



Christian Service

Activity

Commander / Leader: Place a reward in a high, out-of-the-way place. Challenge boys to work together to obtain the reward without the assistance of any mechanical device; e.g., a chair.

Biblical Insight

In Luke 22:26, Jesus said, “The one who rules [should be] like the one who serves.” The Greek word for “serve” in this verse is *diakoneo* which means “to minister, wait upon, or render service to.” The idea here is consciously meeting others’ needs. This was contrary to the popular thought in Jesus’ day that the greater the ruler, the more outward privileges he deserved. The truly great ruler is the one who sees his position in terms of his responsibility and duty to those he serves. Great rulers are not those who flaunt their position; great rulers are servants.

What we have to offer may not always fit the traditional pattern. Some of the possessions, talents, and opportunities we have may not seem appropriate to help anyone. We usually think of meeting needs spiritually or through financial assistance. But whatever you have is just the right thing to meet someone’s need. “If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward” (Matthew 10:42).

Composition

God expects us to give to meet the needs of others. He asks us to give only what we are able. No matter what that might be—no matter how much or how little—in God’s hands it is always enough. Read the verses indicated and complete the chart.

WHAT WAS GIVEN OR USED? WHAT NEED WAS MET?

1 Kings 17:7–16	_____	_____
Matthew 10:42	_____	_____
Mark 14:1–9	_____	_____
Luke 21:1–4	_____	_____
John 6:8–14	_____	_____
Acts 4:34,35	_____	_____

Evaluation

How can you help someone today?

Discussion

For each of the following situations, discuss several creative ways in which you could help meet the need.

- A lonely college student can’t afford to go home for Christmas.
- A nursing home which needs volunteers is just up the street from your church.
- The car of a woman with a small child runs out of gas in front of your home.
- Your neighbor’s mother dies.

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Lesson 34

A: The boys should use teamwork to obtain the reward.

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Reference	What was given or used?	What need was met?
1 Kings 17:7–16	Flour and oil	Flour and oil never ran out.
Matthew 10:42	A drink of water	A simple kindness
Mark 14:1–9	Jar of expensive perfume	Anointed Jesus for burial
Luke 21:1–4	Two copper coins	Example of true giving. The needs of the “church” were being met.
John 6:8–14	A lunch	Jesus fed 5,000 and many believed.
Acts 4:34,35	Proceeds from land that was sold	It supplied the needs of the community of believers.

D: Answers will vary.

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