



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

### Give and Go Fish

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- decks of Go Fish playing cards (1 deck for every 5 or 6 kids)

#### Easy Prep

- Remove any unnecessary cards from the decks (any that aren't playing cards), and shuffle each deck well. Keep decks separate.

#### Play Go Fish

Have kids sit in circles of about five or six kids, each with an adult or teen helper. Give each adult or teen helper a deck of cards. Say: **Today's Bible story was about a woman who gave the last of her food to feed a man named Elijah. The woman gave Elijah what he'd asked for even when she didn't have much to give. Let's play a game of asking and giving!** Have adult or teen helpers lead the game, helping younger kids whenever needed.

- Each player gets five cards from the deck. Kids can look at their own cards but can't show them to others.
- The remaining cards are spread out facedown in the center of the circle to be the group's "fishing pond."
- Kids look over their cards to find matching pairs they can lay faceup in front of them.
- The child to the left of the adult or teen helper starts the game by asking any other player for one card the child needs. If the player has the card, he or she must give it to the asker. The asker continues until a player doesn't have the card he or she asked for. Whenever a player *doesn't* have the requested card, he or she responds with "Go fish," and the asker draws a card from the fishing pond. If the card drawn is what was asked for, the match can be laid down, and it's the next player's turn. If the card *isn't* the one that was asked for, it's added to the player's hand, and it's the next child's turn.
- A round of the game is over when a player runs out of cards or there aren't any cards left in the fishing pond, whichever comes first.
- At the end of each round, kids all count how many matching pairs they have.
- Play as many rounds as time allows.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • **What did you not like about giving away your cards?**

Say: **In the game you *had* to give away the cards if you were asked for them, but we can give happily like God. God is generous, and he gives with joy!**

Ask: • **What are some things you can give with joy?** Share an example of your own, such as time with friends or hugs.

Say: **God helped the woman so she was able to give to Elijah with joy, and God helps us so we can give to others, too. God is generous, so we can be generous, too!**



## TALK-ABOUT VIDEO A Widow Shares

[10 min]

### Supplies

- “A Widow Shares” teaching video

### Discuss and Watch “A Widow Shares”

Say: **We’re learning that God is generous, so we’re generous.**

Ask: • **What’s the most generous thing you’ve seen someone do?**

Say: **Let’s see how God and the widow showed generosity.**

Watch “A Widow Shares.”

Ask: • **Tell about a time you felt really hungry.** Share your own story first.

• **Imagine I’d asked you for food during that time. How would you have**

**felt?**

Say: **The widow wasn’t merely hungry; this was the very last bit of food she had. But she still shared! *That’s* generous. She did it because she trusted that God would be generous, too. And he was! She always had enough food because God is generous.**



## DEEPER BIBLE Generous Gift

[15 min]

### Supplies

- Bible
- small box with lid, wrapped like a gift (wrap each section separately so the lid can be removed)
- small prizes such as stickers or Starburst candies (1 per child)
- upbeat song

### Easy Prep

- Place the prizes inside the gift box.

### Pass the Gift Box

Say: Show kids the gift box. **I have a present for one of you to open.**

**Who wants to open it?** Pause. **We'll play a game to see who gets to open it.**

Have kids sit in a circle with you.

Say: **We'll sing a song and pass the gift around our circle. Whoever is holding the gift when our song ends will get to open it.**

Play the song, and have kids sing along with you as they pass the gift box around the circle. Continue passing the box until the song ends.

Let the child holding the gift when the song ends open the gift.

Ask: • **Tell if you were surprised when we saw inside the gift. Explain.**

Let the child holding the gift distribute a prize to each child.

### Share With Others

Say: **Our game reminds me of how God gives *us* good things. God isn't just generous to one person. God is generous to all of us! God gives all of us the good gifts of his love and kindness and always being our friend.**

**Because God is generous with us, we can be generous, too, and share what we have with others. That might mean sharing our snack or a toy we're playing with, but we can share lots of other things, too.**

Have kids stand up.

Say: **We can share our smiles! Share a smile with a friend right now!**

Pause.

Say: **And we can share a hug! Find a different friend and give that person a hug!** Pause.

Say: **Since you just shared a smile and a hug, does that mean you used up your *only* smile and your *only* hug?** Pause. **Of course not! We can always be generous with our love and kindness to others because love and kindness never run out, just like how God's love and kindness toward us never run out. Here's what God tells us in the Bible about his love.**

Read John 13:34.

Say: **God is generous, so we're generous! Let's keep practicing being generous with our love and kindness toward each other.**

Continue having kids share kind gestures with each other, such as high-fives, fist bumps, and kind words. Invite them to think of their own ways to be

generous if they want to—encourage them to get creative. They might share various combinations of things, too.

Have kids share each gesture more than once, and remind them that we can always be generous with our kindness.



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

### Generous Prayers

[5 min]

#### Supplies

- paper
- crayons

#### Pray for Others

Say: **Today we found out that God is generous, so we can be generous. We heard about a woman who shared the last of her food with a hungry man, and we talked about ways we can be generous, too.** Give each child a piece of paper and crayons. Say: **Take a minute to draw a picture of someone you can be generous to. We've planned to be generous this week with the people on our papers here. Let's be even more generous with our prayers by praying for these people before we do anything.**

**Right now, silently talk to God about the first person on your list. Talk about why you want to be generous to the person, and ask God to help you give with a happy heart.** Allow time, and then walk kids through praying for each of the other two people on their lists.

#### Talk About It

Say: **Each of you can be generous because of how generous God is with you. God has given us so much! Let's shout to God as many things as we can think of that he's given us and end with a big "thank you!"** Lead kids to cheer for God by shouting all the things they can think of that God's given them; then lead them in a "Thank you, God!" to close your prayer.

Say: **I'm glad you were here today. I hope you'll join us next week!**



## ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT

### The Last Piece

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- “A Widow Shares Her Last Bread” Coloring Page
- pencils
- crayons

#### Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

Say: **God is generous.** Even though the widow thought she had only enough to make one more loaf of bread, Elijah promised her that God would generously give her more. So she was generous and shared with Elijah!

**In this game, you’ll try to be generous by leaving the last piece of bread for your partner.**

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will play a game like Matchsticks. Each row is one game.

Ask: • **What was hard about being generous in this game?**

• **When was a time it was hard for you to be generous?**

Say: **God is generous.** When we rely on his generosity, we can be more generous with others!

#### Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **God is generous.** He made sure the widow *always* had enough food! Let’s color a picture of her generosity as she shared with Elijah.

Allow time for kids to color.