

Lesson 7 / October 18, 2020

Sharing God's Way

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for use as

STEP 1



Lesson 7

Focus:

Share even when it doesn't seem fair.

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Bible Basis:

1 Samuel 30:1-25

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Memory Verse:

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. —Hebrews 13:16

Students will talk about sharing and will be challenged to share even when it is not easy.

Materials:
 Internet access

As COVID-19 first began to spread in the United States in the spring of 2020, many people found themselves in need of supplies, such as dry food goods and paper products. These items were in short supply as people began to stock up in preparation for the lockdown. With the thought of not being able to leave the house or go to most stores, they wanted to ensure that they had everything they needed to stay at home. This frantic rush left many people, especially senior citizens, in need of basic supplies, such as toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and food staples.

➤ **Think back to the early months of the pandemic when certain supplies were in high demand. Imagine your family goes to the store to stock up on extra toilet paper. You have some at home, but you want to be prepared. As you reach for the last package on the shelf, you see an elderly couple walk down the aisle, only to discover there are no more packages. What do you do? (Answers may vary.)**

People began noticing that senior citizens weren't able to get as many supplies, and they decided to do something about it!

Play the following video for your students [2:15]:

Title: Senior Neighbors sends supplies, comfort during stay-at-home order.

Source: YouTube.com

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opvNq23uNAk>

Short Description: Seniors citizens have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, but help is on the way.

➤ **When is it easy to share with others?** (Allow students time to explore this; they might say when you have a lot or know you will get more, when you care about the person you are sharing with, if that person will share something they have with you as a trade, etc.)

➤ **When is it hard to share with others?** (Students may be able to look at opposites of their answers in the previous question; examples might include: when you don't like the person you have to share with; when it means giving up something that you want for yourself, etc.)

➤ **Tell about a time when you've been asked to share something and that request didn't seem fair to you.** (Be prepared to share your own experience.)

In today's lesson, some men were asked to share what they thought they deserved with others who didn't deserve it. Let's see what happened.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Bibles

➤ **Think back to the example we talked about at the beginning. If you had the opportunity to keep supplies for yourself or share them with people who had none, what would you do?** (Answers may vary.)

Ask a volunteer to read the memory verse: “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased” (Hebrews 13:16).

➤ **What part of the verse stands out the most to you in regards to the video about sharing with senior citizens?** (Possible answers: people made sacrifices of time and supplies; they did good in sharing with others; God is pleased by our hearts to serve and share.)

We're all able to share when it's easy, but most of us need to work on sharing when it's difficult.

➤ **When we think of sharing, we usually think of sharing material objects or money. What are some other things we can share with people we know and with people we do not know?** (Answers will vary but may include: time, ideas, comfort, love, compassion, companionship, etc.)

Take a minute to think about what you can share with someone this week, even if it is difficult. Then, think of a plan for how you can share!

Give students a moment to think before inviting them to share with the group. Then, close in prayer asking God to help you all to remember to “do good and share with others” and please God through your sharing.

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