



LOVE GENEROUSLY



Skill

Love Generously is overflowing with Father Yahweh's love for us and blessing and caring for others through prayer, friendship, gifts, support, and community.

Design

Love Generously (overflowing cup) > The overflowing cup illustrates the power of love which Paul described as "the perfect bond of unity" (Colossians 3:14). Paul prayed for disciples to "overflow continually" with love (Philippians 1:9). The **sketch** is a cup pouring out illustrating the nature of generosity: to let go of whatever I have and share it joyfully and intentionally with others.

Story

Widow's Generous Gift (Luke 21:1-4)

This story demonstrates Love Generously as a kingdom skill because we clearly see a poor widow offer God everything she owned: she kept nothing. Jesus pointed out her actions as a model for generosity, because her gifts came from a heart that fully trusted in Yahweh Yireh (I AM your Provider) to provide her next meal (Proverbs 3:5-6). She was seeking her Father's kingdom above all else and had faith that He would feed, clothe, and care for her (Matthew 6:33).

Scriptures

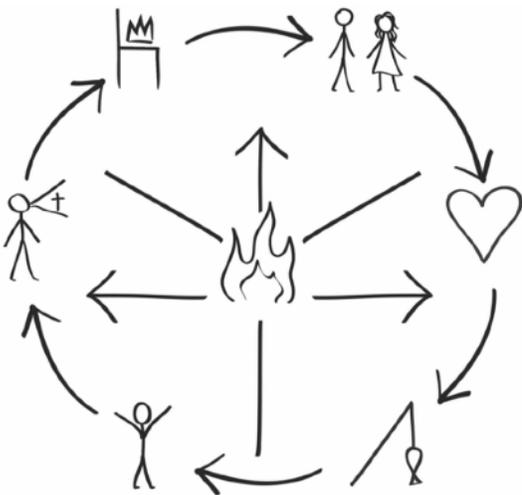
1 Corinthians 13:4-8 > Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful or proud. Love does not dishonor others, love is not self-seeking, love is not easily angered, love keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 John 3:18 > Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Lesson Summary

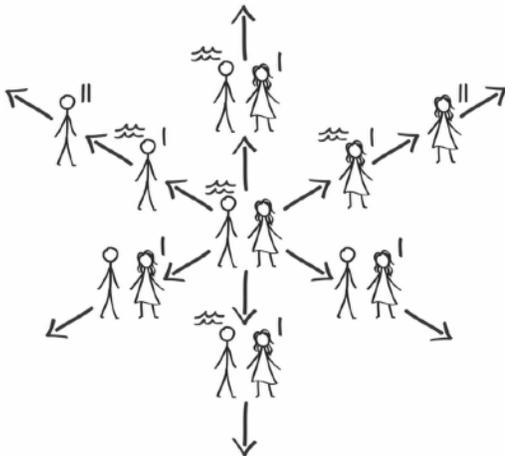
Love Generously begins in the Father's loving heart, for God is love, and He teaches us every day how to love one another well from the way we receive and experience His love (1 John 4:7). Our Father displays His love for us in amazing ways, and He anoints our lives with so many spiritual blessings that our cups overflow (Psalm 23:5). We depend completely upon God's love and sovereign provision to fill us up to overflowing (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Jesus' heart overflows with love and compassion for sinners (Matthew 9:10-13). The Good Samaritan bound up the wounds of the robbed stranger and paid for all recovery costs without the man knowing who helped him (Luke 10:30-37).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?