Growing Wiser — Week 2 **Giving a different way**



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It's so easy!

Gather the family for 7 minutes:



Giving generously when someone does not deserve it is difficult. These verses continue Jesus' teaching on what it is like to live in His upside-down Kingdom.

It's found in the Bible in Matthew 5:38-42.

It's easy! No special equipment. Just a sense of fun and an open mind!



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DAY 1

Get active



Move to music

Put on some favorite music. Repeat these moves until the music ends:

- 10 running on spot
- 5 squats
- 10 running on spot
- 5 squats with hand clap above head



https://youtu.be/ATHqkVnm8nE

Rest and Talk



Generosity instead of revenge

 If someone does something nasty to you, how do you react?

Read Matthew 5:38-42.

When someone hurts us, it is natural to want to fight back

 Can you think of times when Jesus experienced hurt from others – and acted differently? What do you find surprising about His words here? Which parts are hard?

Chat to God: Jesus' words are 'upside down' – not the 'normal' way of reacting. Share one thing Jesus says that sounds exciting or one thing that sounds almost impossible. Pray that God will make the impossible possible.

DAY 2

Get active



Ants on a log

Everyone stands on a 'log' (a line, low wall or a bench). The goal is to reverse your order on the log without anyone falling off. Work together so everyone is successful. Set a timer.



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Rest and Talk



Many ways to be generous

 What are some ways of giving that don't involve money?

Read Matthew 5:38-42.

 What are different ways of 'giving' – especially to people who have been unkind to you?

Together, write sentences that are relevant for your family using Jesus' model: "If someone ..., then we should ..."

Chat to God: Take turns to read out each sentence. After each one, ask Jesus for His help to do it. Leave the sentences where you can see them this week to remind everyone that Jesus' way is 'upside down'.

DAY 3

Get active



Pyramid push-ups

Start with one push-up. Rest briefly. Do two push-ups and rest, then three push-ups and rest. Continue all the way to 10 push-ups. Once you get to 10, work your way back down to one again. If you do the whole pyramid, you will have completed 100 push-ups. Wow!

Go easier: Push-up against a wall, table or on knees.



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Rest and Talk



Follow Jesus' words every day

 List three things your family could never give away.

Read Matthew 5:38-42.

Talk about times when a friend or stranger asks for something that belongs to you.

 How do you feel? Does it depend on what they ask for or who they are?

Plan different ways of giving so you demonstrate Jesus' words: "don't turn away from them".

Chat to God: What kind of reputation does your family have for being generous with time, friendship and help? Ask God to help you to be an 'upside down' family.

Words of the Week

You can find these words in a free online Bible here at Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV).

Bible passage — Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."



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