



# Family Conversation Resource

## Offering

### THE WIN

Caregivers and kids engaging in a conversation about offering — giving generously.

### PREPARE FOR THE CONVERSATION(S)

As you prepare to have these conversations, spend time completing the following:

- How was generosity modeled for you growing up?
- Think about the ways you are modeling generosity for your family.
- Think about any stories you have about ways that you have been generous to others and how those experiences made you feel or how they impacted people.
- Each week, Mountain Kids has the opportunity to give generously by participating in offering. This time is typically scheduled during the large group time and reminds kids of the importance of giving back to their community.

### DISCUSSION

Families, when kids ask questions and wonder about giving to one another, the best thing we can do is to continue the conversation. **YOU** are the best resource for your kids! Below are some discussion questions to use as you continue or start the conversation about giving generously. Remember, you are the best person to invest spiritually into your child. Keep the conversation going, and know we are here for you!

- Why is it important to be generous to others? Being generous means sharing all of the good things that come your way!
- How has God gifted you to give generously? Remember giving generously is not only about how much money you may or may not have. It's about the way God has gifted each of us with unique skills and abilities as well.
- We all have a certain amount of time to give generously as well. How can we use our time to help others?
- Ask your kid(s) about the specific offering goal for Mountain Kids. Typically, this changes every few months.
- What stops us from giving our time, money, and gifts God has given us?
- What could you not spend money (or time) on so that you could give more generously.  
Example: we could stop eating ice cream out twice a month, so that we could give that money as an offering.
- How could you give as a family or individual?

### INVESTIGATE TOGETHER

Spend time reading the Bible passages below. Talk about what you notice, what you learn, what is confusing, or any questions that arise during the readings.

- Mark 12:41–44 — The Widow's Offering
- Luke 12:13–21 — The Parable of the Rich Fool
- Acts 4:32–35 — Believers Possessions

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## ENGAGE TOGETHER

One way to help promote a generous attitude is to look up ways to use your gifts to serve others. Below are several hands-on activities that the entire family can engage together to gain a better awareness about serving.



### Serving Globally

- Check out Mountain's website to view missionaries serving both locally and globally. Choose a missionary and write them a card or determine if a family financial gift can be given. Spend time investigating the place they are on mission.



### Serving Locally

- Serving locally is a great way to use the gifts God has given you. Look at Mountain's website, or search on your own, for a way your family can give generously of their time and financial gifts (Welcome One Shelter and Second Saturday Serve are several examples to serve).
- Determine the needs of a community, homeless shelter, school, or community resource center. Based on the needs determined, start a food or supply drive that would benefit the particular need. Previously kids have served others in their community, donated hats and gloves, and provided money for camp scholarships.
- Pick a specific need in your community and set a target for the amount of money you want to raise as a family. Place a coin jar in your house to put your extra coins. Be intentional about adding coins in order to reach the goal.
- Create a "piggy bank" using supplies found around your house. Allow kids to decorate the bank and decide on a specific target to focus on for the month.
- Find a spiritual gift test online that kids could complete. Take the quiz to determine the gift God has given you. Then talk about how to use that gift.

## PRAY

God we ask that you will help us make the most of our time, money, and gifts that you have given to us. Help us to determine the things in our life that we could stop doing so we can be more generous to you and others. We ask that the gifts we do give come from a place of worship and in a joyful way!

## NEXT STEPS

- Determine another time to talk with your kid about giving generously.
- Talk with your Kids Pastor about ways to give generously.
- Follow through on your giving or action plan to serve using your time.



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