

## Christian Giving

8 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God gave the churches in Macedonia. <sup>2</sup> They have been tested by great troubles. And they are very poor. But they gave much because of their great joy. <sup>3</sup> I can tell you that they gave as much as they were able. They gave even more than they could afford. No one told them to do it. <sup>4</sup> But they asked us again and again—they begged us to let them share in this service for God’s people. <sup>5</sup> And they gave in a way that we did not expect: They first gave themselves to the Lord and to us. This is what God wants. <sup>6</sup> So we asked Titus to help you finish this special work of grace. He is the one who started this work. <sup>7</sup> You are rich in everything—in faith, in speaking, in knowledge, in truly wanting to help, and in the love you learned from us.<sup>[a]</sup> And so we want you to be rich also in this gift of giving.

<sup>8</sup> I am not commanding you to give. But I want to see if your love is true love. I do this by showing you that others really want to help. <sup>9</sup> You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. You know that Christ was rich, but for you he became poor. Christ did this so that by his being poor you might become rich.

<sup>10</sup> This is what I think you should do: Last year you were the first to want to give. And you were the first who gave. <sup>11</sup> So now finish the work that you started. Then your “doing” will be equal to your “wanting to do.” Give from what you have. <sup>12</sup> If you want to give, your gift will be accepted. Your gift will be judged by what you have, not by what you do not have. <sup>13</sup> We do not want you to have troubles while other people are at ease. We want everything to be equal. <sup>14</sup> At this time you have plenty. What you have can help others who are in need. Then later, when they have plenty, they can help you when you are in need. Then all will be equal. <sup>15</sup> As it is written in the Scriptures, “The person who gathered more did not have too much. The person who gathered less did not have too little.”

(2:35) Watch Story: <https://vimeo.com/310676994>

What do you think that story means?

Read highlighted verse – thoughts?

(4:45) Douglas Talks: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcN\\_8DFTKWw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcN_8DFTKWw)

Do you think God has blessed us as a family? Tell me one way.

Do you think we can be more generous to others?

What ways can we be more generous? And be a cheerful giver?

Read poem & do activity (see generosity activities.doc)

Generous Giraffe song - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9JQQY8h\\_Ik](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9JQQY8h_Ik)

Father Abraham song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASXowiv3FAC>

# Bible Breakout

## September 6, 2020

### 11:00AM

Enclosed are the materials you will need to join me for Bible Breakout on Sunday morning (9/6). This month's theme is generosity. We will be using the same link that we do for service. If you need the link, visit our website – [www.allsaintsabq.org](http://www.allsaintsabq.org). Come for the service or hop on a few minutes before 11. Then we'll "breakout" from the group and have some fun! I will be using activities, videos, and music each week to tell the story or theme.

In this month's packet, you will find the verses we are reading. Our verses today come from 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. If you have a Bible at home, I encourage you to help your child find it in the actual book. Next is a poem that we will color and you can hang somewhere where you'll see it often. Last is a coupon book that we will be filling out and deciding who we will be generous to.

From home you will need to gather scissors, crayons or markers, and a pen or pencil. Please let me know if you need any of these items. I will drop them by your house.

I hope you will try out this new format. I miss seeing your children's faces and talking about God with them.

Blessings.

Martha

# We Can Give!

We can give in many ways.

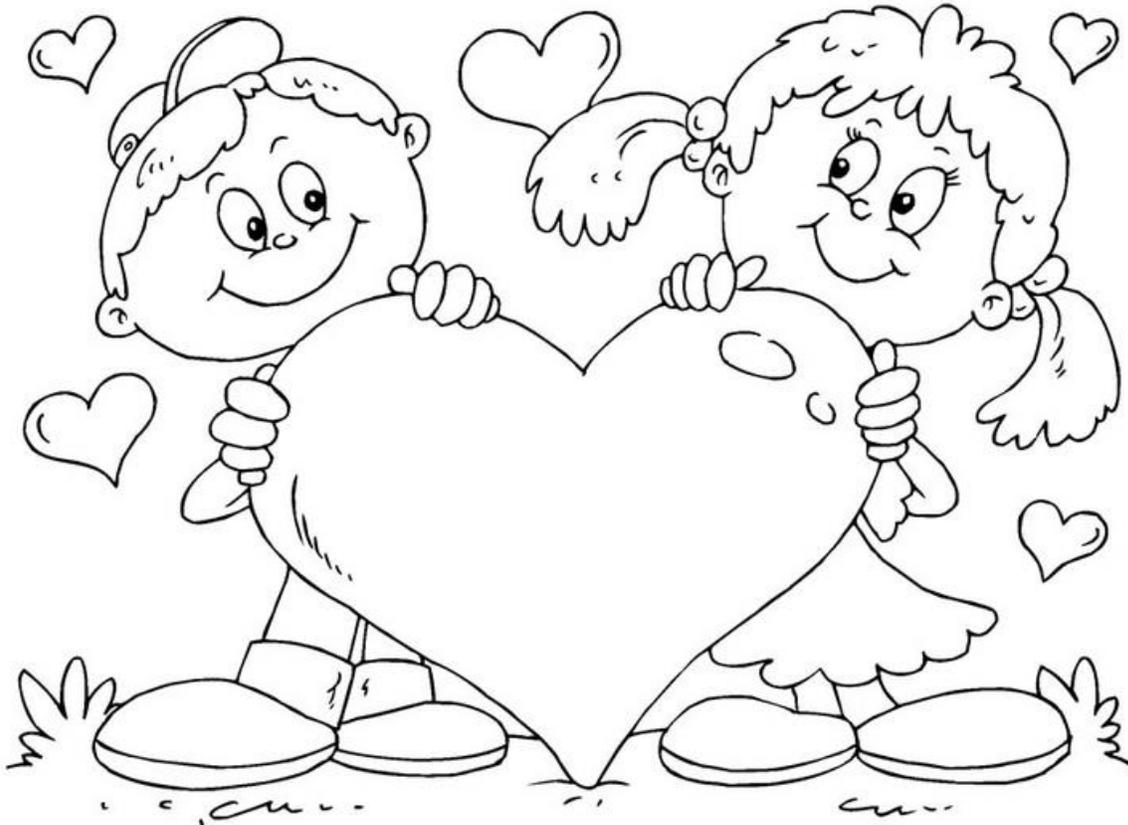
A hug, some help, or even praise.

We give to friends and family,

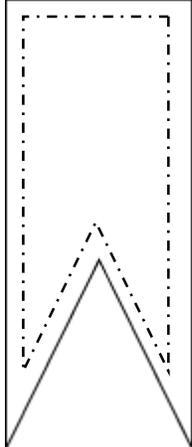
And people in our community.

We cheer up people who are feeling blue.

And when we give, our hearts grow too!



# Coupon Book



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