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GENEROSITY FAMILY RESOURCE



Definition:

Generosity is giving time, talents, or resources to benefit others.

The VoxKids ministry teaches children about the Biblical definition of generosity. We offer children opportunities to demonstrate and practice generosity as part of their learning experience and spiritual formation development. Included in this resource are ideas for how your family can incorporate generosity into your regular rhythms. The list below is not exhaustive, rather it is a starting place for discussion. There are many ways your family may choose to practice generosity, **there is no obligation for children and families to incorporate or practice the ideas and tips listed below.**


Why Are We Generous?

1. Jesus taught us how to be generous. He frequently met the needs of those around him and ultimately gave His life for us.
2. God calls us to be obedient, reflecting His generosity in our actions by sharing the talents that He has given us.
3. We demonstrate our trust in God by giving a portion of our resources to Him first.




What Can We Do to Be Generous?

1. Share your time
2. Serve others (talents)
3. Share what you have (resources)



What Scripture Says:

Galatians 6:2 (NIV) "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."



Practical Tips and Ideas to Practice Generosity:

1. Share Your Time:

- a. Spend time with someone at your school or in your family that may be lonely.
- b. Spend time making cards and/or praying for those that may be hurt, sick, or need encouragement.
- c. Consider writing cards and praying for our global missions' partners. Vox Church supports missionaries around the world. Missionaries devote their lives to loving, serving, and teaching others about Jesus Christ.
- d. Spend time with friends learning about God, praying for one another, and praying for those in need.
- e. Comfort a friend who is feeling sad by slowing down, checking on them, or asking if you could pray with them. It means so much to give your time to those who need it.

What Scripture Says:

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

1. Serve others:

- a. Help a neighbor or friend in need.
- b. Is there something you are especially good at? Find a way to share your talents with others. Maybe you are a great soccer player and can volunteer to help a local soccer coach run drills with the team.
- c. Serve alongside your family in your community. This may look like picking up trash at your local park or organizing food at a local food pantry.
 - At Vox Church we offer family friendly outreach/serving events where the entire family can serve their community together. These events are: Serve Our City Day, Family Friendly Impact Groups, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Back to School events, Trunk or Treats, VBS donation drives, and more. To learn what Vox Church Outreach opportunities are available in your city click [Here](#).
- d. If possible, join a serving team on Sunday! Visit your local Next Steps table for more information or visit the Join a Team website [Here](#).

3. Share What You Have:

- a. Donate Personal Items: Go through your toys, clothes, and shoes. Donate items you no longer use by bringing them to your local donation drop or an agency in your community that serves those in need.
- b. Donate Canned/Food Items: Go through your pantry or cabinets and select canned and dried food items to bring to your local food bank.
- c. Purchase Items for Those in Need: Purchase items for a family in your community that may be in need. Purchase jackets, school supplies, or clothes to donate to a school in your community for families in need. Purchase food to donate to your community food bank.
- d. Tithe: Tithe simply means tenth. When we tithe, we offer to God the first tenth of whatever He gives us. Tithing is an act of **obedience** and encourages us to **trust** that God will provide. Each week set aside 10% of your allowance and earnings so that you can give it back to God!

What Scripture Says:

Luke 3:11 "John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.'"

Ideas for Teaching About Giving at Home:

VoxKids Tithing is an opportunity for our students to put into practice generosity and strengthen the spiritual discipline of financial stewardship. Below are ideas for teaching children about the practice of giving

****Your child and family are under no obligation to participate in VoxKids Giving. ****

1. Discuss what Tithe Means:

- Tithe simply means tenth. When we tithe, we offer to God the first tenth of whatever He gives us.
- Identify 10%:** Parents can demonstrate 10% of earnings by laying out 10 dimes and then removing 1 dime to show that 1 dime is 10%.
- Examples of 10%**

Have	\$.50	\$1	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100
Give	\$0.05	\$0.1	\$0.50	\$1	\$1.50	\$2	\$2.50	\$5	\$10

2. How to Store Money:

- Divide weekly allowance or gifts into three areas Give, Save, Spend. You can prepare 3 cups or jars and divide the money up accordingly.
- Give:** Help children store money in this jar first to demonstrate that we prioritize God first before storing money in our save and spend jars.
- Save:** Help your children set savings goals and teach them how saving can help them reach those goals. Take opportunities to count the money and celebrate saving wins!
- Spend:** Allow children to bring their money with them to the grocery store when accompanying you. Discuss the difference between wants and needs with your children and give them the practice of spending.
- [Give, Save, Spend Teaching Video](#)

3. Explain the VoxKids Giving Process:

- Invite your kids to tithe by bringing their "Give" money to church.
- Pick-up a VoxKids Giving envelope from your VoxKids ministry leaders.
- Assist your child in completing the envelope information area.
- You or your child can put the VoxKids Giving envelope into the offering bins as they come around at the end of worship.

4. Show What You Do:

- Welcome your children into the conversation of how you manage money as a family. Allow children to see and learn how you may follow a budget, set saving goals, plan for big purchases, store money, tithe, make donations, and more.
- Comfortable conversations about finances can help children develop a healthy relationship with money.

5. Discuss What Scripture Says About Giving:

- Read through passages from the Bible that share and teach us about giving. Discuss as a family what the scripture is revealing to you.
- Joyful Giver:** Corinthians 9:6-7 "Remember this: the person who plants a little will have a little harvest. But the person who plants a lot will have a big harvest. Each one should give, then, what he has decided in his heart to give. He should not give if

it makes him sad. And he should not give if he thinks he is forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily."

c. Honor God: Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord by giving him part of your wealth.

Give him the first fruit from all your crops. Then your barns will be full. And your wine barrels will overflow with new wine."

d. Not for Recognition: Matthew 6:1-4 "Be careful! When you do good things, don't

do them in front of people to be seen by them. If you do that, then you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to the poor, don't be like the hypocrites. They blow trumpets before they give so that people will see them. They do that in the synagogues and on the streets. They want other people to honor them. I tell you the truth. Those hypocrites already have their full reward. So, when you give to the poor, give very secretly. Don't let anyone know what you are doing. Your giving should be done in secret. Your Father can see what is done in secret, and he will reward you."

e. Not about the Amount: Mark 12:41-44 "Jesus sat near the temple money box

where people put their gifts. He watched the people put in their money. Many rich people gave large sums of money. Then a poor widow came and gave two very small copper coins. These coins were not worth even a penny. Jesus called his followers to him. He said, "I tell you the truth. This poor widow gave only two small coins. But she really gave more than all those rich people. The rich have plenty; they gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor. But she gave all she had. And she needed that money to help her live."

6. Videos to Watch:

a. With Preschool Aged Children: [Giving is Better](#)

b. With Elementary Aged Children: [What is Tithing?](#) and [Why Tithe?](#)

c. With your Preteen: [What does the Bible Say about Tithing?](#)

d. Video for Parents: [Teaching Kids to Tithe from Foundations World View](#)

Frequently Asked Questions for Tithing at Vox:

1. Can my child give cash and coins?

a. Yes – in fact, cash and coins are the best way for your child to give so that their End of Year Statement reflects what they have given. Thank you for allowing your child to share what they have!

2. Can my child give one large lump sum a year, rather than when they attend each time?

a. Yes – we trust whatever system you create for your family. If giving an annual gift is a better approach for your family, that works for us!

3. Can we give money online on behalf of our children?

a. We do not offer online giving for VoxKids. Online giving on behalf of your child will be associated to the parent/guardian's profile and not be recognized on the child's End of Year giving statement.

4. Are checks acceptable for VoxKids?

a. Checks given to VoxKids will be associated to the parent/guardian's profile and not be recognized on the child's End of Year Giving Statement.

5. Will my child's giving be tracked?

- a. Each giver will receive an End of Year Statement showing the amount of money they gave throughout the year. This is a great tool to discuss and celebrate your child's decision to Honor God first.

6. Is there a tax benefit to my child's giving?

- a. All donations to Vox Church are tax deductible under sections 501(c)3, 508 and 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Refer to IRS Topic 506, Charitable Contributions for more information on deductions permissible on Form 1040.

7. Where will my child's money go?

- a. VoxKids giving is collected and given to our church to help fund the operations of the church, specific areas of impact in our community, and for those in need around the world.

