



We Know God More When We Give to Him



THE MISSION AIM

God commands us to give to Him – He blesses us for our generosity.



KEY VERSE

2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each man should give what he has decided to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Two offering plates
- 10 pennies (or nickels if necessary) per plate;
- Tape to mark off a line for tossing pennies into the plates
- Paper
- Coins
- Crayons
- Pencils

Directions

DO: While the recruits are playing some of the games and doing some of the activities have leaders go around and ask how it went with focusing on God this past week.

SAY: I hope you had a great week. This week we are going to be talking about giving to God. Most of you know that giving at church involves an offering plate. So we're going to play a penny toss game. You can take turns standing at the line here and tossing to see how many pennies you can get in the offering plate. You have 10 pennies to toss.

DO: Encourage the kids as they toss. Have a couple of plates going at once.

SAY: Did you know that in the Bible it talks about giving 10% of our money/gifts? That means only one penny of all 10 that you tossed would be what God asks you to give to Him. That's not much at all. Of course, you can give more. So, if you just got one penny in the plate, you got 10% in. Way to go.

SAY: As we wait for a few more people to come, does anyone want to say Psalm 23 with me?

DO: Allow a chance to say Psalm 23 together. If there is still time, let the recruits do some coin rubbings. Have them put coins under a piece of paper and rub on the top with crayons or pencils.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 1 – Basic Training Episode 6: We Know God More When We Give to Him"

Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 6 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have BT-Episode_6-Know_God_When_Give_to_Him.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



Mission #1



Supplies Needed

- The following four references written out on three separate sheets of paper to distribute to groups: 1) 1 Chronicles 29:9–14 with Leviticus 27:30–33; 2) Genesis 14:17-24; 3) Genesis 28:10-22
- Three large pieces of paper cut into circles to look like coins
- A large piggy bank picture taped on the wall to put the coins into after the recruits have done some Bible searching (be very flexible with the piggy bank, it could be a rectangular shape that says "Bank" on it) – be sure to tape the bottom of the bank and leave an opening at the top to put "coins" in
- Markers
- Tape
- Three copies of "Mission Assignment #1 - Summary of References" (see attachment page 9)



Mission Assignment

SAY: I am so amazed. Rasoah and her team will be giving up so much to raise funds to build this school and yet I know that they will be blessed. God loves it when we give to Him cheerfully. Although He expects us to give, He wants us to give with a heart that is willing. Michael has challenged us with our first mission of the day. Let's hear a drum roll please for Mission # 1... (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits, use the Bible to find examples of the first people who gave a tithe, why they tithed and why it is important to give back to God."

SAY: Oh my, that sounds like a lot of work, but we can divide the task up. I'm going to put you into three groups. Each group will have some Bible references to look up. Once you have read your references, discuss and write down what you learned about giving to God. Record your responses on the large coin that I give you. When you are done, put the coin in the piggy bank on the wall.

DO: Be sure that each group has a leader who can offer some ideas as needed. See "Mission Assignment #1 - Summary of References".



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SAY: Now that you have worked so hard to summarize these references, let's share your thoughts so that we all have an idea of how important giving is.

DO: Summarize what has been written on the coins and put them into the piggy bank.

SAY: So as we can see, tithing is important because God owns everything and it is our responsibility to give back to Him. He wants us and the world to know that He owns everything. Abraham, Jacob and David all knew recognized the joy there is in giving back to God who has given us so much!

SAY: I know that this piggy bank doesn't look too technologically advanced but there are so many new technologies out there these days that I can tell you, just by putting these coins in the bank our results will get back to the team. Speaking of the team, we should get back to them and find out what they are up to.



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 6 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission #2.



Mission #2



Supplies Needed

- Write 2 Corinthians 9:7 on two sheets of paper; cut each verse up into enough pieces so that all of your recruits will have at least one piece of paper (this will be used for a relay of two teams); tape a penny onto each separate piece of paper
- Large sheet of round paper for recording responses (to make it look like a coin for the piggy bank from mission #1)
- Markers
- Bibles
- Choose three leaders or recruits ahead of time to act out Acts 5:1-11 while you read it; Characters are: Ananias, Sapphira and Peter; give them a chance to go over the passage ahead of time; have some play money available if possible



Mission Assignment

SAY: It's one thing to know that God want us to give and quite another to understand that we ought to give cheerfully. That's not always easy to do as Sarai is finding out. She is not alone in the struggle to give of her time and money. It's not always easy. But, let's find out



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more about this whole concept. Michael gave us some idea of our mission but let's get a drum roll going and find out Mission # 2... drum roll please... (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits what does the Bible have to say about being a cheerful giver?"

SAY: Let's start out with what our key verse says about that. We're going to get divided into two teams.

DO: Divide up the teams and have the pages with 2 Corinthians 9:7 piled at the end of each relay team.

SAY: When I say "go", the first person from each team will go and pick up a paper at the other end, once they are back, the next person will go. Keep going until there are no pages left. Once all the papers are back, work as a team to put together the key verse. Have fun... "Go"!

DO: Give hints to the teams as they are trying to put the key verse together. Once one team has the verse together have them read it aloud.

SAY: That verse is pretty clear, give what God has put on your heart to give and do so without being reluctant, or pressured to do it, just do it cheerfully. Let me read all of 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 for you. As I do, listen to what God says about giving. Actually, everyone look it up as well so that you can follow along with me.

DO: Let the recruits look up 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Read the chapter.

SAY: What did you notice?

DO: Have a leader write down what the recruits have noticed about giving from the passage on the round paper (*you reap what you sow, decide in your heart what you should give, give cheerfully, you will have all that you need, God provides, you will be made rich so that you will have enough leftover that you can share with others and be generous and so that you can give thanks to God, you will supply for the needs of others, men will praise God because of your giving, God will be glorified, others will see your obedience to the Gospel and those you have given to will pray for you.*)

SAY: Now let's all look up 1 Timothy 6:17-19. I'll read it aloud as you follow along. Think about what it tells you about giving.

DO: Read the passage.

SAY: What did you notice?

DO: Have a leader write down what was noticed on the same sheet of paper. (*Don't put your hope in money but in God who provides you with everything for your enjoyment; be rich in good deeds; be generous and willing to share*)

SAY: Well it's been made pretty clear that we are to give and to give cheerfully. I have one more passage that I want us to take a look at. _____, _____ and _____ (names of people you chose to help out with the role play) are going to help me out. I'm going to read a passage of Scripture and as I do, my helpers will be acting it out for you.



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DO: Read Acts 5:1-11. Have your assigned helpers help you but then during the retelling, choose some recruits to carry Ananias and Sapphira out.

SAY: *What do we learn from this story? (You don't have to give everything that you have but be honest about what you are giving)*

DO: Record the responses.

SAY: Yes, God also wants us to give honestly. We are to decide in our heart what to give and then we need to give from an honest heart.

SAY: By the way, you can keep your penny from your key verse to remind you about being a cheerful and generous giver. Okay, let's stick our responses in our piggy bank and get them sent off to the team. Way to go recruits. You are learning a lot about giving to God. We can really show our love for Him when we give. Now let's get back to the Recon Team and find out what our final mission might be.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 6 (3/4)". Pause the video when the RTS SHIELD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when RTS SHIELD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



Field Mission Project



Supplies Needed

- Two large sheets of paper for brainstorming ideas
- Marker

Mission Project

SAY: Recruits, Michael has reminded us to, "Always be ready to serve!" Before he says that he quotes a pretty important verse from the Bible and that my friends is the main part of our last Mission – "Be like the Son of Man. He did not come to be served. Instead, He came to serve others. He came to give His life as the price for setting many people free." I think we have a specific mission: We need to be like Jesus and choose this week to give of your time and/or your money to your church.

SAY: We've talked a lot about giving this week, giving of our time and our money. You may feel like you don't have much to give but my friends, God takes everything that you give with a cheerful heart and He can use it in huge ways. Before we commit to what you can



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do specifically this week we need to help each other think of some ideas for how we can give both as a group and as individuals. First of all, let's focus on what we can do as a group to raise money for people who live far away from us, people like Rasoah. We have five minutes to write down as many ideas about who to help and how we can raise money to help them. Later we can take a look at your ideas and really pray about what we should do. Let's go...

DO: Have a writer write down ideas that the team comes up with on a large sheet of paper for all to see. (*Ideas: find out more about Sally Ann Products; raise money to sponsor children in an overseas territory; send money or gifts to a missionary family; purchase "Gifts of Hope" available through The Salvation Army; raise money by having a bake sale, garage sale, creating works of art to sell, doing odd jobs around the corps*)

SAY: Those are some great ideas. Let's take a look at them over the next few weeks and get started on giving to those who are less fortunate than we are. Now, let's take a look at what you can do to give to our church yourself. Remember, you can give time and money. Think on your own for a moment about what you could do (*start giving 10% of my allowance, do odd jobs around the house for money, offer to help a church member with their housecleaning or snow shovelling or read to them, give some of my money from my savings account to help out our church*). Now that you have some ideas, turn and face a partner knee to knee. Talk to your partner about some of your ideas.

DO: As partners are talking, try to listen in and write down some of the ideas that you hear on a large sheet of paper.

SAY: Okay, time is up. Would anyone like to share his/her ideas?

DO: Write down ideas that are not on the sheet of paper.

SAY: As we know, it's easy to come up with ideas, it's not always as easy to follow through, so... we are going to take some time to commit our ideas to God so that we are reminded about how important they are.



Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 6 (4/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



Supplies Needed

- Large poster of two sample cheques (see attachment on page 10)
- Cheque template for each recruit (see attachment on page 11)
- Pencils
- Offering plate
- Quiet music for reflection time



Directions

SAY: Many adults use cheques to give their money to the church. It is a piece of paper that gives someone permission to take money from their bank account. It looks fairly similar to the ones posted on the wall.

DO: Hand out cheque templates and pencils.

SAY: You will see on the cheque that there is a place for your name and the date. You will also notice that there is a place that says "PAY TO THE ORDER OF" and a spot for an amount of money. There is also a spot for your signature or name. As you can see from our example on the wall, today we are going to write cheques to "THE ORDER OF" God. While the music plays, I would like you to think about what you can give to God this week in terms of your time and/or money to our church. Then when you are ready, fill in your cheque. Remember to sign it. You can see the example done for you on the cheque on the wall. Please fill in what you are going to do though, not what it says on the sample. When you have filled in your cheque, fold it up then come and bring it to the offering plate and place it in there as a reminder to yourself of what you are giving to God this week. When you are finished, go back to your spot and quietly pray that God will give you strength to be a cheerful giver this week.

DO: Play quiet music and have leaders walk around to help the recruits fill in their cheques. Try to ensure that the cheques are signed so that they can be returned.

SAY: Let's pray.

DO: Pray as the recruits finish up giving their cheques to God.

SAY: I know that you have given your cheques over to God, but now, we are going to return them to you as a reminder of the promises that you have made this week. As you get your cheque back, make a circle.

DO: Return the cheques.

SAY: We have all received our cheques now. Please hold your cheque up in the air and say, "God, please help me to keep my promises this week. Amen."

SAY: I'm looking forward to seeing you next week and hearing about how you have allowed God to use what He has given you to give to our church. Also, if you come up with any new ideas about how to give some money overseas then please let me know because we'll start on that project as soon as possible.

SAY: Basic Training has been very challenging. You have learned a lot over the past six weeks. You've learned to focus on God during your everyday life; you've been working on reading and memorizing the Bible. How is Psalm 23 coming anyway? You've been reminded that you need to pray and that when you do, God will respond. You've also learned the Lord's Prayer. Wow! You have been busy. I'd challenge you this week to not only fulfill your promise to give but also to go over what we have learned over the past six weeks and see how you have done. Have a super week and always remember that God loves you.



NOTES

Website to share with recruits:

www.tradeforhope.com (Salvation Army Others - Others is The Salvation Army's Global Social Enterprise. It uses fair trade as a tool for job creation, empowerment and poverty alleviation)



Mission Assignment #1 - Summary of References

1 Chronicles 29:9-14 – EVERYTHING (our time, money, clothes, home etc.) is God's; David and the people in his kingdom have given gold, various precious stones for the building of the Temple (see chapter 29 1-9) but David is acknowledging that all they have given is only what God has already given them

Leviticus 27:30-33 – a tithe of everything that is produced in the fields is from the Lord and we must give Him the best of what we have; God wants our tithe, the best of what we produce, not just a second thought (as recruits that may be your time to help someone, it may be a tenth of your allowance, it may be money from your birthday, it may be your gifts i.e. your encouragement; your poetry; playing of your instrument)

Genesis 14:17-24 – Abraham offers a gift to the King because he believes that all he has been given is from God; he does not want to accept what has been offered back to him from the King because he doesn't want anyone to think that they made him rich, only that God has made him rich

Genesis 28:10-22 – Jacob has a dream and is reminded that God will give him and his descendants the land on which he is lying and that all the peoples of the earth will be blessed through Him and his family; God promises that he will be with him; Jacob declares that if God is going to do all of this for him then he will make the Lord his God and he will worship God and give Him a tenth of everything God gives him.

Sample Cheque to Be Posted #1

<u>Sarai</u>	<u>2013-11-11</u>
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>God</u>	\$ <u>1.00</u>
<u>One Dollar</u> -----xx/100 DOLLARS	
MEMO <u>God Loves a Cheerful Giver</u>	<u>Sarai</u>

Sample Cheque to Be Posted #2

<u>Sarai</u>	<u>2013-11-11</u>
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>God</u>	\$ <u>1 hour of volunteering</u>
<u>One hour of snow shoveling to Mr. Foxwood</u> -----xx/100 DOLLARS	
MEMO <u>God Loves a Cheerful Giver</u>	<u>Sarai</u>

Blank Cheque Template

_____	_____
(Name)	(Date)
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$ _____	
_____/100 DOLLARS	
MEMO <u>God Loves a Cheerful Giver</u>	_____
	(Signature)

_____	_____
(Name)	(Date)
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$ _____	
_____/100 DOLLARS	
MEMO <u>God Loves a Cheerful Giver</u>	_____
	(Signature)

_____	_____
(Name)	(Date)
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$ _____	
_____/100 DOLLARS	
MEMO <u>God Loves a Cheerful Giver</u>	_____
	(Signature)