

Abram Followed God

The Gospel Project: Unit 2 Session 1

Genesis 11-13

Midweek Bible Class

Week of September 28th, 2025

Christ Connection: Abram believed God's words and obeyed God's call to leave his land and his family. God promised to bless Abram and the whole world through one of Abram's descendants. God kept this promise when He sent Jesus, who left heaven and came into the world to rescue sinners.

Big Picture Question: Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

Memory Verse: PS: The Lord is good, and His love lasts forever. Psalm 100:5; Elem: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5

Spiritual Discipline: Generosity: the act of giving to both God and others out of what God has give to us.

Leader Bible Study: This week we begin to study the spiritual discipline of generosity. Many kids are familiar with the concepts of giving and sharing with others, but the goal of this unit is to highlight generosity from a spiritual perspective. We will focus on what generosity should look like in our lives, in light of Christ's ultimate sins. In this week's sessions, we will look at the importance of giving what God calls us to give with a willing and thankful heart.

The Bible focus for this week comes from Luke 21:1-4: the widow's offering in the temple treasury. This passage details Jesus' words to His disciples and others around His as people, primarily

the rich, gave their offering at the temple. While the rich were giving excess money that they could spare, the widow was giving all the money that she had. Her offering was monetarily so much smaller than the rich; her coins were the lowest denomination during that time. However, Jesus commends her to His disciples for putting in more than any rich person because she gave all she had.

One great lesson we learn in this passage is the importance of a person's heart when giving. The widow shows complete trust and faith in God when she gives her two coins. Even though the monetary amount is little, the gift is great because she willingly gives all she has to God. This type of generosity that comes from the heart can be applied to our lives in many ways. We may find ourselves bust and short on time when God calls us to invest in a new ministry. God may call us to give financially to a specific ministry or missions outreach from an already limited set of funds. Whatever the call to give may be, this passage shows us that we should give willingly and with thanksgiving. What we can give may seem small to us, but giving willingly out of obedience and faith in the Lord makes the gift great.

During this unit we will discuss what faithful and willing generosity looks like. Kids may think of generosity as simply the outward act of giving money to an offering or to someone in need. We will see that the heart involved in giving is what is most important. As you prepare to lead this week, pray that God will show you ways to willingly be generous as He shows His generosity to you.

[Welcome](#)

Sing Songs

Ball Toss Review

Materials: tennis ball

Guide kids to sit in a circle. Prompt kids to think of a way they can practice a spiritual discipline this week (prayer, celebration, worship, generosity, rest, Bible study, confession, etc.). Toss the ball to one kid and encourage him to share a way in which he can practice one of the disciplines. Guide him in tossing the ball to another kid and encourage that kid to share. If time permits, allow each kid a chance to share. For younger groups, you might consider having the leader choose the spiritual discipline and then inviting kids to share how they can practice that specific discipline.

[Learn About Generosity](#)

Review Spiritual Disciplines

Materials: none

Say, ***“During this time each week we come together to learn about and practice spiritual disciplines.”***

Ask, ***“What is a spiritual discipline?”***

Say, ***“A spiritual discipline is a practice, or a repeated action, that we do to help us grow in love for God and godliness. Some examples of spiritual disciplines are worship, prayer, celebration, fasting, Bible study, service, rest, and generosity. Let’s get started!”***

Introduce the Discipline of Generosity

Materials: none

Say, ***“Today we will start looking at the spiritual discipline of generosity. The word generosity is the act of giving to both God and others out of what God has given to us. Many of us know that it’s a good thing to share and give to others, but we will use***

these next four weeks to take an in-depth look at what the Bible has to say about generosity.”

Ask, ***“What are some examples of generosity?”***

Say, ***“Those are some great examples. Giving what you have to other people, giving money to church, sharing your possessions with others in need, helping your friend clean her room: there are a lot of ways we practice generosity in our daily lives without thinking much about it.”***

Group Demonstration: Generosity Gestures

Materials: paper, pen, basket

Prior to the lesson, cut out strips of paper and write down an example of generosity on each strip. Some examples could include: helping a sibling with his homework; giving away the last piece of candy; making a card for a sick friend; bringing cookies to a new neighbor; or giving money to the offering at church. Put the strips in a basket. Lead the kids to find a partner and ask each pair to draw an example out of the basket. Allow each pair to act out their generosity gesture while the rest of the group guesses.

Say, ***“In the game we just played, you acted out examples of being generous. Can you think of a time you have shown generosity by doing any of the examples acted out in the game?”***

Say, ***“Those are great ways you gave what you had to bless others. We find a couple examples of generosity in the Bible story we heard last weekend. Abram showed generosity to Lot by allowing Lot to choose his land first. God was generous to Abram when He blessed Abram and the whole world through Abram’s descendants. Today, we will learn about a woman who***

gave to God generously, from her heart. Jesus was teaching in the temple about several topics where we pick up in today's Bible text."

Read the Bible

Materials: Bibles

Read Luke 21:1-4.

Ask, ***"What was the difference between the rich people's offerings and the widow's offering of two tiny coins?"***

Say, ***"The amount of money that the rich people gave was more than the widow's, but the rich gave extra money that they could spare. The widow did not give much, but she gave all she had."***

Ask, ***"Why did Jesus say that the widow's offering was more than the offerings from the rich people?"***

Say, ***"The widow's give was greater because she gave with a generous and grateful heart. She showed her faith in God and her gratitude for Him by giving all that she had to the offering."***

Ask, ***"What does it look like to give with a grateful heart?"***

Say, ***"It can be easy at times to give with an ungrateful heart. We know we should help our sibling with his chores or share with a friend. We do it, but we don't want to do it. Giving with a grateful heart comes from realizing that all we have comes from God. God is the One who provides anything good in our lives. Recognizing this helps us to be thankful for all that we have. It also helps us give generously, since we know that God gives generously to us."***

You may feel like what you have to give is small. Maybe you only have a quarter to give to the church offering. Maybe you only have a little bit of time to help your parents clean the house. We learn through this story that the attitude of our hearts is what makes our gifts great; the size of the gift does not matter. Practicing the spiritual discipline of generosity means giving with a grateful heart and being thankful for what God has given you.”

Christ Connection

Materials: none

Say, ***“God showed the greatest generosity to us when He sent Jesus, His only Son, to the world. Jesus lived a sinless life; He did nothing wrong. Yet He showed us amazing generosity by dying on the cross for all of our sins. Forgiving our sins and giving us eternal life with Him are the greatest gifts we will ever receive.”***

Group Activity: Generous or Not?

Materials: paper and markers

Before the session begins, come up with multiple examples of giving generously and examples of giving with an ungrateful heart.

Examples could include:

- Helping your brother with his homework while complaining the whole time
- Volunteering to take out the trash as soon as you see it's full
- Sharing the ball you're playing with at recess, but letting others know you're upset about it

- Bringing part or your allowance to put in the offering at church without anyone asking
- Emptying the dishwasher without being asked
- Playing at your friend's house all day and only helping her clean up a couple of the toys you played with
- Making a card for your grandparents one day after school instead of watching TV

Distribute paper and markers to the kids. Lead kids in drawing a smiley face on one side of the paper and a sad face on the other side. Call out the examples and prompt kids to hold up the side with the smiley face if an example is done generously. Prompt the kids to hold up the side with the sad face if the example is not done generously.

Say, ***“It is usually easy to tell when someone is giving with an ungenerous and ungrateful heart. It’s also pretty easy to tell when someone is giving generously. God wants us to give with a generous and grateful heart. God is the One who makes us generous because of the amazing generosity He shows us every day. When we practice the spiritual discipline of generosity and give out of a grateful heart, we show His character to those around us.”***

Follow Up on Last Week’s Challenge

Materials: none

Say, ***“Last week we were focusing on the spiritual discipline of rest, and our challenge was to pause our regular activities and worship God for five minutes.”***

Ask, ***“How did the challenge go?”***

Introduce This Week's Challenge

Materials: none

Say, ***“This week, our challenge is to take time each day to thank God for the good gifts He has given us. Think of specific things you can thank God for each day. Generosity comes from a grateful heart. Recognizing the blessings God puts in our lives makes us grateful.”***

Love God by Practicing Generosity

Save and Share

Materials: envelopes, markers, stickers

Prior to the session, gather envelopes, markers, and stickers. Give each kid an envelope and encourage the kids to decorate their envelopes. While they are decorating, explain that they can use these envelopes to save money that they would like to share with others. Explain that the money they save can be shared to help others in many ways. Examples could include the weekly offering at church, a special missions offering that may be coming up, or other ministries the church partners with that help people in need. Additionally, each kid may have her own idea of a way she could use her money to help others. Prompt kids to share ways in which they could save money. Guide kids in talking about how others can be blessed through what they give. Remind kids that the point of giving is not how much you give, but your attitude with you give.

Toss and Share

Materials: tennis ball

Encourage kids to think about a time when someone showed generosity to them with a grateful, generous heart. Guide the kids in

raising their hands if they have an example they would like to share. Toss a tennis ball to a kid with his hand raised. After he shares his example, ask him how he knew the person was giving with a grateful and generous heart. How did the person speak and act while giving? Prompt him to toss the ball to someone else who would like to share. If time permits, allow all kids the chance to share if they want to. Discuss common answers about how the people in the examples acted or spoke when they gave. Discuss how it might look different if those people were giving with an ungrateful, ungenerous heart.

Close in Prayer

Materials: none

Use the scripted prayer below, pray in your own words, or ask a student to pray.

Say, “God, thank You for all the good things You have given us. Help us to be generous with what You have given us. Help us to enjoy sharing with others. Thank You for using our gifts, no matter how big or small, for Your kingdom. Amen.”