

Wrapped Up!

Week 2

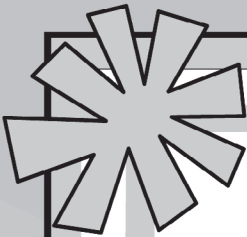
Read This First

Read Luke 18:22-23.

Jesus told the rich young ruler to get rid of everything. EVERYTHING! Jesus wasn't after the guy's stuff. He was after his heart. He wanted him to get wrapped up in the right things: God and others.

Spread out a piece of gift-wrap or another kind of paper—even a napkin. Let each person in your family write or draw a couple of things that would be really hard to get rid of. Tear off each one as you pray the following prayer:

Dear God, help me to love You more than _____. (Fill in the blank with the things you wrote down.)



Read This Next: Day 1

Read PROVERBS 22:9.

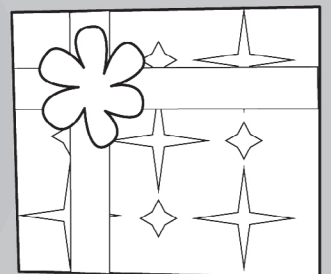
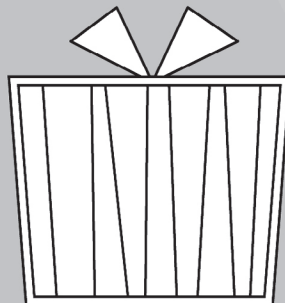
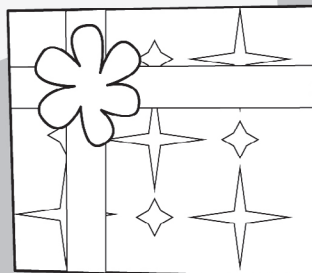
Generosity is making someone's day by giving something away. Put a check in three or more boxes below as you give away the following things today.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> money | <input type="checkbox"/> smile | <input type="checkbox"/> hug |
| <input type="checkbox"/> food | <input type="checkbox"/> clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> toy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (fill in with something you gave away) | | |

Remember, Jesus doesn't want your stuff—He wants your heart. He knows that stuff can get in the way of your relationship with God. Don't let anything get in the way of loving Jesus.

Thank God for the ways He's blessed you.

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Read HEBREWS 13:16.

Use a gift bow to play an all-day-give-away game with your family. Put the bow where someone will find it with a note about why you like them. When they do, tell them to hide it again for someone else to find with a new note. Keep giving the bow away. Each time, remember how God wants you to give often and generously to others.

God doesn't care so much about what you have, but He cares a lot about what you give. Instead of hanging onto our stuff, God wants us to share with those in need. That's how we get rich in what matters most.

ASK God to help you do good today by giving to others.

Day 3

WHAT COULD YOU GO WITHOUT UNTIL CHRISTMAS?

Read ACTS 20:35.

It's not bad or wrong to have money, if you don't let stuff get in the way of loving Jesus. But do you know what's even better than tons of money? Being rich by doing good! God promises to bless your socks off in return for your generosity.

Alone or with your family, think of something you will choose to go without from now until Christmas such as movies or pizza or whatever. Plan how you will use the extra time and money to share a Christmas surprise with a person or family in need of encouragement.

PRAY for God to show you ways you're blessed this month by giving instead of receiving.

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