

**SERIES: DECISIONS THAT HEAL**

**THE DECISION TO BE GENEROUS**

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back

(Luke 6:38 NLT)



This week we are going to learn about the importance of being generous. Being generous means giving with joy and without expecting anything in return. We are going to see how generosity can make others happy, as well as us, and rejoice God's heart.



**What does it mean to be generous?**

**Generosity is more than giving:** It is having a heart willing to share what we have, whether it be time, things, or abilities, without expecting anything in return.

**The opposite is selfishness:** Being generous is the opposite of being selfish and always wanting more for oneself.

**It is an act of love:** When we are generous, we show love and reflect the character of God, who always gives generously.

### **The Transformation of the Giver**

**It helps us become less selfish:** By giving, we break away from selfishness and become kinder and more caring toward others.

**It makes us feel grateful:** Sharing helps us appreciate what we have and thank God for our blessings.

**It strengthens our faith:** Every time we give, we trust that God will take care of us, and that makes our faith stronger.



### **We Rejoice God's Heart**

**We Reflect God:** When we are generous, we show others what God is like. (Ephesians 5:1-2)

**Produces Thanksgiving:** Generosity helps more people thank God for what they receive. (2 Corinthians 9:12)

**It's an Act of Worship:** Giving with a joyful heart is like offering God a special gift that pleases Him. (Philippians 4:18)

### **Benefits of Being Generous**

**We receive blessings:** When we give, God blesses us and gives us more to share. (Proverbs 11:25)

**Multiplication of resources:** God can multiply what we have so that we can give more. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

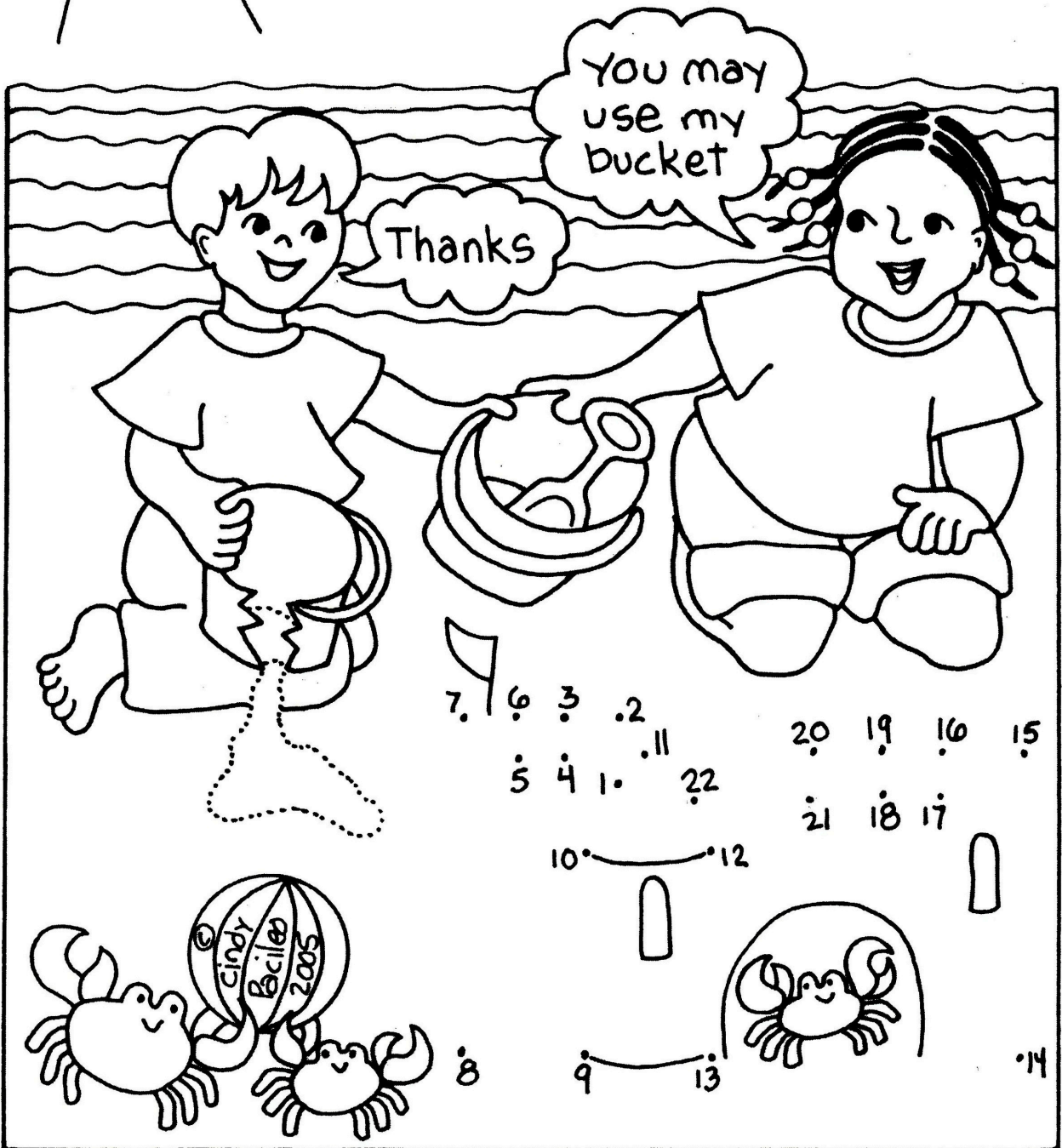
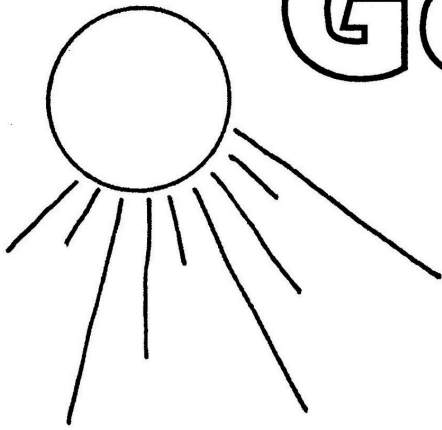
**Treasure in heaven:** Being generous also means that we are storing up treasures in heaven, which will never be lost. (Matthew 6:20)



Being generous is a special way of showing love to others and worshiping God. By giving joyfully, we not only help those around us, but we also receive blessings and make God happy. Let's try to be generous every day and see how this can change our lives!

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Giving and sharing



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