# A SERIES ON GENEROSITY

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**



### **WEEK ONE**

**JOHN 3:16** 

God demonstrated generosity by sending Jesus.

#### **WEEK TWO**

JOHN 1:4-5: JOHN 1:16

Generosity should happen all year long.

# WEEK THREE

LUKE 1:26b-27; LUKE 1:31-32a; MATTHEW 1:18-21; LUKE 2:1

Generosity should start with the people closest to us.



## REMEMBER THIS:

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21 NIV



## THINK ABOUT THIS:

This Christmas is a three-week series centered around the theme of generosity as it relates to the Christmas story. Though your middle schoolers may know the story of the first Christmas, looking at it through a new lens—the lens of generosity—will give them a new perspective on the familiar story. It will also encourage them to recognize and practice generosity in their own lives, an outward-thinking skill that they're just developing in this phase.

## THIS CHRISTMAS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

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#### **MORNING TIME**

Start playing a game of "Pay It Forward" in your house. Each time someone does something generous for someone else in the family, that person takes on the responsibility to pay it forward and do something generous for someone else. Challenge your family to keep the game of generosity going as long as you can!



#### **MEAL TIME**

Extend some generosity to those around you by opening your home and your dinner table up to friends, family, or neighbors. Ask your kid who they'd like to invite over for a holiday meal at your house. Then, let them help you extend the invitation, prepare the meal, and welcome those guests in for an evening this Christmas season.



#### DRIVE TIME

Ask your kids to go through their toys, clothes, shoes, and more, creating piles of each to donate to a local charity. Then, take them with you to drop those items off and talk about the potential impact their generosity might have on others this season.



#### BED TIME

Look up a few local charities, nonprofits, or organizations in your community where you can serve together as a family this holiday season. Talk with your kid about the options you found and let them have the power to pick where your family will give back for a day this Christmas to help get them excited about getting involved.



