

IMMEASURABLY
MORE
Kids

BEYOND WHAT WE CAN IMAGINE



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For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

WHAT IS IMMEASURABLY MORE?

Our God is a big God who does more than we could ever ask or imagine. He has done amazing things throughout all of history and he will continue to do them! “Immeasurably More” (IM) is the name we are calling this season at Corinth when we are going to intentionally PRAY and PREPARE for God to do more big things in our community. “Immeasurable” means that something is limitless. We believe God is limitless but he chooses to use limited people, like us at Corinth, in his big plans, if we let him. The great news is that we can all participate in God’s big plans! Let’s all jump in and be ready to take part in God’s Immeasurably More by growing in generosity!

ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

God chooses to use all kinds of limited people in his big plans. God doesn’t just use grown ups, he often uses kids! This booklet (along with the IM Generosity List) is especially made for Corinth Kids to be involved in the “Immeasurably More” season by growing in generosity. Each person at Corinth is especially chosen by God to do good things. The first two weeks of this booklet will follow the Sunday morning lessons. The third week is a lesson to do as a family. During this season, Corinth is going to pray daily, commit fully to doing God’s work, celebrate God loudly, and give generously in many different ways. This booklet will help you do those things over the next five weeks leading up to our CorinthKids Generosity Party!

ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

Sometimes generosity can happen spontaneously – you're at school and a friend lost her pencil, but you have an extra you can share. Or maybe it's Field Day and your buddy didn't bring money for a snow cone so you offer to buy him one. But sometimes it's helpful if we make a plan for ways we can be generous. We know God wants us to be generous, so let's be intentional! Let's be generous on purpose, for a purpose!

Take a look at the Generosity List and write down 3 ways that you can be generous on purpose over the next few weeks.

Each week, come to church ready to share how God has used YOU to be generous. We will fill up our glass jar with our acts of generosity and you can earn stickers for your water bottle, as well!

19 WAYS FOR CORINTH KIDS TO GET INVOLVED

Generosity List

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| ☐ Make a card for someone | ☐ Make cookies for a neighbor |
| ☐ Cook a meal for a family with a new baby | ☐ Give away a coat |
| ☐ Sell some of your toys | ☐ Make bracelets or bookmarks to sell |
| ☐ Paint rocks and leave them around town | ☐ Pass out cold water at a ball game |
| ☐ Visit a Nursing Home | ☐ Take extra school supplies to share |
| ☐ Give birthday money | ☐ Draw and give away a picture of a Bible story |
| ☐ Have a lemonade stand/yard sale | ☐ Give away clothes |
| ☐ Help clean your siblings' room | ☐ Do extra chores around the house for money |
| ☐ Give away a toy | ☐ Memorize Ephesians 3:14–21 |
| ☐ Give school ice cream money | |



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Family Devotional



WEEK ONE: VISION

"Where there is no vision the people will perish"

Proverbs 29:18a

Vision means you have ideas for your life. If people don't have the right vision for their future they suffer. We all have ideas or visions about what we want our future to look like and they are probably pretty good! But we don't know what is really going to happen or what is really best -but God knows! So even though we may have some pretty great visions, we need to trust that God may have different and way better ones. Be on the look out for his vision. Just like in our Bible story this week at church, God had a big, generous vision for the Israelites. He brought them into the Promised Land! It wasn't easy. They were slaves for a long time, they were chased, and they had to walk through the wilderness. The Israelites didn't always see God's vision perfectly. But the Israelites trusted God, his vision was worth it, and they learned to trust his vision even more!

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What are some visions you have far in the future?
2. What are some visions you have for this week?
3. Are there visions you care about more than God's vision?
4. Are you willing to change your vision for God's?
5. Are there visions or things you can give up to God to boost your trust in him?

WEEK TWO: TRUST

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."

Jeremiah 17:7

To trust means "to rely on". If someone is trustworthy they are a reliable, good person. Who do you trust most? Are you different when you are with them? Maybe you are nicer or more joyful. Of course the most trustworthy person of all time is God. We can trust him no matter what. But sometimes we forget and we trust other things more than we trust him. These things might be money, friends, sports, school, etc. These things aren't bad but if you trust them to give you more satisfaction than God you know you are trusting them too much. God is the only one who deserves full trust. Isaiah 26:3 says those who trust in the Lord will have peace. This is why the Bible asks us to give to God generously, so we remember he is the only thing we should fully trust. In our Bible story at church about Samuel we learned God speaks, listen to him calling you to trust.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Do you trust God completely?
2. If not, what do you trust more than him?
3. How can you stop trusting the wrong things?
4. What can you do this week to show God you trust him (maybe from the Generosity List)?

WEEK THREE: COURAGE

"Be courageous, do not be afraid ... because the Lord your God is with you." Joshua 1:9

Sometimes doing what God tells us to do takes courage. Sometimes we are worried about obeying God because our friends might think we are weird or we don't want to do anything difficult or uncomfortable. But we can have courage because our God is more powerful than anything. Jesus said "Take courage because I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). No matter what, obedience to God is worth it because it moves you closer to him. When you have the courage to obey him, no matter what, you get to know him better, you have more faith in him, and you become better friends with him. It is sort of like a spiral with God in the center. Everytime you obey God you circle closer to God. You get to know each other better. It might be scary to obey, but it is always worth it to be closer to God.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Are you worried/scared to obey God?
2. What are you scared of?
3. Is there something you think you might lose if you obey God?
4. What is one courageous thing you can do this week (maybe on the Generosity List)?

WEEK FOUR: IMPACT

"All the believers were united and they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32

Impact means "to effect or influence". Like when you drop food coloring into water it impacts the whole bottle. There is good impact and there is bad impact (like in our Bible story this week, Rehoboam impacted the kingdom in a bad way). We all want to impact in a good way though, don't we? We can! God uses ordinary people to change the world. So when we obey God we can have a good impact. Also, God created the church to work together to make an even bigger impact. That is what "Immeasurably More" is all about. It is about each person obeying God's voice and together making an even bigger impact than any of us could do alone.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. If you could be known for doing something great, what would it be?
2. What small thing is God asking you to do which might make a big impact (maybe on the IM Generosity List)?
3. Is there something big that God might be calling you to do which might be scary?
4. What if you asked your parent or teacher for help and then tried to do that big thing?

WEEK FIVE: LEGACY

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

A legacy is something someone is remembered for. We all have a legacy. It doesn't matter if we are simply walking out of a room or when we die someday, people will remember us for something when we are gone. Because of your commitment over the past few weeks, your legacy is generosity! This is one of the best things to be remembered for. After all, God generously gave us everything we have. So your generosity makes you look like God. And God loves it when his people are generous with the things he has given them. That is why God gave us the things we have - to help others like he does. Good job being generous like God! We loved celebrating at the Generosity Party! But you don't have to stop. Keep the generosity going! Remember God can use you to do Immeasurably More than you can imagine!

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What would happen if you kept being generous?
2. Generosity is contagious, who could you inspire to be generous with your generosity?
3. What would happen if everyone you knew was generous?
4. Always be looking for ways to be generous!

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