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Youth Resource



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Intro

"He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God."

- 2 Corinthians 9 v 11 (MSG)

You might have thought generosity only applied to what we do with our money.... But actually to live a truly generous life we have to look at more than that.

As we explore how to live a generous life we need to also look and acknowledge the grace that we have received from God. What gifts, talents and resources have we received that can be used for him.

Gratitude is a vital part of living a generous life and so each will invite you to reflect on how and when you give thanks and look at what you can be grateful for.

Finally, we want to invite you to take action and make a plan to live a more generous life. We hope this exploration is helpful.

GRACE



GRATITUDE



GENEROSITY



Intro

This resource has been designed to help you look at all the areas of your life and see where you are spending and investing. These resources are only a guide, not a prescription and usually benefit from being done in a group, although they can be done alone. They are not meant to make us feel bad about ourselves or like we are failing, but instead to help us reflect on how we can be more like Jesus.

You could ask your youth leader to work through this booklet with you.

CIYD have kindly allowed us to use and adapt the resource they created called Live to Give. Their full resource can be found at www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/524/live-to-give-youth-resource





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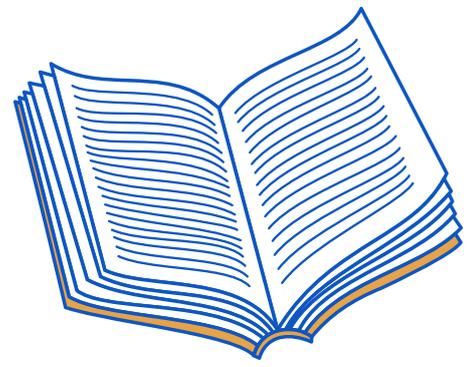
SESSION ONE

GRACE



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Reading



Before you look at the five questions on the next page,
spend some time reading the passages below.

As you read them think about what stands out to you.

Is there a specific passage that resonates with you?

Think about and discuss what grace and generosity mean to you.

You decide which one to read first.

Verses on Grace

2 Timothy 1:8-10

2 Corinthians 8:7-16

Ephesians 4:7-13

Verses on Generosity

1 John 3: 16-24

Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew 25:14-30

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Questions



You can write your answers on the next page

List as many things as you can that you are thankful for

How often do you find yourself being thankful - either to other people or to God?

What could you do to express your gratitude to God on a regular basis?

Can you remember an experience of grace in your own life?
(this could be kindness from a friend or God, forgiveness for yourself or other)

How have you shown kindness to someone? Did they thank you? Either way, how did that feel?

Notes



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SESSION TWO

GRATITUDE



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Activity

GRATITUDE



In this session we are focussing on gratitude. Before beginning the gratitude challenge spend some time thinking and discussing what you have to be grateful for already.

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast
love endures forever!*

1 Chronicles 16:34 (ESV)

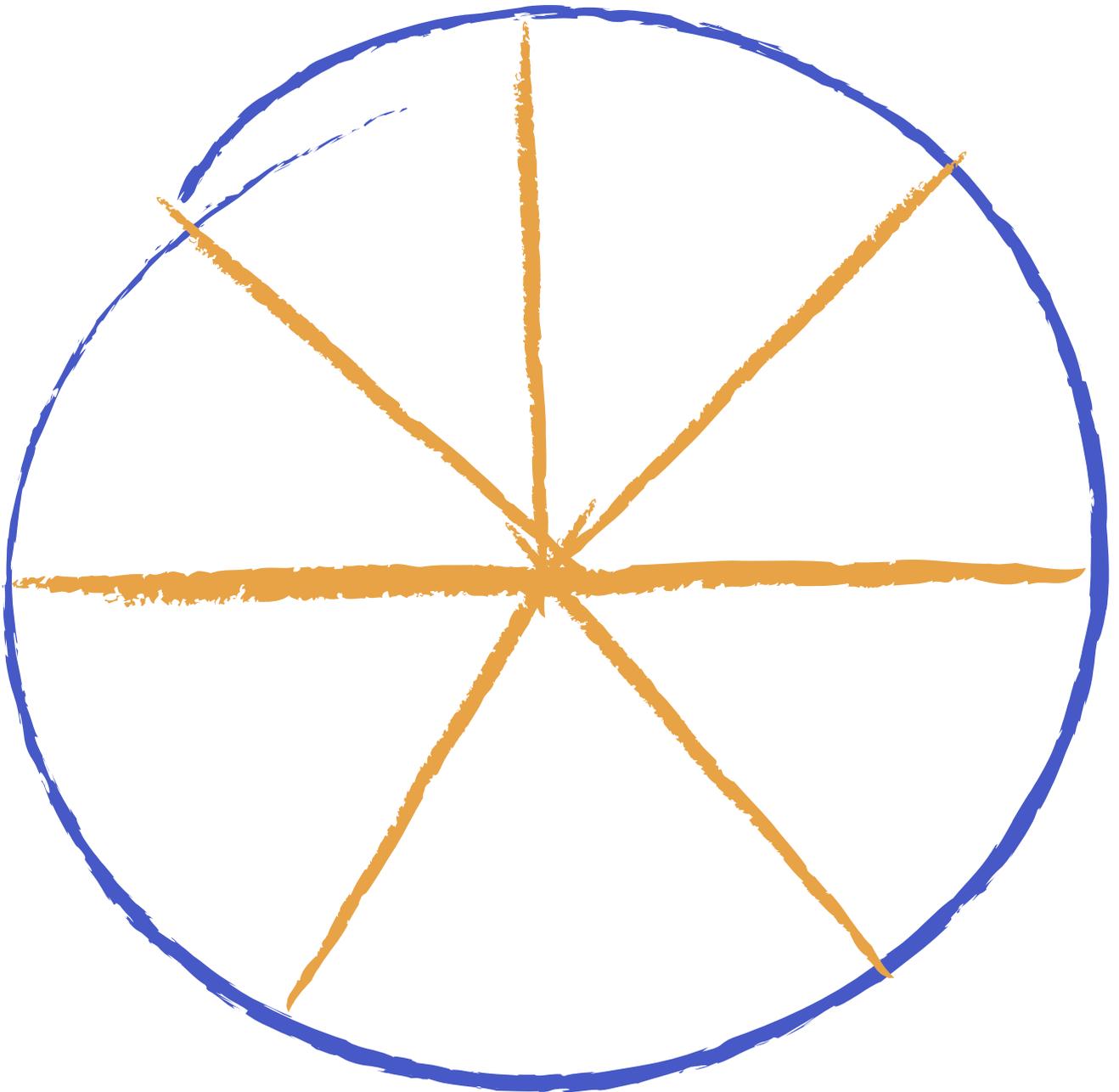
7 Activity

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Print and cut out the template, or list seven things you can be grateful for.

You can do this individually or in small groups. If possible discuss your ideas with someone else.

Then each day thank God for one of the things or people on your list.



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SESSION THREE

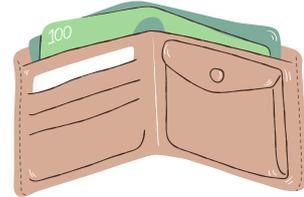
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TREASURE



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Activity

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



In this session we will take a detailed look at how we spend our time/talents/treasure (money)

What do you spend most of your time thinking about and doing?

What do you spend your money on?

Spend some time talking about this with a friend or your youth group.

How does your list compare to others?

Think about how you could utilise your time, talents and treasure differently.

Activity



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

<u>Talents/Skills</u> <u>Treasure</u>	<u>I'm good at/</u> <u>interested in</u> <u>(tick)</u>	<u>How can I use</u> <u>this at my</u> <u>Church?</u>	<u>How can I use</u> <u>this in my</u> <u>Community?</u>	<u>How can I use</u> <u>this in my</u> <u>Family?</u>
Artistic/ creative				
Money (treasure) saving, spending, donations				
Working with children (sports team, Sunday school)				
Technical skills/social media etc				
Teaching/leading				
Organisational skills				
Cooking				
Musical gifts				
Practical skills – able to build/repair				
Other				



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SESSION FOUR

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LET'S DO
SOMETHING

Action



Thank you for exploring generosity with us. As part of your final session, we want to invite you to look at how we can action and live a generous life.

How can you give your time, talents and treasure?
Discuss with a friend or your youth group. Use the next page to write down your ideas.

Is there an organisation you could volunteer to serve at?

(Foodbank, nursing home, kids club)

Is there a skill you could share with someone else?

(Church AV or worship team, art project to raise money for a missionary)

How could you use your treasure?

(Church, charity, individual, programmes such as kiva.com)

Notes



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LET'S DO
SOMETHING

Action

Join us for the Be Generous Week
21 - 27th June



In this final session we are going to look at ways to practically live generous lives.

From 21-27th June we are hosting a BE GENEROUS week-long challenge.

Each day we will encourage you to show generosity in a different way in your community, workplace, school and home.

For more ways to get involved visit

generousjune.co.uk

LET'S DO
SOMETHING

Action

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Is there a random act of kindness I can show this week?

BE GENEROUS
7 Day Challenge

1 Self care

2 Buy Local

3 Your street

4 The Environment

5 Your work place or School

6 Our Hospitals

7 Your Church

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BE GENEROUS

7 Day Challenge

Look for ways to show God's love & generosity practically to those around you.

Here are some ideas

Shop locally to encourage an entrepreneur in your area

Help someone in need

Leave a card for your neighbour

Plant a tree or help with a community garden project

Do chores around the house



Share with us how you got involved

Prayer

**“Create in me a clean heart O God, renew a
right spirit within me”**

Psalm 51:10

Write a prayer asking God to give you a generous heart like his - write down specific areas of your life where you want to have God's heart and keep it somewhere you will see it every day as a reminder to you.

