

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How has God been generous to you?
- Why do you think God wants us to give cheerfully?
- How can you give your time and abilities to serve the church?



A Cheerful Giver

2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15

MAIN POINT: GOD IS GENEROUS TO US, SO WE CAN BE GENEROUS TO OTHERS.

Paul was collecting money for the believers in Jerusalem. They needed help! Paul wrote a letter to his dear friends in the church at Corinth to ask for help. He told them about the ways he had seen God's grace in the churches in Macedonia. Paul said that even though the believers were poor, they gave as much as they could to help others.

Paul encouraged the believers at Corinth to give in the same way. Giving is one way we can show we love God. Paul gave an even better example: Jesus, who was rich with glory and honor in heaven, gave that up and became poor by coming to earth to help us. Jesus did this so that we, who had nothing, could become rich. Now we have salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Paul said that how much a person gives is not as important as his attitude about giving. "God loves a cheerful giver," he said. He encouraged the Corinthians to give what they decided is right.

Paul reminded them that God gives us everything we need. Everything we have is a gift from God. God might give us wealth so we can share it. When we give to the church, the church uses what we give to help people in need. Then those people will thank God for the gifts they receive.

Paul taught that meeting needs generously and cheerfully shows that you believe the good news about Jesus. He said, "Let's thank God for the most wonderful gift of all—His Son, Jesus!"

Christ Connection: God has been merciful and generous to us. He gave us the greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus showed us what generosity looks like when He gave up His life to save us from sin. Because of Jesus, we can be merciful and generous to others.

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Ways to Give | List ways you can give generously to others.

In your community:

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In your school:

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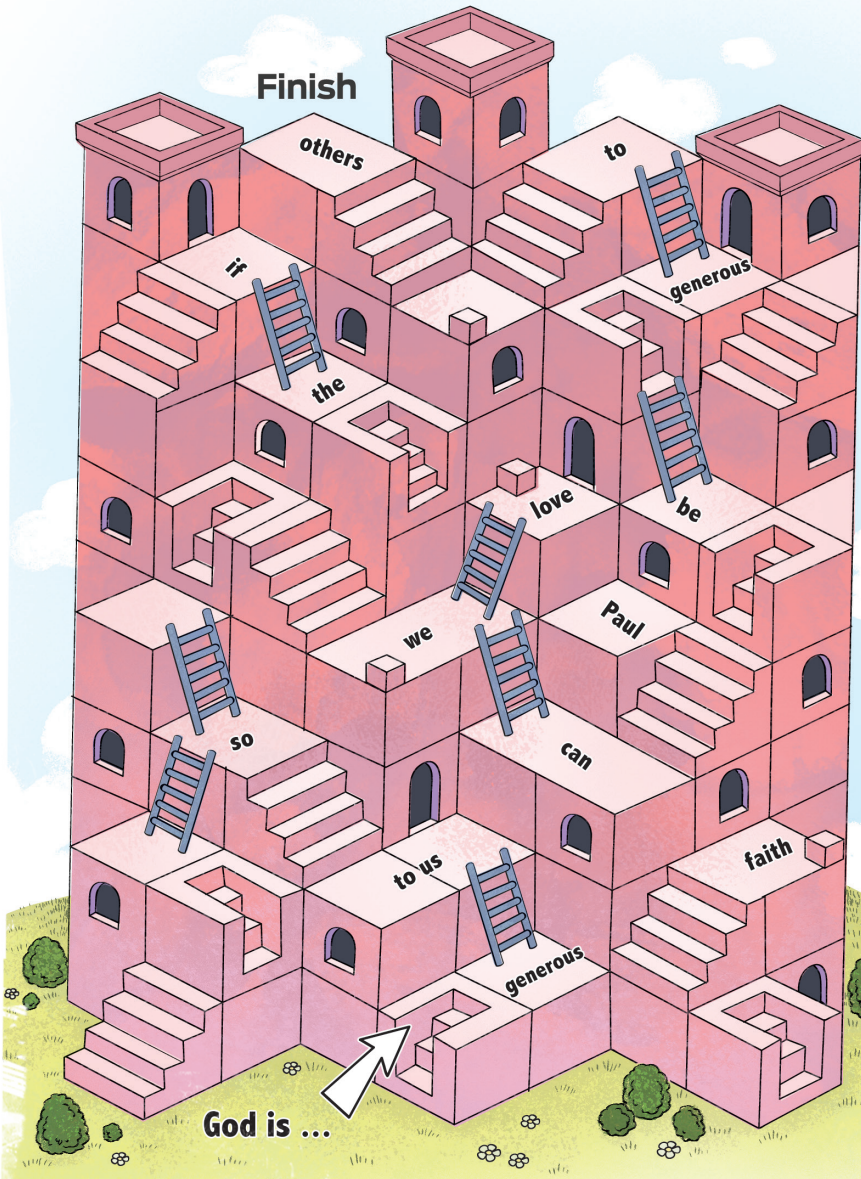
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In your home:

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God is ...

Stair Maze

Find the path to the top of the maze. The correct path follows the words of today's main point.

