

# Sharing Our Wealth

## PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** Be content with what God has given you and share his blessings with others.

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 6:6-10

**Memory Verse:** But godliness with contentment is great gain. - 1 Timothy 6:6

## The Children's Sermon

Hey kids, today we're going to talk about something really important called Contentment and Generosity. Have you ever heard of a man named Paul? Well, Paul was a very wise man who wrote letters to help people understand how to live better lives. One of these letters was to a young friend named Timothy.

Paul told Timothy something very special. He said that we should be happy with what we have because God gives us everything we need. Think about it: when we were born, we didn't have toys or clothes; we came into the world with nothing. And when we leave this world, we can't take any of our stuff with us. So, it's important to be content with what we have right now.

Paul also said that wanting to be super rich can make people do bad things. They might lie, cheat, or hurt others to get more money. And even if they get lots of money, they won't be happy because they've lost their way and made their hearts sad. Paul wanted Timothy to teach everyone that being rich in money isn't as important as being rich in kindness and sharing.

Now, let's talk more about Contentment and Generosity. Contentment is when you feel happy and thankful for what you have, even if it's not a lot. It's like when you have a small toy, but you love it so much and have fun with it. You don't need a huge pile of toys to be happy because you're content with what you have.

Generosity is when you share what you have with others. It could be sharing your toys, your time, or even a smile. When you're generous, you help make other people happy, and that's a superpower! Being generous makes you feel good inside, too.

Imagine if you had a big, juicy apple and your friend didn't have any food. If you cut the apple in half and shared it, you'd both have something to eat, and you'd feel happy because you helped your friend. That's Generosity in action.

Contentment and Generosity go hand in hand. When we're content, we're happy with what we have, and it's easier for us to share with others. And when we share, we spread happiness and love around us, making the world a better place.

Paul's advice to Timothy wasn't just for them; it's for us too. He wants us to know that chasing after lots of money won't make us truly happy. What makes us happy is loving what we have and sharing it with others.

Now, I don't know how much the Tooth Fairy leaves under your pillow, but I do know that God will take care of us if we trust Him. And if God gives us more than we need, we shouldn't brag about it. Instead, we should share it and help others.

Let's think about ways we can show Contentment and Generosity. Maybe you have toys you don't play with anymore. You could give some to kids who don't have many toys. Or, if you have a big snack, you could share it with a friend who forgot theirs.

Remember, it's not about how much stuff we have; it's about how much love we share. Every time we choose to be content and generous, we're showing the world what it means to live a good and happy life, just like Paul taught Timothy.

Let's say a little prayer together: "Dear God, thank you for everything you give us. Help us to be happy with what we have and to share with others. Teach us to be content and generous every day. Amen."

So, kids, let's try to be like Paul and Timothy. Let's be happy with what we have and always look for ways to share with others. Contentment and Generosity can make our lives and the world around us so much better. Let's spread happiness and love wherever we go!

## Bible Memory Verse

### **But godliness with contentment is great gain. - 1 Timothy 6:6**

You Will Need:

- Construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers or stamps

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.

-Write the memory verse on each heart with a marker before class.

Do This:

1. Give each child a heart with the memory verse and explain that the heart represents our love for God and being happy with what He gives us.
2. Ask the children to decorate their hearts with crayons, markers, and stickers to show things they are thankful for.
3. Encourage the children to share one thing they drew and explain how they can share that blessing with others. For example, if they are thankful for toys, they can share with friends or donate toys they no longer use.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A variety of toy fruits and vegetables
- A small basket for each child
- A large "Thankful Tree" poster with branches but no leaves
- Paper leaves (enough for each child to have several) and markers

Get Ready:

- Place the toy fruits and vegetables in a central location visible to all the children.
- Give each child a small basket.
- Prepare the "Thankful Tree" poster by hanging it on a wall accessible to the children.
- Write simple blessings on the paper leaves, like "family," "friends," "home," and leave some blank for children to fill in or draw.

Do this:

1. **Sharing Game**: Invite the children to pick their favorite toy fruit or vegetable from the pile and place it in their basket, teaching them that God gives us many blessings, just like the variety of foods we enjoy. After everyone has chosen one, encourage them to share one of their items with a friend, explaining that sharing is a way to show gratitude for what we have and to help others feel happy and blessed too.
2. **Thankful Tree Activity**: Gather the children around the "Thankful Tree" poster. Give each child a paper leaf and help them think of something they are thankful for. Younger children can choose a pre-written leaf or draw a picture. One by one, let them come up and tape their leaves onto the tree branches. Explain that every blessing is a gift from God, and we should be content and thankful for what we have.
3. **Story Time**: Conclude with a simple story or parable about contentment and sharing, emphasizing that being happy with what we have and sharing with others makes God happy. After the story, lead a short discussion by asking the children to name one thing they are thankful for and one way they can share something this week.

## Snack Activity: Blessings Trail Mix

You'll Need:

- Small bowls or cups
- A variety of snack items (pretzels, dried fruits, cereal, chocolate chips, etc.)
- Spoons or scoops

Get Ready: Place each snack item in separate bowls and arrange them on a table where children can easily reach them.

Do this:

1. Talk to the children about how God has given us many blessings, like food, friends, and family. Explain that just like we have different snack items, God gives us different blessings.
2. Allow each child to use a spoon or scoop to take some of each snack item and create their own 'Blessings Trail Mix' in their cup or bowl. As they do this, encourage them to think about the things they are thankful for.
3. Once everyone has made their trail mix, lead a discussion about sharing. Encourage the children to share their trail mix with someone else in the class to show how we can share God's blessings with others. Remind them that being content and sharing what we have are ways we can show love to our friends and family.

## Game Activity: Blessings Basket Hop

You'll Need:

- Baskets or small containers
- Small objects or toys (e.g., balls, blocks, stuffed animals)
- Masking tape or chalk

Get Ready: Use the masking tape or chalk to draw several large circles or 'baskets' on the ground, spaced a bit apart from each other. Each circle represents a basket. Place the small objects or toys in a central pile accessible to all children.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that each basket represents the blessings God has given us, and the objects are blessings we can share with others. The goal is to fill each basket with blessings.

2. Have the children line up at the starting line a few feet away from the baskets. On 'go', each child hops (like a bunny) to the pile, picks up one object (blessing), and then hops to a basket to drop it in, sharing their blessing.
3. After dropping off their blessing, they hop back to the starting line for another turn. The game continues until all objects are distributed evenly among the baskets, teaching them to be content with what they have and to share with others.

## Craft Activity: Blessings Basket

You'll Need:

- Small paper plates (2 per child)
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers with themes of food, toys, family, and nature
- Stapler or child-safe adhesive

Get Ready: Before the class, write 'My Blessings' on the top of one paper plate for each child. Prepare a sample Blessings Basket to show as an example.

Do this:

1. Give each child two paper plates. Ask them to decorate the plate with 'My Blessings' using crayons or markers and to place stickers on it that represent blessings in their lives, such as food, toys, family, and nature.
2. While they work, talk to them about being thankful for what God has given us and how we can share our blessings with others. Reference 1 Timothy 6:6-10 in simple terms, focusing on contentment and sharing.
3. Once they have finished decorating, help them staple or glue the edges of the two plates together, leaving the top open, creating a 'basket.' Encourage them to take their

Blessings Basket home and use it to collect items they want to share with others as a way of spreading God's blessings.

## Prayer Activity: Thankful Hearts Circle

You'll Need:

- A small basket
- Paper hearts
- Crayons or markers

Get Ready: Write simple blessings on the paper hearts (e.g., family, friends, home, food, toys). Place these hearts in the basket.

Do this:

1. Sit in a circle with the children and place the basket in the center.
2. Pass the basket around, letting each child pick a heart. Help them read the blessing written on it.
3. After reading, encourage the child to say a simple prayer thanking God for that blessing. For example, 'Thank you, God, for my family.'
4. Encourage the children to think of one person they can share their blessing with and how they can do it. For example, sharing toys with friends or being kind to their siblings.