FAMILY DEVOTION · CLOBBER PASSAGES, WEEK 6

Enough for Everyone

For families to share at home this week. About 15 minutes, best for ages 4–10, with something for grown-ups too.

READ TOGETHER · MATTHEW 20:1–16

Jesus told a story about a farmer who needed help picking grapes in his vineyard. Early in the morning, he hired some workers. Later, he went back to town and hired more. He kept going back all day long. At the very end of the day, he found some people still waiting. “Why are you standing here?” he asked. They said, “Because no one has hired us.” So the farmer said, “Come work in my vineyard too!”

When it was time to get paid, the farmer gave **everyone** the same amount, enough money to buy food for their family. Some workers grumbled, “That’s not fair! We worked longer!” But the farmer said, “I’m being generous. I want everyone to have enough.”

Grown-ups, you might say: Some people can work a lot. Some people can’t work very much, because they’re sick, little, old, or because no one has given them a job yet. God loves all of them the same, and God wants everyone to have enough to eat. That’s why our church shares food through the Blessing Box, food boxes, and our Seeds of Hope garden.

TALK ABOUT IT

For younger kids:

- Have you ever been the last one picked for a game? How did that feel?
- What could you share with someone who doesn’t have enough?

For older kids:

- Do you think the farmer was fair? Why do you think Jesus called him generous instead?
- Why do you think some people can’t work or can’t find a job?

For grown-ups to share:

- Tell about a time someone was generous to you when you really needed it.

TRY THIS: THE ENOUGH BAG

You'll need a paper grocery bag and some markers.

1. Decorate the bag together. Write across it: "God Gives Everyone Enough!"
2. Each day this week, have someone in the family choose one food item from your cupboard to put in the bag: a can of soup, a box of pasta, peanut butter, or cereal.
3. As you add each item, pray for the person who will receive it.
4. At the end of the week, bring your Enough Bag to church for the Blessing Box, or drop it off at a local food pantry.

Family challenge for the week: Be like the farmer who kept going back. Look for someone who is left out, at school, on the playground, or in your neighborhood, and invite them to join in.

Tip: Grown-ups, kids learn generosity by doing it. Let them hand the bag over themselves, and talk about how it felt to share.

PRAY TOGETHER

One person reads a line, and everyone repeats it with the motions.

Dear God, (fold hands)
thank you for my food, (rub your tummy)
and my family, and my friends. (hug someone near you)
Thank you for loving me (hands on heart)
no matter what I can do. (shrug and smile)
Help me share so everyone has enough! (arms open wide)
Amen! (clap!)