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1 JOHN 4:9-11

God Gave Us Jesus

ASK THIS: What do you have to give?

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LUKE 12:13-21

Parable of the Rich Man

ASK THIS: Why is it important to give?

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1 TIMOTHY 6:18

Be Rich

ASK THIS: What are some ways you can give this Christmas?

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Jesus is Born

ASK THIS: What does Christmas mean to you?

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MATTHEW 2:1-12

Wise Men Visit Jesus

ASK THIS:
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REMEMBER THIS

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1 Timothy 6:18, NIV

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GENEROSITY – Making someone’s day by giving something away

DO THIS



MORNING TIME

This month is all about generosity and your child will be given so many opportunities to practice this life app. Every time you see them carry out a generous action, write it on a note and hang it on their mirror. Affirming your child will empower them to keep going!



DRIVE TIME

Tell your children to be on the lookout for paying it forward! Explain that when you all choose to go through a drive through for a meal, you can pay for the person's meal behind you. Encourage each family member to contribute in this game with their own money. As a family you each are making someone's day by giving something away all month long!



MEAL TIME

Q & A for kids: Do you find it easier to give away things or your time?
Q & A for parents: What was your favorite gift you received as a child?



BED TIME

Read Luke 2:1-18. God sent Jesus for each one of us as the most incredible gift ever. He lived on earth, among us, as a human and experienced all the tough stuff we do. Then, He gave His life to pay the price for the wrong things we've done. Because of that, we can live forever with God. Pray for each other. Ask God to help you see His amazing gift for you in Jesus every single day.



WEEK TWO

LUKE 12:13-21

Parable of the Rich Man

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CHRISTMAS AND THE “G” WORD

by Carey Nieuwhof

Hi. My name is Carey, and I’m greedy. (This is the point where you all say, “Hi Carey.”) I hate to say it. I mean no one goes around and says they’re greedy, right? We might think *other* people are greedy (it’s just so easy to spot the sins of others—even from a distance), but it’s so difficult to see in ourselves.

But read this definition of greed and tell me if at least a piece of it doesn’t own you—or your kids: *Greed is an excessive desire to acquire or possess more than what one needs or deserves, especially with respect to material wealth.*

What makes this time of year difficult for greedy people is that we’re going to add to the pile of what we have that we arguably don’t need. There are things I want that I don’t need. And most of us are actually going to receive things that not only do we not need, but we do not want.

There’s a fine line we tread as parents in helping our kids celebrate Christmas. I still remember the almost delirious excitement I had as a child in being able to open gifts at Christmas. Let’s face it, what kid doesn’t love to get gifts at Christmas?

So how do you make sure, as a parent, that you don’t inadvertently fuel greed in your family this Christmas? I suppose you could not give presents and hand out coal. But in my experience, the very best antidote to greed I’ve discovered is *generosity*. The more I give, the deeper I cut into the greed that lives inside of me.

The more I am willing to take giving to a sacrificial level, the more I am reminded that this life is not about me or about my wants and desire.

As Christmas approaches, ask yourself this question: what am I doing to stem greed in my family this Christmas? Maybe you could:

- Sponsor a family in need.
- Clean out your toy room and donate toys to a local charity
- Bake cookies for your neighbors
- Make sure giving is part of your full year—your weekly practice rather than just a seasonal pursuit.

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WEEK THREE

1 TIMOTHY 6:18

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HOW TO BE RICH

by Parent Cue

With December here, we don't have to wonder what our kids are thinking about. They're making their lists and checking them many more times than twice. As focused as our kids may be on what they're getting for Christmas, sometimes that makes it even more surprising how much they want to give.

In each one of our lives, we have a tendency to move toward a lifestyle of generosity or a lifestyle of greed. Are we wrapped up in ourselves or our things, or do we reflect God's character by giving freely to others?

Kids will see this most clearly when parents and leaders give them a specific opportunity to be generous. For example, let me tell you about Seth. Seth had an unruly reputation in his fifth-grade class. He wouldn't pay attention and got into trouble for being disrespectful. Then one Sunday, Seth heard in his small group at church about some kids about his age in another country. The small group leader talked about those kids and what they needed just to survive. For some reason, that got Seth's attention.

He decided he'd shovel snow to raise money so he could help his small group

support one of the kids overseas. One of Seth's teachers wrote us to tell us how this simple act of generosity led to a radical transformation in Seth's life. His attention span changed, he participated in class, he had a new view of the world. We might even say Seth became part of a better story.

When the apostle Paul was talking to young Timothy, he gave this simple instruction about how to be part of a better story: ". . . *be rich in good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share,*" 1 Timothy 6:18. In other words, you're not generous because you're rich. You're rich because you're generous.

Kids will face the tension between generosity and greed all of their lives. It will only intensify as they grow older. First it's toys, then suddenly it's houses and bank accounts. But we can teach them to measure success in a different way, not by what they get, but by what they give. For Seth, that made all the difference.

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WEEK FIVE

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Wise Men Visit Jesus

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MEAL TIME

What is something your family could do to raise money to help someone in need, or a worthwhile organization? Brainstorm over dinner who you think needs help, how you can get others involved and what resources you already have that could help. If your family takes on this challenge, share what you do with others and on social media to inspire some more generosity, and tag @parentcue if you do!

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HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME EVERY WEEK

by Parent Cue

Time. It's moving fast. It's limited. We will never have more of it than we already have. So the issue is not how do we get more, but how do we become more intentional about what we have?

How about taking a look at your family rhythm? Every family has one. Rhythm is how we arrange our time. As we go from day to day, we establish and shape a rhythm that in turn shapes our kids.

Rhythm establishes value. Things that become part of the daily rhythm are the things our families will come to believe are most important. Rhythm silently but significantly communicates value.

There are some things that may be conceptually very important to us as parents, but if we never include them in our families' rhythms, our kids will perceive them as having little value. For example, exercise might be important to a parent in principle, but if no one ever plays baseball in the backyard, takes a trip to the park, or throws a Frisbee, why would the kids come to value exercise? If it's not part of their rhythm, it's not part of their reality. The same is true for faith. If you want to instill an everyday faith in your kid's lives, you have to incorporate faith in the daily rhythm.

Every family rhythm is different, but on a basic level, everyone wakes up, eats, travels, and sleeps. In Deuteronomy 6, Moses taps into this natural rhythm when he encourages his people to nurture lasting faith in their kids. Talk about them when you are at home. Talk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you go to bed. And speak about them when you get up, (NIrV).

He was essentially saying, if you are going to impress these truths in the hearts of your children, you will have to be more deliberate about creating a rhythm within your home.

- Have focused discussions during meal times.
- Have playful and informal interactions while driving or walking.
- Listen and have intimate conversations while tucking your kids in bed.
- Encourage the hearts of your kids when you get up in the morning.

As the New Year approaches, think about your families weekly rhythm. What does it look like?

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