailing labels, lined paper, pens or pencils, and envelopes

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into pairs and invite them to spread out with their partners.
- Explain that we can always give through our willingness to pray for others.
- Write the following questions on the dry erase board:
  - What feels most difficult for you right now?
  - What would you like God's help with?
- Give kids time to talk with their partners.
  - If kids need help starting the conversation, they can use the questions on the dry erase board.
- Give each kid a piece of paper, an envelope, a pen or pencil, and a label from the "Special Delivery" Activity Page.
- Direct kids to write out a prayer for their partner, based on the things they talked about. (Maybe they have a big test coming up at school, or they're worried about a situation going on with their friends.)
  - If some kids choose not to share, partners can write a general prayer about being thankful to God and being generous to others.
- Instruct the kids to fold the paper and place it in their envelope once they finish.
  - Kids can seal their envelopes with the "Special Delivery" label.
  - Tell the kids to write their partner's name on the front and give their partner the envelope to take home.
- Close your group time in prayer.

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## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

**(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

#### 1. JUST FOR FUN

*Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Offering container, 1 for each Small Group
- Ball, 1 for each Small Group

#### 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

*Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print "Generous Words" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, 1 set for each Small Group

### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

**(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)**

#### 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

*Made to Create:* an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Parchment paper (or wax paper), 1 roll for each Small Group
- Paper bowls, 1 for each kid
- Measuring cup (1 cup), 1 for each Small Group
- Measure spoon (Tbsp), 1 for each Small Group
- Flour, 1 bag for each Small Group
- Baby oil, 1 bottle for each Small Group
- Zip top plastic sandwich-size bags, 1 for each kid
- Permanent marker, a few for each Small Group
- Hand wipes, 1 for each kid

#### 2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Poster board (or dry erase board), 1 for each Small Group
- Tape, 1 roll for each Small Group
- Marker, 1 for each Small Group
- Square notecard envelopes, 16 for each Small Group
- Print "Envelope Trivia" Activity Page on paper and cut apart, 1 set for each Small Group
- Before group time:
  - Place each card from the "Envelope Trivia" Activity Page in an envelope.
  - Label each envelope with the category and point value listed on the card.
  - Tape each envelope to the poster board (or dry erase board) in columns, based on their category. There should be 4 rows of 4 envelopes.

#### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

*Made to Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

#### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

*Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print "Generosity Skits" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, 1 set for each Small Group
- Bibles, 4 for each Small Group

#### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

*Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



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- Dry erase board, 1 for each Small Group
- Dry erase marker, 1 for each Small Group
- Mailing labels (Avery 5163 or similar), 1 sheet for each Small Group
- Print "Special Delivery" Activity Page on mailing labels (Avery 5163 or similar), 1 label for each kid
- Lined paper, 1 piece for each kid
- Envelopes, 1 for each kid
- Pens or pencils, 1 for each kid

### HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue app.**