



Kindergarten Video Scripts - Invitation to Generosity

Have you thought about what you are going to get your child for Christmas this year? Your child is now five or six years old, and I am betting that it's getting harder and harder to think of something they really need. Most kids after 5 or 6 Christmas mornings, Easter baskets, and birthday bashes have so much stuff they rarely have time to play with it all. Most of the time they forget what they do have in pursuit of the latest commercial they saw on TV.

You are also facing the fact that your little baby is growing up and experiencing school for the first time in Kindergarten. We work so hard to make sure everything goes well that first year of school, that many times our kids begin to believe they are the center of the universe. Many times they become the center of ours as well.

This year we are inviting you to help your child experience generosity in a season of life where they have a teachable heart. Our kids can become so focused on what they are doing at school, and what the next holiday will bring that they often forget they were made to be givers not just consumers. Yes, your kindergartener was shaped to make a difference in the world around them and contribute. At school, at home, and with friends your child can embrace generosity and begin to give back and not just take.

Our Family Experience for this year is called "Invitation to Generosity." It will revolve

around a family service project.

Our first step into this Family Experience is to give you 3 Kick-starters that will help you build a foundation for you to begin this year's Family Experience. These Kick-starters are expounded upon in our Kick-starter Guide. They will have questions and activities for you to do with your child that set up the Family Experience. We will then be able to lay a foundation that will enable us to carry out this ceremony. The Kick-starters will cover the questions "What do I have?", "What can I do?", and "Who needs help around me?" These three Kick-starters will fit together to help your child learn what it means to be a giver and not just a taker.

Your next step is to plan your Family Experience by planning a family service project. Our Parent Planning Guide will help you do just that. You might adopt a Compassion International or World Vision child that your family can sponsor. You may volunteer to serve at a local food bank together. You may have a garage sale and raise money to support cancer research. The options are limitless, and you can craft the experience around your family.

Once you choose your serving project, you simply set a date on your family calendar and make it a reality. Keep it simple and have fun during the process. This is an experience that will shape your kindergartener's heart!

I know your child is in kindergarten, but they were created to make a difference.



Sometimes it's hard to see their potential because of their size, but just know that God can see it clearly! This year, let's invite them to live a generous life.



Kindergarten Serving Project Idea List

- **Serve a meal at the Salvation Army**
- **Sponsor a child through Compassion International, World Vision, etc.**
- **In lieu of birthday presents for your child's birthday, let him/her adopt a cause and have people donate to that**
- **A young girl can donate her hair to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer**
- **Look up local food pantries/soup kitchens and volunteer your time there**
- **Have a yard sale to benefit a particular cause**
- **Build a relationship with an elderly man or woman at a nursing home**
- **Hold a neighborhood food drive to donate to a food bank**
- **Collect blankets or coats to donate to a shelter**
- **Donate tissues or socks to elderly people in a nursing home**
- **Clean up trash at a park**
- **Plant flowers at a school**
- **Donate quarters to people at a laundry mat**
- **Take water to a construction crew working near your home or your child's school**
- **Find an elderly person or couple in your neighborhood and pull weeds out of their flower beds**
- **Collect baby blankets for a local pregnancy center**
- **Ask your child's school counselor about the biggest need in your child's school and find a way to meet that need**