

Kids Cycle Two-Shift One

Kids Giving to Kids

Primary Objective

Participating in “iGIVE” provides an intentional opportunity for kids to be involved in Kingdom Generosity by giving to other kids in their community.

How This Can Help You Reach Kids

We have received the most generous gift of all, in while we were still sinning, Jesus died for us. Lead kids in discovering this and practicing principles of generous giving. “I” is generally the focus, but in iGIVE, the GIVE is central. Every child can participate because everyone has something to GIVE (money, time, grace, food, unused or gently worn clothes, the Gospel). Kids reach other kids, so let’s get to it!

Suggested Strategy

1. **Teach a lesson based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-8 to kick off the iGIVE focus.**

Ask questions to help the kids discover what’s going on in the story. What does it say about the financial richness of the Macedonian churches? What were they eager to be a part of? Being great at things is good, but what do we need to excel in? What is God saying to you today?

2. **Lead the children to apply “rich generosity” through iGIVE.** Each community has unique needs, but consider some of these ideas as you get started. Each child can “GIVE” something:

- **iGIVE Christmas Present.** Challenge kids to GIVE one of their Christmas presents to another kid who may not have as much. Have parents work with kids to help them understand that the purchase of the gift means it is going to another kid, and it will be one less gift for them. (That’s part of how kids can GIVE.) Have the kids wrap the gift and GIVE it to another kid. Include an invitation to be a part of a church.
- **iGIVE Food Collection and Distribution.** Contact local county/association food banks or work with school counselors who may know of kids in need. Involve kids and their parents in collecting and preparing food boxes for distribution. Allow the kids to shop for the food and prepare the boxes. Ask the kids to pray over each box. Include a note from the child inviting the family/child to church. Include service

times and church contact information. Let the kids be a part of the delivery.

- **iGIVE Clothes.** Have children go through their clothes and select items that are in good condition and donate them to a local Goodwill Center or equivalency. Or give to a friend who they know needs clothes. Make personal cards to recipients with a message that lets them know they are special because they were created by God. Use Psalm 139:13 (NIV). Consider a Bible time as you discuss this project and use Colossians 3:12-14 as a teaching point. Discover what followers of Jesus are “clothed” with. What are their reactions when they are not happy with someone? How much forgiveness is enough toward others? Encourage them to pray these verses over the clothes asking God to save the child who is receiving the clothes so he/she will be a part of God’s chosen people.
- **iGIVE Up Something I want.** Collect money for something that affects kids in your community. Do you have refugees or underprivileged kids who need school supplies or kids who need food on the weekends? Ask kids to GIVE money. Challenge them to GIVE up something they want and put that money toward the collection. Do they go out to eat? Suggest they tell their parents they want to GIVE up the fries or a drink and get the money instead for the collection. They also can do additional chores to earn money so they are the ones who GIVE up for the collection.
- **iGIVE My Time.** Help children devise a plan for investing in the lives of other children using their time. Assist in another church classroom by telling a Bible story, playing games, or doing crafts. Make cards for or play games with children with terminal illnesses or who are hospitalized or in rehab. Connect with foster care children, new citizens, refugees, or just a child new to your area. The influence your children have is eternal. GIVE time to build relationships with other children and bring them to Jesus.
- **iGIVE Encouragement.** Write notes of encouragement other kids in school classrooms, sports teams, dance teams, etc. Or be on the lookout for other kids who do something kind and verbally acknowledge the act of kindness.

Extra Mile Suggestions

Working with the association or other churches in the area, plan an **iGIVE event**, where your children impact other children or organizations that work with children. Look for the need and decide how to involve the children in meeting that need. Provide activities that are engaging and share the Gospel!

Key Steps for Preparation

- Communicate with parents, community leaders, and church staff involved in iGIVE.
- Help kids identify who in their circle of influence needs to encounter Jesus.
- Share the Gospel message with your children and teach them to share their testimony.
- All acts of iGIVE should extend an invitation to be a part of what God is doing at your church, and help children see the opportunity to GIVE the message of hope we have in Jesus.
- Provide supplies needed for projects.

Looking Ahead

Preview: (9) Friend Day @ Church and Parent Focus

Plan: (8) Easter Outreach