



HAPPINESS= GENEROSITY

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Finding happiness in generosity sounds like a contradictory statement - after all, accumulating stuff makes you feel happy, right? Well, in God's economy, the more you give, the more you're blessed, and the happiness that comes from giving is way beyond what comes from getting.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

Luke 6:38 [ESV]

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

No matter how generous you are, God will always outdo you in the giving department. The blessings may not come to you in dollars, but they're always abundant.

Q. Think of a time when your generosity met someone else's need. How did it make you feel? What impact did it have on your outlook on life?



Q. Giving money is just one way to be generous. What are other ways you can show generosity to others?

3. DISCUSSION:

Matthew 6:33 [ESV]

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

When you receive, it's a good day for you, but when you give, you're advancing God's kingdom - not only in yourself, but in others. People see God's love and generous heart through your actions, and those qualities point hearts toward Him.

Q. Which area in your life is it hardest to be generous in?

Q. Any time you say "no" to yourself and "yes" to God, you're advancing His kingdom (His rulership) in your heart. How has generosity deepened your submission to God's rule? What can you expect to gain in return for putting His requests ahead of your own interests?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

When you talk to God this week, remember to thank Him for being so generous with you. Ask Him to meet your needs in proportion to the way you meet the needs of others... and then go be as generous as you can!



SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

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1. POWER VERSE: Acts 2:38 "...Repent and be baptized, every one of you..."

What's up: "Baptism Is A Picture Of What God's Done For Me!"

On a piece of paper, draw some of the following logos or symbols you think your kids will recognize: McDonalds, Target, Superman, Batman, Nike, and Shell Gas. You can also Google "common logos" and let them look at some of the pictures.

Ask them to identify each of the logos. Then discuss the following questions:

2. ACTIVITY:

Q. What do the people who make these signs want you to do when you see one of their symbols? (Help your kids understand that the logos are supposed to make you think about what they represent.)

Q. Are the symbols actually the product they represent? For example, is the McDonald logo a real hamburger, or is the Nike swoosh a real shoe?



Explain to your kids that baptism is a symbol, too, just like the symbols you looked at. Tell them that going into the water symbolizes dying, being under the water symbolizes being buried, and coming out of the water represents being raised from the dead, just like Jesus did. Remind them that Jesus was baptized, too.

3. DISCUSSION:

Q. Why did Jesus get baptized? (To lead us by example.)

Q. Why should you get baptized? (It symbolizes to others that you're following Jesus' example.)

Q. Does getting baptized save you or cause your sins to be forgiven?

Q. How do you get saved, if baptism doesn't save you?

If your kids haven't been baptized, talk to them about whether they've asked Jesus to forgive their sins. If they have, ask them if they're ready to be baptized. If they haven't, talk to them more about why it's important to ask Jesus to save them.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

If your kids have been baptized, talk about the experience. Ask them how they felt and what it meant to them. Finish by praying together.