



Live chat!

Pick a discussion starter. You have all month, so just one will do. Run out? Make some up that fit the theme of the month!

(Oh! And turn off those devices! Live chat means just talking.)

- What is your favorite thing about getting presents?
- What is one of the best gifts you have ever received?
- If you had a million dollars, what would you buy each family member?
- What is a gift you'd love that doesn't cost money?
- What does "Live to Give" mean to you?
- What are some things that you have given to others?

Double Dare ya!

The family challenge!

Are you up for the challenge? Determine as a family what the reward will be if you complete the challenge!

YOUR CHALLENGE: As a family this month, think and pray about a family you know that is going through a tough time. Maybe a parent is out of work, someone is in bad health, they just moved to the neighborhood, or you know of another hardship they're going through. Think up a way that your family can make this month extra special for them. It might be a physical gift, but it could be something more creative: you could invite them over for an evening of food and games, or take them on a shopping trip to help fill their fridge, or perhaps there's another need you can meet. Discover the joy of bringing happiness to another family by being generous with your time and resources.



Generosity

Monthly Motto:

LIVE TO GIVE!

Think about It

Why is it that no matter how much stuff we have, we always seem to want more? And that thing we long for – that thing we are sure will make us so happy – once we have it, that happiness doesn't seem to last. Soon, there is something newer or better that we set our heart on. It seems that the stuff we want never seems to satisfy the way we think it will. You know what does give lasting satisfaction? (It might just surprise you!) Giving. That's right. When you give something to someone, you'll enjoy that gift for even longer. Turns out, the joy of giving outlasts the joy of getting... every time. Perhaps that is why the Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) We love Christmas and birthdays because we tend to get a lot of presents, and that's wonderful. There is nothing wrong with enjoying the gifts we get. But even Christmas can be made merrier when we catch the spirit of giving by learning to be generous. This is true all year long. People who live to give are often the happiest people you'll ever meet!

GOOFY Game

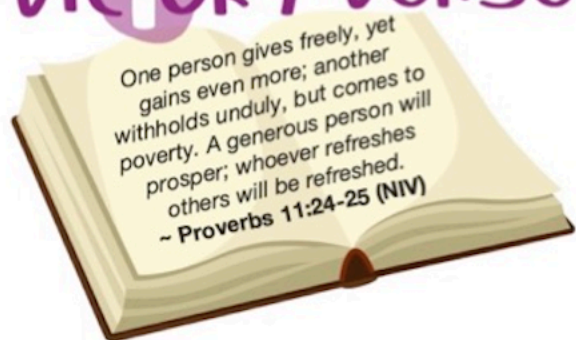
Name of the Game: Guess the Gift!

Needed: Random objects from around the house (a blindfold might help those who can't resist peeking!) Optional: wrapping paper

How to Play: Take turns being the "Guesser". One family member has to close their eyes while the family chooses an object from the house that is handed to the Guesser. Without looking, the Guesser has to try and "Guess the Gift" by just feeling the object. It should be something challenging to guess. If it is too easy, wrap it loosely in wrapping paper. The more ordinary the object, the more difficult it will be to guess. It's a fun reminder that so many of the things we already have were gifts at some time in the past!



VICTORY VERSE



One person gives freely, yet
gains even more; another
withholds unduly, but comes to
poverty. A generous person will
prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed.
~ Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

As a family, memorize the Victory Verse this month. Quiz each other as you work on learning the verse. Talk about the powerful truth this Scripture teaches.

Diggin' DEEPER...

Here are some awesome Bible verses you may want to dig into this month as we learn more about Perseverance.

🔍 Luke 6:38

🔍 1 John 3:17

🔍 Hebrews 13:16

🔍 II Corinthians 9:7

🔍 II Corinthians 9:11

🔍 I Timothy 6:18-19

Make it count!

Have you ever packed for a trip and had more you wanted to take than fit in your bag? Perhaps you were trying to shove it all in but it didn't quite fit. Maybe you didn't want to leave anything behind so you tried rolling stuff up to squish in more and more. You might have even tried sitting on the suitcase to squeeze it together so you could pack even more in but it was still overflowing! That is a picture of how God gives back to us when we live generously. In Luke 6:38 it says, "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over..." Our generosity blesses God and He blesses us when we are generous! So, make it your motto in life to LIVE TO GIVE and not live to get. Watch how God will take care of your needs as you help Him take care of other's needs.