

## LESSON 3 • Share/Serve

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**2 Corinthians 8:1-5**

God's grace in Christ flows through us to others bringing joy and generosity.

**Acts 20:35**

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

**1 Key Concepts**

- Christ's death and resurrection give us new life in Him.
- Teach the students the importance of serving others as Christ served us.
- Teach the students the importance of being generous.

**2 Teacher Preparation**

- Be ready to read the encouragement to be generous in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
- Be ready to do some brainstorming with the students on a servant event.

**3 Lesson**

- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
  - What was the situation in Macedonia?
  - What made the Macedonians joyful?
  - How did they express their joy?
- The Macedonians were generous.
  - Why would they be so willing to share with their neighbors?
- In 2 Corinthians 8:5 it says the Macedonians gave themselves "first to the Lord."
  - What does it mean to give ourselves "first to the Lord?"
  - What was the result of the Macedonians giving themselves "first to the Lord?"
- Acts 20:35 says "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
- Being a good neighbor is what God wants us to be.
  - What are some ways we can be a good neighbor to people in our school?
  - Write them down.
- What are some ways we can be a good neighbor in our church?
  - Write them down.
- What are some ways we can be a good neighbor in our community?
  - Write them down.
- Talk to the children about doing a servant event.
  - Being a helper in your school, church or community is what God wants us to be doing.

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### 4 Conclusion

The grace of God in Jesus Christ moves us to joy and generosity. Our desire is to share all good things He entrusts to our care with those in need.

### 5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the gift of forgiveness you have given us in Christ and the joy we have as Your children. Help us to live generously and share with our neighbors.  
Amen.

### 6 Resources

- Bible
- *Luther's Small Catechism* p. 73
- Webster's Dictionary
- <http://tmcyouth.com/media/library/the-good-samaritan-rescue-from-the-bad-banditoes>  
This is a video from a youth group on their take on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

### 7 Vocabulary

**Neighbor:** one who lives near another, a fellowman

### 8 Activity

Do a service project in your school, church or community. Do this as a class.

