



MFC
YOUTH

GIG *manual*

Missionary Families of Christ - Youth Community Circle God is Generous (G.I.G.)

Specific Objectives

At the end of the session, the participants will be able to:

1. Know the meaning of Christian stewardship
2. Understand the concept and importance of tithing

Participants

1. MFC Youth Members
2. MFC Youth Coordinators

Methodology

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| ▪ Opening Worship | 15 minutes |
| ▪ Activity: Count Your Blessings | 15 minutes |
| ▪ Talk | 45 minutes |
| ▪ Commitment Activity | 15 minutes |

Materials

- Cartolina – 1 pc. per group
- Colorful Piece of Papers (Post-its) – 10 pcs. per person
- Pen
- Scotch Tape

Dynamics

1. After the opening worship, the leader introduces the “Count Your Blessings” activity.
2. The leader should divide the big group into small groups with 5 members each.
3. The leader will then distribute the materials to each group. Divide the cartolina in two and put the labels “Spiritual Blessing” and “Material Blessing” on each side. Make sure that each member of the group has a piece of pen and 10 post-its or colorful papers.
4. Start the activity by saying: “The Lord gives us many blessings everyday. Let’s take a few minutes to think about the different blessings we receive. Ask the participants to write down their “Top 10 Blessings”. Write one blessing per post-it note.
5. After that invite each participant to read their blessings to the group.

6. As each blessing is read, the group should discuss whether it is a “Spiritual Blessing” (relating to God’s heavenly kingdom) or a “Material Blessing” (relating to the world). Stick it onto the cartolina accordingly.

7. When done, choose one representative from each group to share in front. If time permits, you may ask for volunteers to share their experience during the activity.

8. After the sharing, wrap up the activity by reading Luke 11:9. “And so I say to you, ‘Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to him who knocks the door will be opened’”

Expanded Talk Outline

I. Introduction

From this activity we can clearly see that the Lord has blessed us so much in life. Every time we ask we receive, when we seek we find, and when we knock the door is opened for us. He has given us everything that we need. God is truly a generous Father. As our Father He knows what we need when we need it and how badly we need it. Thus we are assured that we will never lack any good thing! Realizing that then should inspire us to be a blessing to others.

Note: At this point the speaker will play the “God’s Pie” video. (Processing: All that we have is God’s. He is the owner, and we are merely stewards.)

II. Becoming a Blessing

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give. (Matthew 10:8)

We have received so much from the Lord and because of that, it is just right to think of ways how to give back and be a blessing to others. In MFC-Youth, we are formed to be that blessing. In our ministry, we are always pushed to give our all to the Lord. We do this by sharing our:

A. Time

In MFC - Youth, we are formed to be generous with our time. We make sure that God is our number one priority. That is why we arrange our schedules in such a way that we can always glorify Him. This is also the reason why we protect our prayer time because we want to start our day right. We make sure that we make time for mission trips and other services. We set our household meetings, service meetings, assemblies and other



MFC-Youth activities before the start of the month so that it won't conflict with our studies and family time. We do this because we want to give our time for the Lord.

B. Talent

In MFC Youth, we are formed to be generous with our talent. We make sure that we use our talents to glorify God. That is why we have so many ministries in MFC-Youth to make sure that everyone can use their talent for the Lord. We share ourselves to be part of the music, dance, and other creative ministry in L.I.T. We offer our skills in speaking, graphics, and video editing in order to introduce Jesus to as many young people as possible. We make sure that all skills and talent given to us is used for the furtherance of the mission. We do this because we want to give our talents for the Lord.

C. Treasure

In MFC Youth, we are formed to be generous with our treasure. God is calling us to give more of ourselves. He is calling us to be radical witnesses by practicing financial stewardship.

1. Financial Stewardship

In community, we practice financial stewardship by tithing. Tithing means giving ten percent (10%) of an individual's income after taxes from whatever source. The tithe is given to the immediate body of Christ of which one is a part, and where one draws support for one's Christian life. But as youth, we are not required to give tithes because we still do not earn our own money (Tithing is for singles and couples who earn their own money already.) But this does not stop us from acquiring the habit of giving what is due to God. As young people we should be able to form the virtue of generosity in our lives. We can do this through our MFC-Youth GIG!

2. MFC-Youth GIG

Note: At this point the speaker will play the MFC-Youth GIG Video.

This year we are launching MFC-Youth GIG (God Is Generous). MFC-Youth GIG is our financial stewardship project that aims to instill the value of saving and sharing our financial blessings.

In this project we want all MFC-Youth members to be involved; since we are no different from adults. We have the same God who blesses us so much in life. We have the same God who brought us in this community where we have experienced His great love. Since He has provided for us and brought us in a community where we are being taken



cared of, then we should be excited to give something back. We should be able to save and share our blessings for the Lord.

As MFC-Youth members, we draw our spiritual nourishment from MFC-Youth ministry. Thus, we need to support the mission of the ministry by participating in the MFC-Youth GIG. When we give our personal and financial support through MFC-Youth GIG, we are expressing our gratitude to what God has done in our lives through MFC-Youth. Every MFC-Youth member, most especially the Household Servants and up, who support the cause of renewing the family and defending life, is encouraged to be part of it.

To start off, we are looking for MFC-Youth members who will commit to save at least five pesos (P5) a day or at least one hundred (P100) a month in a coin bank. Every 25th of the month, they will surrender the coin bank to their Couple Coordinators or District Servants, who will then give it to the MFC Home Office.

All MFC-Youth GIG will be given to our Metro Manila Home Office, which oversees the worldwide work of our community. In supporting the MFC-Youth GIG, we are helping our community to send more missionaries within and outside the country. We also help in giving financial support to the different mission trips and projects of our community.

Note: The speaker should give more specific examples that will help the participants see the different needs of the community. (more full time workers, more mission trips, etc.) God is calling our community to do a bigger work for Him and He has blessed us financially so that we too can share in making all of it into a reality!

III. THE GIG EFFECT

Participating in the MFC-Youth GIG also helps us individually. When we take part in this project, it personally teaches us the following:

A. Teaches us to be more generous

It makes our heart expand and become more generous. It teaches us to give more and think of others first. One of the main problems of our world today is greed. Men are too greedy and are not willing to share. But if at our young age, the value of generosity is formed in us, we become generous people.

B. Teaches us to be more simple and dependent to God

It makes us simple! By depriving ourselves of five pesos (P5) a day, it teaches us to sacrifice for the Lord by taking away some of our luxuries. This may mean less of our



computer games, favorite signature coffee and juices, fashion apparels and the like. Whatever it is we become simple by denying ourselves of life's comfort.

It also makes us dependent on God! Saving P5 a day may be tough for us. But if it teaches us to be dependent on God, then it is worth it. When we feel that we might get short because of losing this P5 then get ready to be surprised by God for He can never be outdone in generosity.

Whatever you give the Lord gives back a hundredfold. Remember that the Lord looks at our hearts. When we give he will never fail to reward us of what is due to us, which is most of the time even greater than we expected. We “open the floodgates” when we tithe.

C. Teaches us to support the mission

When we tithe we help further the kingdom of God. What we give is used for financing mission trips, hiring fulltime pastoral workers and subsidizing operational expense of the mission. When more missions (more camps, conferences etc.) are done, more lives are touched.

Note: At this point, the speaker must share how he has been blessed by the Lord through MFC-Youth GIG. Play the MFC-Youth GIG video before concluding the whole talk.

IV. CONCLUSION

Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also. (Matthew 6:21)

Giving personal and financial support to the work of our community is an expression of our gratitude to God. If we say that we love God, our neighbors and fellow MFC-Youth, then we need to be part of this project! As we allow God to bless us, may we also allow ourselves to be blessing to others.

V. ACTIVITY

1. At this point the speaker will lead the participants into a prayer. A reflection song (Christ Is Enough) can be played to help set an atmosphere of prayer.
2. The speaker will lead the participants to reflect on how they have experienced God's love, generosity, providence and security.
3. Then the speaker will challenge the participants to respond to God's love for them by filling out the YFL GIG commitment card.
4. The speaker will close the activity with a prayer.