



LIVE IT OUT!

A Calvary Lutheran Church
Fall Generosity Project
for all Ages

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Growing in God's Grace Generation to Generation

LIVE IT OUT! - WEEK 1



Theme: We are made in God's image and are blessed by God to be generous too.

God's Story Genesis 1:27-31a (CEV). "So, God created humans in God's own image; God made men and women. God gave them a blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth. I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat. And I have given the green plants as food for everything else that breathes. These will be food for animals, both wild and tame, and for birds. God looked at all that was created. All of it was very good!"

Conversation #1:

1. How is God generous in this story? What in the story gives you JOY?
2. How does society surround us with messages of scarcity?
3. How do you mirror God?

Our/My Household Identity and Story

Goal: Identify this household's giving patterns and practices.

Key Question: Does everyone in the household know how we share and are generous with what we have been given? (if you are a single person, have you reflected on how you share?)

Conversation #2:

With so many methods available to exchange currency, it is easy for the significance of giving to be overlooked and unknown to one another or go untracked. Research shows children learn sound financial health and generosity when they see parents and significant adults model this as a priority in their lives. As individuals, we also may be surprised at our own giving patterns.

If you do not already have an established pattern of giving, consider discussing or reflecting on when and how you as a household might begin.

Discussion Prompts:

- How does this household talk about money? What words do we use?
- Who decides how we distribute our money, especially related to regular giving?
- What is tithing? Do we do it? (Use the internet to look up the word and meaning)
- Do we support a church or institution of faith? Organizations or other causes?
- Do we have an emergency fund? Are we saving for college, vacation, house repairs, retirement, etc.?
- What are our household's essential expenditures for living? Which ones are Wants? Which ones are Needs?
- How much of our spending is influenced by advertising?
- Why do we share? Give?

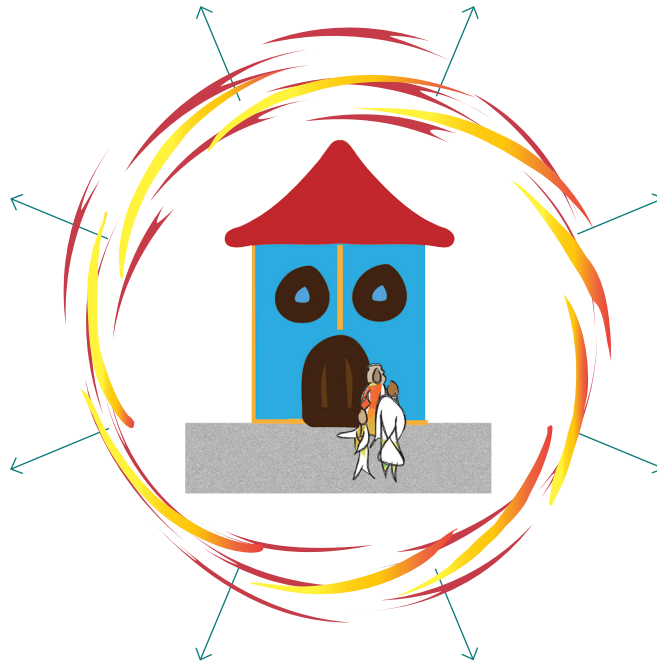
Affirmation + Blessing: Make the sign of the cross and say the following as you face a mirror.

I am created in the image of a generous God. I give because I want to mirror a generous God.

BEING GENEROUS

LIVE IT OUT: Action 1

These are the names or drawings of all the people and places that have been recipients of our/my generosity.



LIVE IT OUT: The Generosity Challenge

How many books do we/I own? Count them. What would it mean to give away 10 percent or buy that many new books for others? How hard would this be to do? Who needs books? To whom or where would we/I go to donate them?



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God's work. Our hands.



Make a copy for each household member.

I am created in God's image...



How can my thoughts reflect God?

How can my hands be generous like God?



How can my mouth speak with kindness?



How can my eyes see God in the world?



How can my ears hear God?



How can my heart love God and others?



LIVE IT OUT: Leave a post-it note on your mirror this week to remind yourself to mirror God's generosity! Have other family members do the same!