

LESSON 3 • Share/Serve

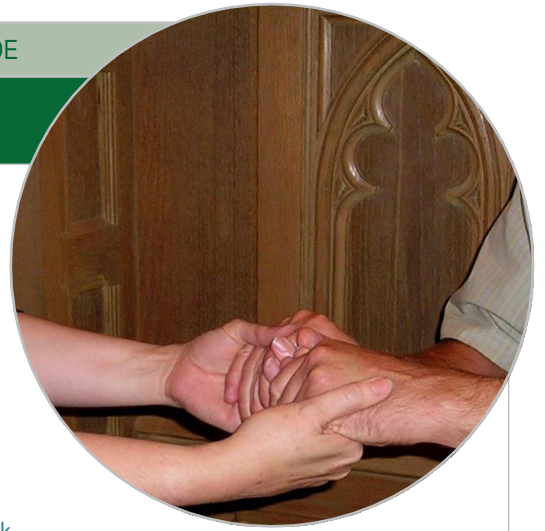
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2 Corinthians 8:1-5

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 children how to love your neighbor.
- Teach the children how to get involved in a service project or to start a service project of their own.
- Teach the children the importance of helping others.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Be ready to read the encouragement to be generous in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
- Be ready to write down ideas for service projects.

3 Lesson

- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
 - What had God given to the Macedonian Christians?
 - What is “the grace of God”?
 - Out of what kind of circumstances did the Macedonians give?
 - What attitude did the Macedonians have in their giving?
 - What three things did the Macedonians do that impressed Paul?
 - What surprised Paul about the Macedonians' giving?
 - What does it mean to be generous?
 - Who received help because of the Macedonian's giving?
 - Who has been generous to you?
 - Who might need your generosity?
 - **Who is your neighbor?**
- God wants us to do the same for our neighbors.
 - Not just the people that live near us.
- God has given all of us abilities and resources that we should use to help those around us.
 - We can even use our resources to help others around the world.
- God wants us to do whatever it takes to help our neighbor.
- Let's list some ways that we as a group can be generous and help those around us.
 - Use one of these examples as your service project.

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4 Conclusion

God has given us many gifts. The greatest gift is His Son Jesus and the salvation He brings. He wants us to use our gifts to help those around us. We need to do everything we can for our neighbors.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank you for all of the resources you have given us. Help us to use our resources to help our neighbors around us. Amen

6 Resources

- **Bible**
- **Luther's Small Catechism** p. 73
- **Webster's Dictionary**
- <http://dltk-bible.com/jesus/samaritan-activities.htm>
This site has crossword puzzles, anagrams and word searches about the Good Samaritan.
- Look in your community for opportunities for servant events.

7 Vocabulary

Neighbor: one who lives near another, a fellow man

8 Activity

Look for ways to do a servant event with your class.

