



# Nurturing Generosity in Children: 5 Principles for Parents





## 1. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

“In everything set them an example by doing what is good.  
In your teaching show integrity, seriousness...”

Titus 2:7 (NIV)

Scripture emphasizes the importance of setting an example of godly living. Parents are the first and most influential role models for children. Demonstrating a generous spirit in your daily life—whether through acts of kindness, sharing, or volunteering—sets the foundation for children to understand the importance of generosity. As you do these things, remind your children that you are motivated by God’s love for you!





## 2. CREATE GRATITUDE HABITS

“...give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Generosity starts with gratitude for what you have. Help your children count their blessings by reciting the things you are grateful for as a family. Add this habit into family dinner, bed time, or even while driving around town. As your child develops a heart of gratitude, they will be more inclined to both gratefulness and generosity.





### 3. LEARN ABOUT OTHER CHILDREN IN NEED

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Matthew 9:36

Share with your children age-appropriate stories of kids just like them who are suffering. Children are often completely unaware that other children don't live the same way as they do. Remind them that there are children around the world who play and laugh and go to school just like them, but don't always have enough to eat or a place to live. More than that, those children need to know the love of Christ!





## 4. VOLUNTEER

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:10

Volunteering—whether at a local food bank, a homeless shelter, or with your church—is an amazing opportunity to both expose your children to the realities that many face and allow them to be generous with their most precious gift—their time. Volunteering as a family can further show your children that generosity is important to your family. Finally, volunteering allows children to see a tangible result of their sacrifice.





## 5. PRAY

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2

Nothing changes the heart like prayer. Teach children to pray for opportunities to be generous, for the wisdom to recognize those opportunities, and for the courage to act upon them.





Parents play a crucial role in shaping their children's character and instilling values that align with the teachings of Jesus Christ. By integrating biblical principles, leading by example, and engaging in acts of kindness, you can guide your children toward a life filled with the joy of giving and serving others

Need a place to start? Check out [Children's Hunger Fund's blog](#) or [YouTube](#) for stories of children in need and how the generosity of others helped show them the love of Jesus.

For an at home volunteer activity, check out [Project Food Pak](#) or [Virtual Food Pak!](#)

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