

# CULTIVATING GENEROSITY AT EVERY STAGE

Generosity can mean so many things, but when a lot of us think about this word, we think of money. Since children don't have jobs, does this mean they can't be generous yet? Of course not! You may have heard this phrase before that we can be generous with our time, talents and resources. Let's look at how to apply this to kids!

## TODDLERS CAN SHOW GENEROSITY THROUGH TIME

- **Look for Everyday Opportunities:** Toddlers can practice generosity at an age-appropriate level by helping parents with simpler tasks like chores around the home or learning to share toys with siblings.
- **Devotional & Prayer Time:** Create a habit to learn about generosity from the Bible. Pray for others and for God to give you all a heart full of gratitude for what He has given you.
- **Forming Traditions as a Family:** At this age, you can start forming traditions as a family where you intentionally bless someone else!

## PRESCHOOLERS CAN SHOW GENEROSITY THROUGH TIME AND TALENT

- **Model Generosity:** Take intentional time to talk through ways your preschooler can start to show kindness and generosity outside the home to show God's love to others.
- **Homemade Gifts:** As a family, you can take time learn a new skill together, like baking, and practice generosity by sharing what you made with someone who needs some encouragement.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** There are many ways for your kid to volunteer outside of church. At this age, kids want to help adults, and they can focus on an activity for up to 15 minutes

## ELEMENTARY KIDS CAN SHOW GENEROSITY THROUGH TIME, TALENT, & RESOURCES

- **Talk with your kids about what stewardship means.** We have an opportunity to honor God by how we manage what He has generously given to us.
- **Discuss Tithing.** Share with them your experience of tithing and the importance of trusting God with your finances. Have them set aside 10% of their allowance to give to your local church.
- **Sponsor a Child.** Allow your child to be a part of supporting a child their age across the world. It will help them see that God is a God of the nations, and we can be generous with people across the world!
- **Serve together as a family.** Empower kids by having them be a part of choosing what you will do or where you will serve. Generosity begins with you, and you can begin now!

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