



# 1 Share Resources

## WAYS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

Sharing our resources is probably the most well-known way of being generous. Sharing is generosity, for when we share we give of our time, talent, or resources to those who have need of them. Generosity is not about the amount but about the intention, a willing heart.

- Before you can be a giver, you have to have received. We all have blessings, gifts from God. Make a list of what you have been blessed with. Try a list of ten things or challenge yourself and your family to make a list using the alphabet.
- The story of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) doesn't say whether the Samaritan had a lot or a little to share, but just that he bandaged up the wounded man, brought him to shelter, and paid for his care. How can you be generous without a lot of money or things to give? Make a poster or write a story about yourself or a pretend character and what you, or they, can give to someone in need.
- Watch the YouTube video “Jack Johnson—The Sharing Stone (Lyrics)” ([bit.ly/FMSharingSong](https://bit.ly/FMSharingSong), 2:37). Join in singing as the words become familiar. Then make up motions to go along with the song.

Generous and loving God, you are the first giver of resources to us. Thank you for the world around us and the people who care for us. May we freely share what we have been freely given. Amen.

Note: bit.ly addresses are case-sensitive.

Find the words from the story. They can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. Write the remaining letters in order, in the spaces below, to see how the Samaritan man acted.

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| bandages | helped  | road      | wound |
| cared    | hurt    | Samaritan | good  |
| donkey   | Jericho | temple    |       |
| food     | money   | water     |       |

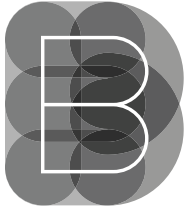
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Use the key to decode who gave generously when he saw a need.

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## BIBLE STORY

Based on Luke 10:25–37

God's laws said that people should love their neighbor the way they love themselves. Some people had some questions about what that meant. They wanted to know who a neighbor was and just how they needed to treat them. So Jesus told them a story.

One day, someone was walking on a road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Suddenly, a group of robbers attacked the person, stole all his money, beat him up, and left him on the side of the road.

He was laying there when he heard someone coming. It was religious leader, someone who helped teach people about God. "Whew!" the hurt man thought. "This person will certainly help me!" But, no, they just walked on by. And not only that, they crossed over to the other side of the road to avoid seeing the hurt man.

Then another person walked by. This time it was a person who took care of the temple where people gathered to worship God. "Oh, thank goodness!" the hurt man thought. "Surely he will help me!" But this person didn't help him either, and crossed over to the other side of the road too.

Finally, another person, a Samaritan, came down the road. "Oh no!" the hurt man thought. "I'll never get helped by this one." Their peoples did not get along. The hurt man was sure he would be left there to die.

But the Samaritan did stop. And he didn't just stop to look at the hurt man. He took out bandages, food, and water and gently cared for the hurt man, wrapping his wounds and giving the man his own food and drink. He carefully lifted the hurt man onto his donkey and took him to be cared for in the town. He left money for his care and said, "Let me know if I owe you more for his care and I will pay you when I return."

The Samaritan gave generously and without hesitation when he saw a need. He was a good neighbor; Jesus told everyone, "Go, and be a neighbor like that."

