



# GROUP ACTIVITY

## Jesus Teaches on Giving

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus teaches us to be generous and to perform our good deeds in secret.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Matthew 6: 1-4

**KEY VERSE:** "Then your giving will be done secretly. Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly." Matthew 6:4 (NIV)

### Mystery Bags

**Supplies:** Paper lunch bags (4 per group), rubber bands (4 per group), apple or other fruit item (1 per group), sock or other clothing item (1 per group), small stuffed animal or other toy (1 per group), and coins or other money (1 per group)

**Preparation:** Place the items in separate paper lunch bags. Place a rubber band around the opening of each bag. The rubber band should be tight enough to cinch the bag mostly closed, but loose enough to squeeze a hand through.

**Say:** Jesus loves when we give to people. Let's play a game that helps us think of some things we could give to people who need help.

**Directions:** One at a time, pass each of the mystery bags around the circle. Encourage the children to take turns feeling the outside of the bag and trying to guess what's inside. Next have them put their hand in the bag without looking and try to guess what's inside using only their sense of touch. When everyone has had a turn, reveal the mystery item to the children, then ask the corresponding question below.

#### Questions:

Food Item: What are ways you could help feed someone who is hungry?

Clothes: What are some ways you could give clothes to a needy person?

Toys: What are some toys you could give to a needy person? How could you do that?

Money: What are ways you could give money to a needy person?

**Say:** We learned in our Bible story today that Jesus wants us to be generous with what we have, but He also wants us to do our good deeds in secret. When we do our good deeds in secret, it shows other people that we are doing these things for God and not for ourselves. That means that all the attention and glory go to Jesus! When other people see what we give in God's name, it makes God the center of attention!

**Question:** Have you ever given something away? What did you give? What did it feel like to give?

When finished, say a prayer, and ask God to help us be generous to others and to put God at the center of our giving.



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## LESSON 7.2

# DRAW IT!

Draw a picture of you being generous to someone in secret.



Make a list of some people in your life along with things you can do for them or give to them in secret this week.

# JOURNAL IT!

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**READ  
IT!**

Matthew 6:1-4. Write out your favorite verse. Tell God why you like this verse.

**PRAY  
IT!**

Write a prayer to God. Ask Him to help you do good deeds in secret.

## ***NEXT WEEK'S LESSON***

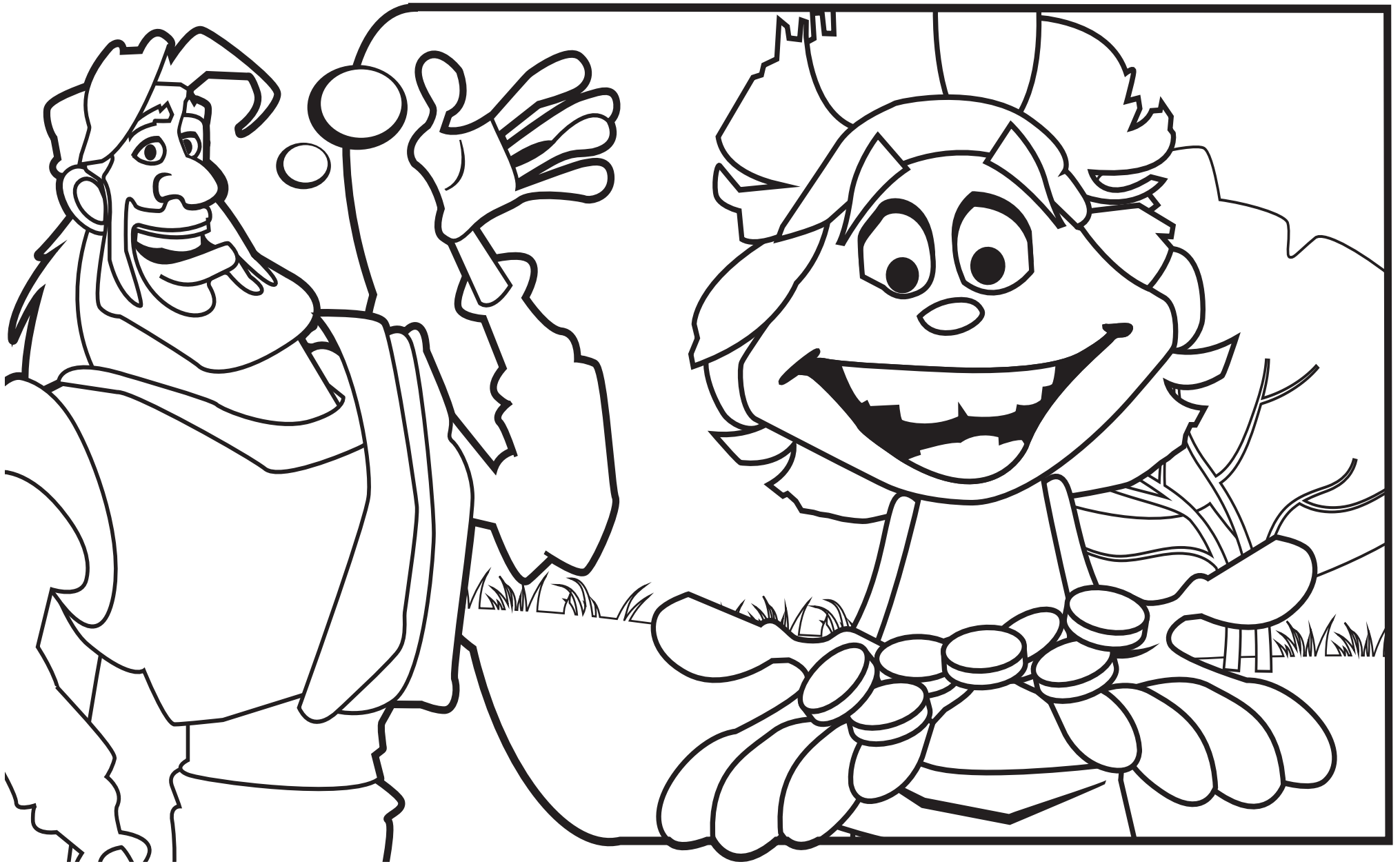
### **JESUS TEACHES ON HOW TO PRAY**

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus teaches us how to say powerful prayers that are honoring to God.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Matthew 6:5-16

**KEY VERSE:** "Then you will call out to me. You will come and pray to me. And I will listen to you."

Jeremiah 29:12 (NirV)



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***MATTHEW 6:4***

