

Faith Practices: generosity

2 Corinthians 8:1-15



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What is one way you can practice generosity this week?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: 2 Corinthians 8:1–15

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

B T Y Y M V S G N S I Q U
V O K D E U M R R E C I N
D B R O T H E R S A E K B
L O X N N G A V E V C D M
L B A C C O R D I N G E H
F W I L L I N G N E S S C
G A T H E R E D Q Q U I I
M U C H A L S O P U P R P
K I K L E H T L O A P E L
R B N V M R N I V L L X E
B C O M P L E T E I Y C N
H L W F I R S T R T T E T
O O T H E R S L T Y H L Y
L K E L M N S E Y Q S D V

And now, **brothers** and sisters, we **want** you to **know** about the **grace** that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme **poverty** welled up in **rich** generosity. For I testify that they **gave** as **much** as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the **Lord's** people. And they

exceeded our expectations: They **gave** themselves **first** of all to the **Lord**, and then by the will of God **also** to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring **also** to completion this act of **grace** on your part. But since you **excel** in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in **complete earnestness** and in the **love** we have kindled in you—see that you **also excel** in this **grace** of giving. I am not commanding you, but I **want** to test the sincerity of your **love** by comparing it with the **earnestness** of **others**. For you **know** the **grace** of our **Lord** Jesus Christ, that though he was **rich**, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his **poverty** might become **rich**. And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the **first** not only to **give** but **also** to have the **desire** to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager **willingness** to do it may be matched by your completion of it, **according** to your means. For if the **willingness** is **there**, the gift is acceptable **according** to what one has, not **according** to what one does not have. Our **desire** is not that **others** might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that **there** might be **equality**. At the present time your **plenty** will **supply** what they **need**, so that in turn their **plenty** will **supply** what you **need**. The goal is **equality**, as it is written: “The one who **gathered much** did not have too **much**, and the one who **gathered little** did not have too **little**.”

God gives us what we ...

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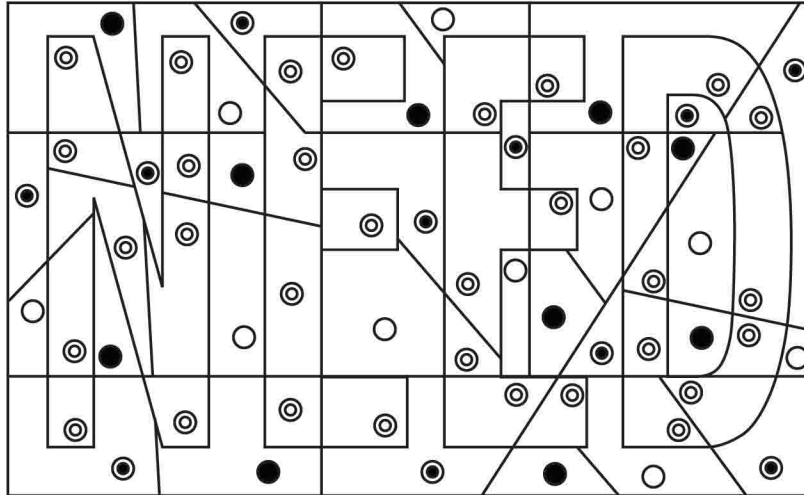
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Shade in the shapes with a ● .

Giving to Help Others

Jesus showed us how to give.

Find these hidden objects.



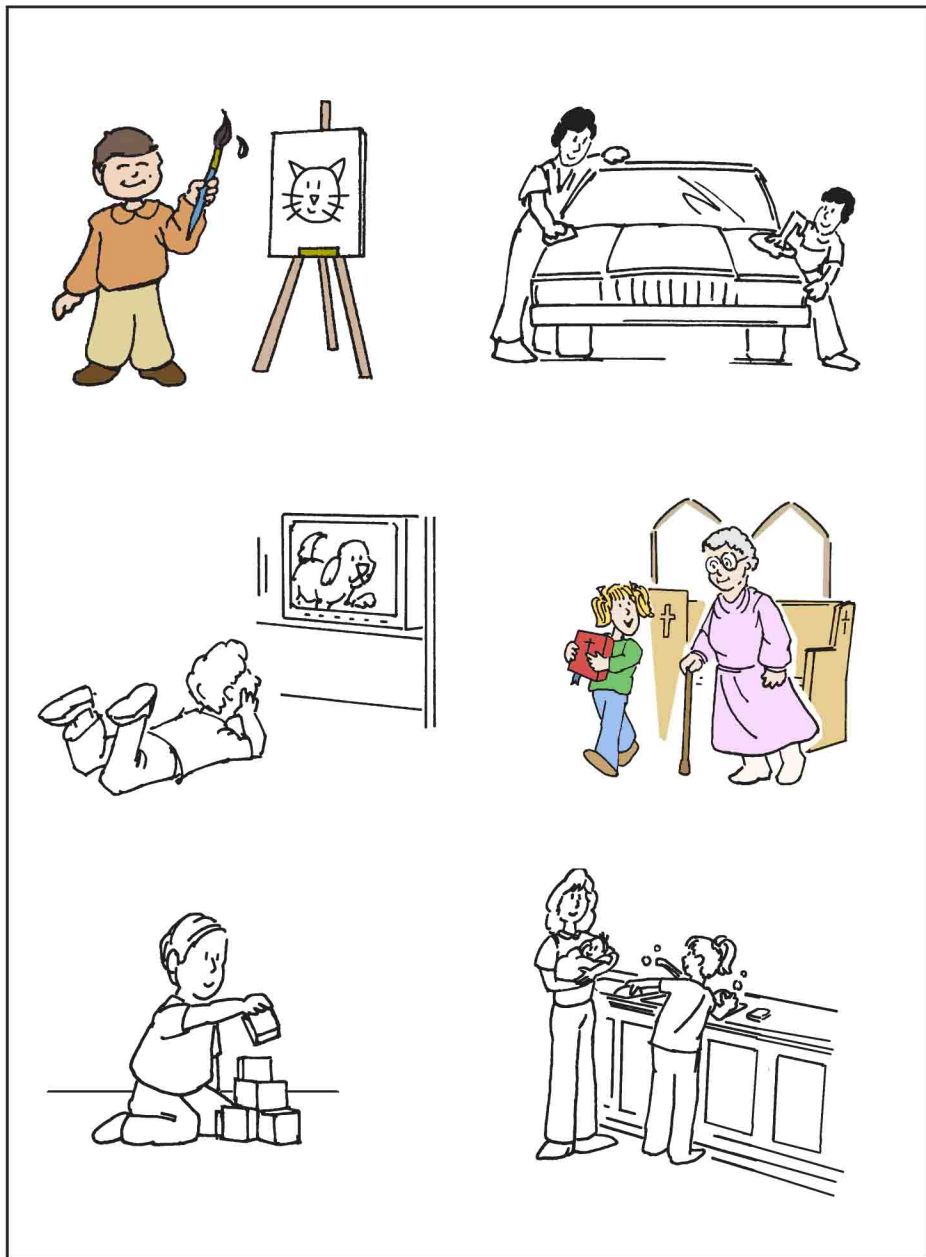
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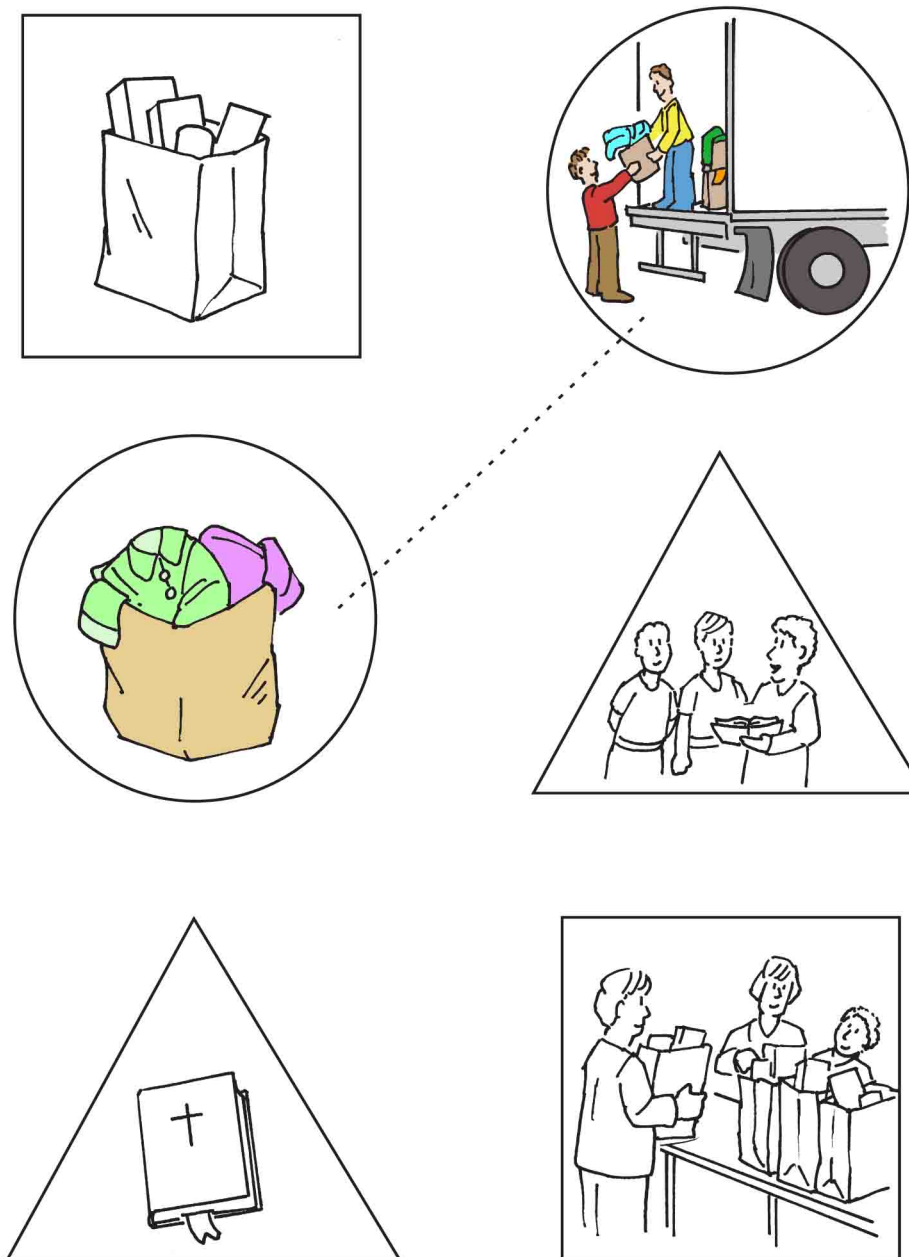
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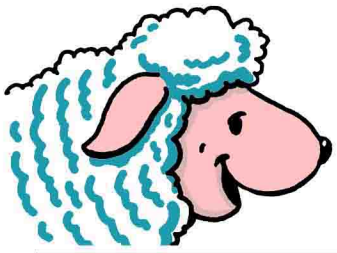
Circle the children who are helping.



Share what you have with others.

Match the shapes.





A generous attitude is more important than the amount of the gift.

We should get rid of all selfishness. Remove every "MY" that you find. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks.

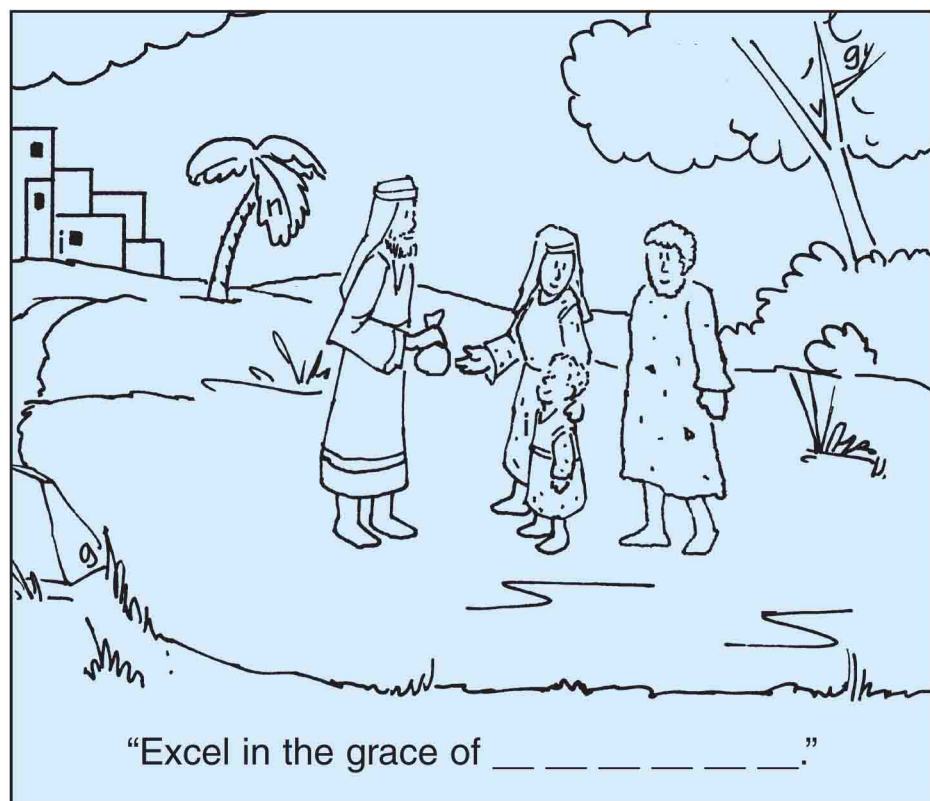


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F	T	I	M	Y	S	A	C	M	Y	C	E
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Giving to Help Others

The Corinthians were known for their Christian graces or virtues such as faith, knowledge and love. Paul encouraged them to excel in something else as well.

Find 6 letters in this picture. Arrange them to spell the Christian virtue in which Paul wanted the Corinthians to excel.



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Jesus set the perfect example of gracious giving.



Follow the step-by-step instructions to change the given word to a new word.
Put the new word in the blank.

RICH

Replace H with a letter to make "a cereal grain" _____

Insert a letter to make a word that means "cost" _____

Remove the 3-letter word that means "frozen water" _____

Insert two O's between the two remaining letters _____

Jesus, who was RICH became _____.

POVERTY

Remove the 4-letter word that means "above" _____

Insert an I to make a word that means "sympathy" _____

Replace Y with H to make a word that means "core" _____

Insert a C to make a word that means "throw" _____

Remove one letter to make "an irritating sensation" _____

Remove the T _____

Place an R at the beginning _____

We, through Christ's POVERTY, may become _____.

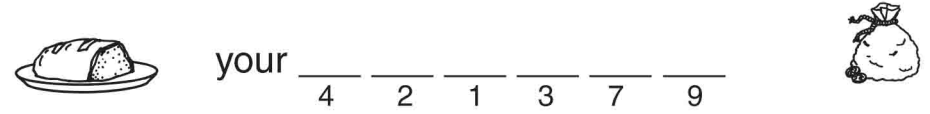
Paul wanted all God's children to be equal – not proud because of riches or suffering because of poverty.

Use the code to supply the missing words.

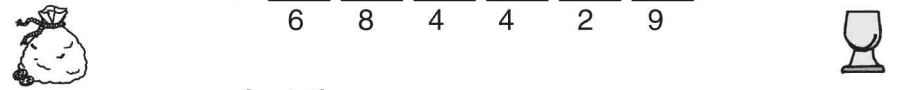
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R = 5 S = 6 T = 7 U = 8 Y = 9



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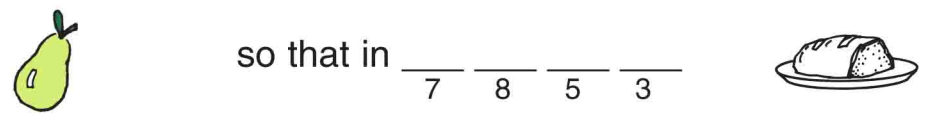


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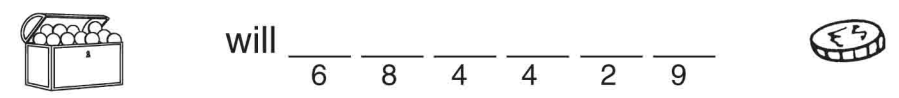
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