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# GENEROSITY

MAKING SOMEONE'S DAY BY  
GIVING SOMETHING AWAY



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### SAY IT:

*Generosity: Making someone's day by giving something away*

### KNOW IT:

#### ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Share about a time in your life that someone showed you generosity. How did this make you feel?
- How do you feel when you are able to be generous to others?

#### ASK A KID:

- Have you seen or experienced anyone show generosity?
- What's one thing you have that you could give away as an act of generosity?

### SEE IT:

Read the following quotes and have each family member pick their favorite. Tell each other why it is your favorite and what it means to you.

*That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing. — Simone de Beauvoir*

*You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. — John Bunyan*

*Generosity could be as contagious as the zombie plague as long as enough people were willing to be carriers. — Jonathan Mayberry*

*Money is but one venue for generosity. Kindness is an even more valuable currency. — Alan Cohen*

*The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward. — Carol Ryrie Brink*

*Beyond blessed I am, and that's why I give it back to anyone that's around me in my presence! — LeBron James*

### BE IT:

As a family, create a quote about generosity. Decide why it is important, how it supports the family, how it improves your life and others' lives, and the positive impact it has on the world. Once you have a quote that summarizes the importance of generosity, write it on a poster and hang it where the whole family can read it every day. Look for ways that you and your family can live out the spirit of generosity.

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## Kids will grow up to have a better future when three things happen:

- They make wise choices.
- They build strong relationships.
- They maximize their potential.

As parents, each age is a new opportunity to help develop these skills every month by having conversations about the Big Ideas learned at school. How does the Big Idea of kindness, for example, relate to getting along with siblings? Or prepare kids for college or a career?

**So don't miss it.** Conversations – both simple and meaningful – have a significant impact on the development of your kids' current and future self.

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**The bonobo, a slightly smaller and darker cousin** of the chimpanzee, also shares more than 98 percent of DNA with humans. It is a great ape with great social skills.

Bonobos live in societies that are matriarchal (led by females), and these primates are less aggressive than chimps. Extremely social, they live in large groups of 100 or more members. Within this large group are smaller groups of up to 15 individuals, made up of a female and her male offspring and other adult females. (Males usually stay with their mother's group for life.)

These small groups may forage together for fruit or other food, but they usually avoid each other's ranges because of potential conflict. Bonobos are generally much more peaceful than chimpanzees. In some cases, they have been observed sharing fruit with bonobos that they don't know. Duke University researchers found that bonobos were willing to help strangers in an adjacent enclosure obtain pieces of apples, even if they got no reward themselves.

A bonobo named Kanzi, in his 40s, has been studied in research facilities for decades. One researcher claims he learned more than 3,000 words. He has demonstrated his intelligence in other ways as well, such as fashioning tools and coming up with creative ways to communicate with humans who interact with him.

In the wild, Bonobos live only in the central rainforests of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and they are endangered. Because of human conflict in the areas where they live, along with deforestation and poaching, scientists still have a lot to learn about bonobos. And with their peaceful and generous natures, highly intelligent bonobos have much to teach!

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A stylized illustration of a bonobo's face and tail. The bonobo has a dark grey body and a reddish-orange face with large, white, circular eyes and a simple, smiling mouth. The tail is long and curved, also in a dark grey color. The background is a warm, brownish-orange color with faint, stylized tree silhouettes.

**Bonobos can be generous and peaceful with strangers.**

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Because LED lights have a cooling effect on color, designers have been turning to warm neutrals for interior spaces. Honey shades work well. Glidden (a paint company from PPG) named “Limitless” as its 2024 Color of the Year. It is described in *House Beautiful* as a “honey beige hue”. As far as actual honey, its varying colors are graded using something called the Pfund scale. Honey color, which varies from light and transparent to deep amber, is determined by the kinds of flowers and plants bees visit. Humans have enjoyed honey for thousands of years.

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