

JOURNEY BELOW THE EARTH

LESSON SIX

Lesson Goal: The children will learn that because God has given them everything, they should give back to Him.

Main Point: God Is Generous; I Should Give Back To Him!

Bible Story: Jacob's dream (Genesis 28:10-22).

Bible Verse: *James 1:22 "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." (NLT)*

What is the purpose of these activities?

Underground Adventures (General Opening Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to introduce the Main Point through an adventure themed game time.

Take That (Specific Opening Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to introduce the kids to the idea that it is better to give than to get.

The General Opening Activity is an added feature in this Elevate series. You can use multiple opening activities or pick the ones your kids will most enjoy.

Skit and Bible Story (Large Group Activity)

The Skit and Bible Story teach children that everything we have comes from God and that we should be grateful and give back to Him.

Retracing Our Steps (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to help the children review the Bible Story.

Cave Clues (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to help the children memorize the Bible Verse and help them apply today's lesson.

Foundation of Prayer (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to encourage the children to make prayer a regular part of their lives.

God Can Do More (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to demonstrate that God can do more with the things that I give Him than I can do with those things myself.

Got It To Give It (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is for the children to practice generosity by giving back to God to help others.

Find The Treasure! (Large Group Activity)

This is a strategic time to review and reinforce the content of the lesson.

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LESSON 6: GOD IS GENEROUS; I SHOULD GIVE BACK TO HIM!

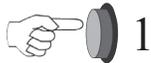
Single Teacher version - "Watch & Train" DVD



Purpose Statement: This Skit and Bible Story teaches children that everything we have comes from God and that we should be grateful and give back to Him.

Materials/Props Needed: Lesson 6 DVD materials.

• Lead the children through the opening activity "Underground Adventures" and/or "Take That".

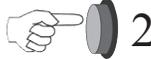


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TEACHER

(CD Track #1) It is time, once again, to head underground. ~~Let's get warmed up with a song!~~



~~Teacher leads the children in singing the song.~~



TEACHER

(CD Track #1) ~~Great job! That song mentioned that the Bible should be the foundation for our lives. When we read the Bible and then do what it says, we will be able to make the best choices.~~ Today we are talking about God and how generous He is. Everything we have, from our homes to our friends and even the food we eat, all comes from God. God is very generous and we should be thankful and give back to Him. And that is today's Main Point: **God Is Generous; I Should Give Back To Him!** Everybody up!

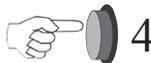


Teacher leads the children by first demonstrating the Main Point with motions. Then have the children repeat the Main Point two or three times.



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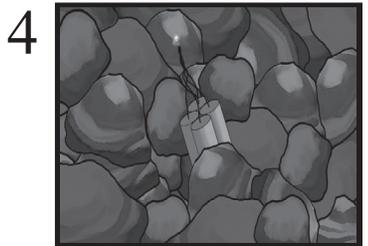
(CD Track #1) When I say that we should "give back to God," I'm talking about tithes and offerings. That's when we give some of our money to the church. The Bible explains many times that God is our provider and that He has given us everything. He also asks us to be thankful and to give back some of what He has blessed us with. But it isn't enough to read about that in the Bible. We need to do what the Bible says and give back to God. Our verse reminds us about that. Check it out:



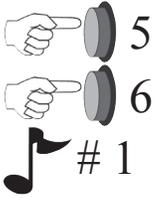
James 1:22 "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." (NLT)

TEACHER

Tithing isn't about God needing our money. It's more about us needing to trust God with our money and to be grateful. But we'll talk about that more a little later. Right now, it's time to check on Kit and Angus. Maybe we can learn a little about gratitude from them.



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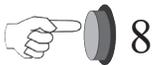


Note: Play "Skit Video" followed by "Can You Dig It?."

TEACHER

(CD Track #) Kit was starting to make me mad at first. She didn't realize that Angus could have taken those M & M's™ away if he'd wanted? Kit wouldn't have had any M & M's™ if it weren't for Angus. But if you really think about it sometimes we act the same way about our tithe to God. I'll admit it. When I think about giving money to God, part of me wants to keep it. I tell myself that it's "my" money and it belongs to "me." But I have to remind myself that it isn't really mine. It all comes from God and that means it belongs to Him already. We give our tithe to thank God and show that we understand that it all belongs to Him. And now we've reached the part of the service where we will give back to God. First we will sing and then we will begin our offering time. Everybody up.

Teacher leads the children in singing the song and then begins the offering time.



OFFERING

TEACHER

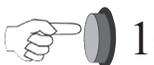
(CD Track # 8) Thank you for singing with us. We're going to continue worshipping God with our offering. This is a time when we give back to God part of what He has given to us. I'll lead us in prayer and then it will be your time to come up and give. Let's pray.

Lead the children in prayer. If you want to, include elements of the lesson you are teaching today. For instance, today we are talking about giving back to God. So you might say, "God, we know that everything we have comes from you. Thank you for being so generous. Please take this offering and do amazing things with it." Take up the offering.



(CD Track # 1) Thank you, everyone. And now you're all going to learn a few ways that you can apply today's lesson to your life. It's time for Small Groups!

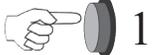
TEACHER



SMALL GROUPS

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Now that we've finished Small Groups, it's time for our review game, "Find The Treasure!"



Note: Lead the children through the questions. Hit "play" when a child has given you the right answer.

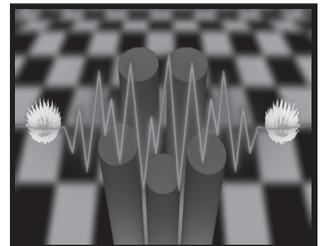
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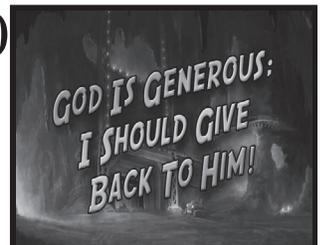
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CLOSING



TEACHER

(CD Track # 1) Thanks for coming. It was great to see all of you here. Don't forget our Main Point for today: **God Is Generous; I Should Give Back To Him!** See you next time.

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TAKE THAT

SPECIFIC OPENING ACTIVITY

LESSON SIX

GOD IS GENEROUS: I SHOULD GIVE BACK TO HIM!



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to introduce the kids to the idea that it is better to give than to get.

Description: Throughout the game, each child will try to give to another child. Each time a child tags someone, they can give one item to the person they tagged.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet and one block (*or wad of paper*) for each child.



To introduce the activity say:

1. This week's lesson is all about being generous.
2. Today we are going to play a game called Take That!
3. The goal of the game is to give away as many blocks as you can.
4. When you tag someone, say "take that!" Then give them one block.
5. If you are tagged, you will get one block from the person that tagged you.
6. Let's get started!

Note: Give each child one wad of paper or block to begin the game. When one child is giving their block to another child, neither one can be tagged.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.



During the activity say the following:

1. You are doing an incredible job!
2. Isn't it better to give away your block than to get someone else's?



After the activity say the following:

1. Great job guys!
2. In this game you had to give away everything to win.

Summary: In the game it was better to give than to get. The Bible teaches us that giving is better than getting. When we give it is called generosity. Let's go into Large Group and learn more about generosity.

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CAVE CLUES

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSON SIX

GOD IS GENEROUS; I SHOULD GIVE BACK TO HIM



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to help the children memorize the Bible Verse and help them apply today's lesson.

Description: The children will decode different actions they can do to put God's Word into practice in their lives.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet. For each child you will need the "Cave Clues Lesson 6" from the Lesson Materials CD Rom, and writing/drawing materials.



To introduce the activity say:

1. Our verse for this series is James 1:22. It says, "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."
2. Everyone say this with me, "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."
3. I have some Cave Clues here. They are all ways that we can do what our verse says and put into practice the things we learned today.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.



During the activity say the following:

1. Decode these Cave Clues. If you need help, I will help you.
2. What are some of the things we learned today? (*That God is very generous, that to say thanks we need to give back to God because everything we have come from Him.*)



After the activity say the following:

1. All of the things in our Cave Clues are ways that you can take what you learned today and put it into practice.
2. You could loan your favorite toy out for the week.
3. You could memorize Proverbs 22:9 "Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor."
4. You could give time by staying after church to help clean up.
5. You could donate to a local food charity.
6. You could pray and thank God for a different thing each day.
7. Choose one of these five things and promise that you will do it this week.

Summary: When you read God's Word you need to put it into practice. By doing the activity you have chosen for this week, you are giving back to God with your time and doing a great job of putting His Word into practice.

CAVE CLUES

LESSON 6

Handwriting practice row 1 for section 5, featuring a square, a person, and a mountain.

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Handwriting practice row 2 for section 5, featuring a person, a mountain, a person, and a mountain.

Handwriting practice row 3 for section 5, featuring a mountain, a person, a person, a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 4 for section 5, featuring a person, a person, a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 5 for section 5, featuring a person and a mountain.

Handwriting practice row 1 for section 3, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

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Handwriting practice row 2 for section 3, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 3 for section 3, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 4 for section 3, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 1 for section 4, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

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Handwriting practice row 2 for section 4, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 1 for section 2, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

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Handwriting practice row 2 for section 2, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 3 for section 2, featuring a person and a person.

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Handwriting practice row 1 for section 1, featuring a person and a person.

Handwriting practice row 2 for section 1, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 3 for section 1, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row 4 for section 1, featuring a person, a person, and a person.

Handwriting practice row for the alphabet, featuring letters A through Z and the number 29.

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GOD CAN DO MORE

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

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GOD IS GENEROUS: I SHOULD GIVE BACK TO HIM!



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to demonstrate that God can do more with the things that I give Him than I can do with those things myself.

Description: The children will learn that if they each give what they have, together they can build a bigger and better tower.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet and enough building blocks for each child to have several.

Use the Jenga Blocks



To introduce the activity say:

1. God has been so generous with us. Everything we have came from God!
2. And when we give back to God like Jacob did, God can do more with what we have than we could do by ourselves.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.



During the activity say the following:

1. I am going to give each of you a few blocks.
2. Everyone build the tallest tower you can with just your blocks.
3. How big of a tower could you build using only what I gave you? (*Not a very big one.*)
4. Now I want all of you to give back your blocks and I will put them together to build one tower.
5. Let's put the blocks together and see what happens.
6. Look how big our tower becomes when we all give what we have.
7. If we kept our blocks to ourselves, we wouldn't be able to build such a big tower.



After the activity say the following:

1. Just like we gave back blocks to build a bigger tower, we should give back to God a portion of everything we have.
2. Money is not the only thing we can give back to God.
3. God has given us our time, talents and abilities and we should give part of those things back to Him as well.

Summary: Just like when you gave some of your blocks back we were able to build a bigger better tower, when we give what we have to God, He can do so much more with it than we could ever imagine.

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FIND THE TREASURE!

REVIEW GAME

LESSON SIX GOD IS GENEROUS; I SHOULD GIVE BACK TO HIM!



Purpose: This is a strategic time to review and reinforce the content of the lesson.

Materials needed: DVD chapter “Find The Treasure” Lesson 6.



Ask the following questions and then ask for volunteers to answer. If they answer correctly, hit “play” on the DVD.

1. Why should we give back to God?
 - A. Our parents will get mad at us if we don't.
 - B. Everything we have comes from God. We give back to say thanks.**
 - C. We'll make better grades if we tithe.
 - D. It keeps us from wasting our money on other stuff.
2. You have just enough money to buy the video game that you want, or give your tithe. What should you do?
 - A. Go ahead and buy the video game, just tithe extra next time.
 - B. Buy the video game but say that you gave your tithe.
 - C. Steal the video game so you can save money.
 - D. Give your tithe to God and buy the video game next time.**
3. True or false? The Bible tells us that we should tithe.
 - A. True.**
 - B. False.
4. In the skit, what type of snack did Angus give to Kit?
 - A. Chocolate candy.**
 - B. Fruit snacks.
 - C. Trail mix.
 - D. Popsicles.
5. At the start, when Angus asked for some chocolate what did Kit say?
 - A. Yes. Have as much as you like.
 - B. Maybe later.
 - C. No! It's mine!**
 - D. What chocolate? You must be seeing things.

6. In today's Bible story, who was the man God appeared to and promised to bless?

- A. Jack.
- B. Jake.
- C. James.
- D. Jacob.

7. Jacob agreed to give God part of everything he earned. Specifically, how much did he agree to give?

- A. One half.
- B. One tenth.**
- C. One twentieth.
- D. One third.

8. Fill in the blanks. God Is _____; I Should _____ Back To Him!

- A. Faithful, Turn.
- B. Generous, Give.**
- C. My creator, Run.
- D. Bossy, Talk.