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## Read James 1:17a, NIrV

DAY 1

Take a look around you. Name some good things you see. If you're outside, you might see a big, beautiful sky or trees bursting with colorful fall leaves. If you're inside, you might see your fluffy, cuddly cat or your silly baby brother. If we stop and take a look, we can find good things all around us.

Every single good thing we see is a gift from who? God! God is the maker of all things. Instead of holding onto all those good things, God chooses to share them with us. Talk about generosity! Generosity is making someone's day by giving something away. Because God is generous and gives us good things, with God's help, we can be generous and choose to share with others.

This week, when you have a chance to be generous, don't hold back! Remember all the good things around you and choose to make someone's day by giving something away.

## Read Mark 10:21 NIrV

Want to know how to be rich? The first step is to understand God's definition of richness. Being rich isn't about getting. It's about giving. It's about understanding that EVERYTHING you have comes from God and that God gives us good things!

A truly rich person understands that God doesn't give us things to just keep to ourselves all the time. God loves when we are generous and share what we have with others. Because of God's generosity towards us, we can be generous towards others.

#### Memory Challenge

Write each word of Mark 10:21 on an index card. Lay the cards out on the ground to create a path in verse order. Repeat the words of the verse as you hop from one card to the other. OR shuffle the cards and work to put them in verse order as quickly as you can, reciting the verse until you can say it from memory.









## Read 1 Chronicles 29:14, NIrV

God made you and everything around you. Everything you have comes from God, including the world, life, guidance, wisdom, and most importantly, Jesus!

When you choose to be generous, you are really showing how much you trust God. Giving things away is one way to show that you trust God to provide for you both now and in the future. Instead of focusing on keeping or holding on to all the things that were once given to you, you can spend some time thinking about all the ways that God provides for you.

### **Good Things**

Grab a piece of paper and write this phrase on the center of the page: "God gives us good things." Around those words, draw pictures of some of the things God has given you. Then spend some time thanking God for giving you all these good things to enjoy.

# Read Romans 11:35-36, NIrV

God created us, sent Jesus to save us, and loves us unconditionally with a love that never changes! Our most generous gift could never come close to what God has done for us. And it's not like we can walk right up and repay God for all of it anyway!

Does that mean we get a pass? (No!) Should we even bother giving back to God? Absolutely. But how do we do that?

We can give in many different ways — through our time, talent, and "treasure". Whether we're taking the time to help someone who needs it, or using our talents and gifts to serve someone else, or even giving our money to missions or someone in need, God has given each of us good things that we can share with others. And when we give to others, we give to God. (see Matthew 25:34-40)

We give because God first gave to us. Pray about what you might give and talk to your parents too.



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