



Family Discipleship Resource

Key Point: God is generous. He gives what is best.

This fall in Northway Kids we are learning about the attributes of God. This week we learned that God is generous. He gives what is best. We looked at God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 15, and saw that God gave him many good gifts, but the best thing God gave Abraham was Himself – a relationship with the one true God.

Capture discipleship moments: As a family, spend time reading and talking about God's Word. Anytime we open the Bible and talk about God, we need to pray and ask Him to help us because only God can teach our hearts. Pray with your family for God to give understanding and belief.

1. Today you learned that God is generous. What does that mean?
God gives what is best.
2. Does God give to His children because He *has* to?
No. God is generous and eager to give. He gives freely.
3. Do God's children have to pay God for the gifts He gives us?
No. God gives freely. We do not have to pay for, work for or earn the gifts He gives.
4. Is God generous because His children deserve good gifts?
No. God being generous has nothing to do with what God's children deserve. God gives good gifts because He is loving and good and generous. He loves to bless His children.
5. What is the best gift you have ever been given? What made it so great?
6. What did God promise to Abraham? How did Abraham respond to the LORD?
God promised to give Abraham land, a big family, and Himself.
7. God gives what is best to His children. Who are God's children?
Those who love and trust Jesus.
8. What is the very best thing God could ever give His children? Why? **Himself.**
Because God is what is best for us. Being in relationship with Him is everyone's greatest good.
9. What is the greatest way that God has shown His generosity? Who did God give to die in the place of sinners? **Jesus, God's only Son.**
10. Did Jesus deserve to die?
No, Jesus was perfect. The punishment for sin is death, but Jesus was sinless so He did not deserve to die. Death is the punishment we deserve for sin, but Jesus took that punishment for all who would love and trust Him.
11. Is there any way to be forgiven for sin and brought into God's family apart from Jesus?
No. God generously sent His Son so that undeserving sinners could be rescued from sin and brought into His family to know Him, and be loved and cared for by Him.
12. Is it easy or difficult for you to believe that God gives what is best?

13. If God doesn't give us what we want or causes us to wait for a while, does that mean He isn't being generous?
14. When are times it is hard for you to trust that God gives what is best?
15. How does knowing that God gave Jesus, His one and only son – completely loved and precious to Him – help you trust that He will give what is best in your life?

*****Additional Passages for Study:** Open to and read **Matthew 7:7-11** together. Explain that Jesus was teaching His disciples how God responds to the prayers of His children. As you do, consider acting out the parable with a rock and a loaf of bread.

1. Are there words in this passage you do not recognize or understand?
2. Why would a good father not give his child a stone when they ask for bread?
3. How is God better than even the best earthly father?
4. If God doesn't give us exactly what we ask for, does that mean He is not generous?
5. What are things you are asking God to give you?
6. Can you think of a time that God's saying "no" to a request ended up being the very best thing?
7. How can we as a family wait with patience and trust for God's generous provision?

Create discipleship time: Recap by asking your kids what they learned, as they **color their Generous Attribute Sign** for your Attribute Wall at home.

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?
God gives what is best when it's best.
2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today?
I can trust God to give me what is best always.

Pray together as a family. **Praise** God because He is generous. He always gives what is best. **Thank** God that He has given what is best in giving Jesus to die for the sin of His children. **Confess** to God times you don't trust God that His ways are best. **Ask God** to help you trust that He gives His children what is best – when it's best, where it's best and how it's best. Ask God to be generous in giving Himself to those you know who aren't Christians.

Practice the MVOTM: *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."*
Jeremiah 17:7-8