

# A Gift of Giving

It is more blessed  
to give than to receive.  
(Acts 20:35 KJV)



Gifts have a wonderful way of making us feel special. We all like to be given presents, especially if it is something that we have wanted very much. It makes us glad when someone thinks of us and makes the effort to get a gift just for us.





The Bible teaches us that even though we like to receive gifts or receive help from others, *giving* to others is more important than *receiving* from others. God blesses us when we think of others and give to them.







If all we think about is ourselves and getting more things, we become selfish and we ignore other people and what they may need. When we put the good of others above our own wants, this is called being unselfish. Being unselfish means we are thinking about other people and how we can help them—we are first thinking of others and then about ourselves. And did you know that often when we help others, God in return helps us?


Giving to others is a way to spread God's love in a simple but wonderful way.





# Action

Would you like to try giving to someone else and see how happy it makes you feel? Ask your mommy or daddy to help you find a toy that you don't use anymore and that you think would make a friend happy. Wrap it up and then put a tag on it that says, "To my friend, because you are special to me." And don't forget to write your name too. How did that bit of giving make you feel?



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