

Giving to Those in Need

2 Corinthians 8-13

Objectives:

Reinforces Principles of: Charity

- Emphasize that when we serve others we are serving God.
- Talk about how we can serve and show charity to those in need.

This Lesson contains 5 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule. Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder Story Time: Story Activity Time: Object lesson or activity Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe



Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together:	"Love One Another", Children's Songbook page 136
	If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:
	https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/love-one-another

Prayer:

Scripture Time: 2 Corinthians 9:7

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Video Clip: Watch a clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. You can find the clip at https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-giving-to-those-in-need



Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

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Lesson Summary:	Some members of the church in Paul's day were very poor and needed help. Paul asked members of other congregations to show love and help these needy members by giving what they could. He taught that God would bless them for their generosity.
	Jesus was our example of love, and He taught us to love our neighbors. We also learn in the Book of Mormon that when we are serving others, we are serving God (Mosiah 2:17).
	There are still people today who need our help, due to natural disasters, war, or poverty. We can help those who are poor or who need assistance by giving generously and with love.
Points to Ponder:	How can helping those in need bring us joy? (Discuss ideas)
	What can we do to offer service to those in need? Donating usable goods and money, paying fast offerings, and volunteer work are some of the ways we can be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Even very small children can save their pennies to donate to the Church's Humanitarian Services fund.
	Why does the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints help with humanitarian efforts? (Discuss ideas)

Quote: "Human suffering anywhere and among any people is a matter of urgent concern for us.... Because of this, our emergency response team reacts immediately in times of emergency with needed life-sustaining resources." *Gordon B. Hinckley*



Approximate Time: 3 minutes

Five-year old Katrina tried to blink away the tears that stung her big blue eyes.

"What's wrong sweetie, did you get hurt?" Miss Johnson asked.

Katrina's long brown curls bounced as she shook her head. "Clay says I can't play with him anymore 'cause I'm a real bad one."

"Oh, Katrina, you're not bad." Miss Johnson took a tissue from her pocket and wiped away the little girls tears, "Clay doesn't understand, but I think I do. Let's go find him and I'll explain it to both of you."

Miss Johnson and Katrina found the spunky redhead hanging upside down on the monkey bars.

"Hi Clay. Can you come down? I have something very important to talk to you about."

"But, Miss Johnson, I'm an orangutan and I'm swinging in my tree!"

"And a very smart orangutan, because you can talk. So please, come down and talk to me!"

Clay grabbed the bar with his hands, swung his legs around and then let go, landing on his feet in the soft sand. Looking first at Katrina and then Miss Johnson, "Am I in trouble?"

"No you're not in trouble, but there is something we need to clear up. Do you know what a hurricane is?"

Clay scratched his head and squinted, "Is it a cane kind a like President Hinckley uses that helps you to hurry?"

Miss Johnson smiled, "No, it's not a cane, but that's a good guess. A hurricane is a really bad storm with very strong winds. And each hurricane is given the name of a person. Yesterday a hurricane named Katrina destroyed a lot of homes. It practically destroyed all of New Orleans and many other cities. It was a really bad one!"

Clay sheepishly looked at Katrina, "OH!"

"Did you know hurricanes are named after girls and boys? Someday there might even be a hurricane named Clay that's even worse than Hurricane Katrina!"

Really? Clay smiled, "Sorry Katrina. I didn't really think you were bad."

"It's okay. Can we be friends again?"

With a big mischievous grin Clay tapped Katrina's shoulder, "You're it!"

Miss Johnson smiled as the two friends ran around the playground laughing and squealing.

After school Katrina and her mom talked about the people who had lost everything they owned when Hurricane Katrina hit. Mom told Katrina that their family was going to help by making hygiene kits during family night. Katrina was excited about making the kits, but she wanted to do more. She took down the big jar that she kept her pennies in. She had been saving for months and had finally saved enough to go to the Build-Your-Own-Bear store.

"Mom, I have lots of toys. I want to use my pennies to buy toys for the kids whose toys the other 'Katrina' took away."

Mom smiled and hugged Katrina real tight. "Katrina, you're a very cheerful giver." Katrina looked up at her mother. "Like we learned about in our lesson on Sunday?"

"That's right. And I know that Jesus and Heavenly Father are just as proud of you as I am!"

The next day Katrina and Mom went to the Build-Your-Own-Bear store and Katrina made a very special bear with a heart that lit up to give to a Hurricane Katrina victim.

"Mom, guess what? Making a bear for a little girl who needs it more than me makes me really happy!"

"Then you've done it right sweetie! Because true happiness comes from serving others with a pure heart."

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Preparation	Research ways your family might be able to help those in need. Visit justserve.org for local opportunities, or consider donating to Latter-Day Saint Charities. https://www.ldsphilanthropies.org/humanitarian-services
Activity:	As a family, make a plan to carry out a service project. This could be donating money, time, or items to a local charity, or to Latter-Day Saint Charities (Humanitarian Services).
	Explain: Caring for others is the gosple of Jesus Christ in action. We can donate our time, talents, and resources to help those in need. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints offers help to those in need. We can do our part to serve others by donating to Humanitarian Services, giving to those in our neighborhood, or volunteering when others need help.
	Ask: What are some ways our family can serve? (Discuss ideas)
	Carry out your planned project. Discuss how your family feels about being able to help others.



Approximate Time: 10 minutes (not including prep and chill time)

Cheddar Pennies

Prep Time: 10 minutes **Chill Time:** 1 hour **Bake Time:** 20 minutes

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease a large cookie sheet.

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 pinch salt
1 pinch cayenne pepper
1 pinch garlic powder
16 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
1 cup butter, melted



Mix together the flour, salt, cayenne pepper, and garlic powder. Stir in the Cheddar cheese and melted butter to form a firm dough. Chill for 1 hour. Roll dough into ropes as big around as a penny. Slice into 1/4 inch thick circles. Place slices onto prepared cookie sheet 1 inch apart. Bake for 20 minutes until the bottoms of the pennies are lightly toasted and the tops are firm.

Treat Time: Let children participate by rolling the dough into ropes.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food: