



# CONNECT GROUP

I WILL SHARE WHAT I HAVE WITH OTHERS!

## Discussion:

**Ask:** Do you need to have a lot in order to share a lot? Why or why not?

**Say:** No, we don't need a lot to share! Besides money or tangible possessions (stuff you can hold), God has given us other things to share. We can share our time with others. We can share kind words by encouraging others. And we can share God's love!

**Ask:** If we believe that everything we have comes from God, how should that change the way we feel about sharing our stuff?

**Say:** Everything that we have has been given to us by God so, technically, nothing really belongs to us. When God has blessed us with something, we should take that blessing and bless others. When we share what we have, it pleases God.

**Ask:** Would you say it's easier to be the GIVER or the RECEIVER when it comes to sharing?

**Say:** Sometimes it can be hard to share, especially when we want more and more. Just remember, God gave you everything. And when you share what you have, you're wise with what God has blessed you with. That's a big responsibility and opportunity that we get to say "yes" to!

**Ask:** Being responsible is the opposite of being a fool. What are some ways we can show responsibility when it comes to the things God has allowed us to have?

**Say:** We can show responsibility by taking care of what we have been given. God has given us our family and friends, so we should treat them kindly and focus on building strong relationships with them. He has also given us His Son, who we can worship by coming to church each Sunday and reading our Bibles.

**Prayer:** Dear God, help us to let go when we see others in need and be willing to share what we have. You have given us so much- even Your own Son to die in our place. Help us to look for and not ignore the opportunities to share what we have with others. AMEN.



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### Introduction

**Say:** Today we heard a parable about the importance of sharing what God has given us with others. Everything we have comes from God, and God wants us to be responsible and share what He has given us. Even if you don't think you have anything, you can always share a smile or a kind word. No matter what, you can do what God wants you to do and share what you have.

### Directions

- Ask the children to think of what they have to share.
- Encourage them not only to think through physical items, but to also think about the skills and talents they have.
- Provide each child with a "Movers and Sharers" Coupon.
- Encourage them to fill in each coupon with what they can share.
- Once the coupons are filled out, ask the kids to discuss how they plan on sharing their coupons.  
*-For example: "I can share my love of baking by making cookies for my neighbors."*
- Encourage the children to color and decorate their coupons. Remind them to hand out their coupons this week and continue sharing their ideas in your small group.

### Conclusion

**Say:** A lot of times, we only think of physical items and money when it comes to sharing, but God has given us so much more. From your talents to hobbies to hard work, you can be grateful that God has given you endless opportunities to share what you have!

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