

Living Generously: Adaptable Resource

Creation additions

What is the resource?

You can access the full adaptable resource by [clicking here](#). It is based on different 'types of generosity' that we can show our lives.

Why is generosity important? Bishop Christopher says:

'Christian Generosity is rooted in the generosity of God made abundantly available to us in Jesus Christ, whose way is the truth that leads to fullness of life. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8.9).'

God is generous to us in many different ways, so the adaptable resource was written both to use in different ways and to be easy to adapt to specific themes as well. Within the resource there are various ideas that could be adapted to use in schools. For example:

- Prayer stations/reflection spaces to use with classes or small groups.
- To display on noticeboards or to send home with newsletters for families to explore together.
- As a one off or a series of collective worship.

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The original resource is relatively broad in its examples for people to use and adapt to their needs. One specific theme that could be used is around creation. As we explore gratitude and generosity in God's creation we can use this to explore how we can show our generosity practically in big and little ways.

Below are some specific explanations and examples that could be used with the adaptable resource specifically helping us to think about generosity in creation. As with the adaptable resource you may want to change or add your own examples and use language that reflects what you are already doing in school.

Equally, the resource can be adapted to many other themes as a way of helping us to see how we can respond generously to God's love, the good news, reconciliation, friendship etc.

Time

Time is precious. We can be generous with our time by using it to help care for others and the world.

“I asked to be on the school council so that I could share ideas about how we can care of our world as a school.”

Attention

Noticing ways we can look after our world or make it better is one way we can be generous with our attention.

“I noticed that our play park was full of rubbish and wanted to tidy it up. I told my grandma and she found a litter picker so we could go over with a bin bag and collect it safely. The park looks much nicer now.”

Wealth

Being generous with our money might look like using it to care for the world or giving it away to people who are looking after it.

“I gave some of my pocket money to a charity that help look after our local woods.”

Talents

We can use our talents generously to care for the world or encourage others to care for the world.

“I love art so I made a poster for our school noticeboard about different ways we can look after the world.”

Possessions

Being generous with our possessions might look like giving things away that we don't need, sharing what we have or being careful with what we buy.

“Instead of asking for new clothes, I asked to visit some charity shops for secondhand ones. I found some lovely outfits and reusing them is better for the environment”

Reputation

Being generous with our reputation looks like standing up for the things we believe in.

“My friend always throws their paper away in the normal bin instead of the recycling bin. I was worried they would be cross with me but I decided to remind her about recycling next time it happened.”

Comfort

Sometimes being generous with our comfort means giving something up or being less comfortable to look after the world.

“I live very close to school but we often take the car if it is cold or rainy. But, I have a rain coat so I've asked if we can just wrap up and always walk instead of using petrol we don't need to.”