

Family Home Evening Lesson

Christ and Giving • You and I and the Giving Machines

Opening Song: Children's Sonbook #34, "He Sent His Son"

Opening Prayer:

Discussion Questions:

- What did Heavenly Father do to show us His Love for us? (John 3:16)
- What can we give to Heavenly Father and Jesus?
- What are some of the things Christ did to show His love and compassion to others?

Stories and Examples:

- Mark 1:29-34
- Acts 3:1-7
- Luke 8:43-47
- Luke 5:35-42
- 3 Nephi 17:6-9
- [A Christmas Story from President Monson](#)
- See below for local stories

Light the World by Giving Through the Giving Machines

The Giving Machines will again be hosted by Union Station. This is a great opportunity for our family to experience the joy of giving and to invite friends to join them.

- Who could we invite to go with us to the Giving Machines?
- What other activities could we do while we are there?

Local Giving Machine Stories

Drink and Treat Stands:

Three young girls earned \$100 selling lemonade and cookies at a neighborhood lemonade stand! The Giving Machines will be the recipients of some of their money they earned. There is JOY in giving as the Savior does.



Local Giving Machine Stories

Flamingo Fundraiser: You've Been Flocked!

When I learned about the Giving Machines coming to Kansas City, I pictured my family's visit to them going something like this: the kids complaining about the car ride, whining while we donate money, me forcing everyone to pose for a picture (including a smile!) and then we post on social media and look like we had a good time. I wanted it to be a better experience than that! I wanted to find a fun way to get the kids involved. That's when I remembered about flamingo fundraisers! I talked to a few friends and no one had heard about this kind of fundraiser before. But I'm glad they took a chance and believed in my crazy idea. We worked together to flock the town! Here's how it works: basically, someone wakes up in the morning and there is a flock of birds on their lawn! We started with 20 pink flamingos! There is also a sign that tells why they have been "flocked" - in this case we were collecting money to donate to the Giving Machines. If they would like to pick the next "victim," they make a small donation to the cause. It's that simple! The kids contribute because they are the ones who hop out of the van under the cover of darkness and move the flock from house to house every 24 hours. We did this fund-raiser for just over 6 weeks. It brought in quite a bit of cash, lots of smiles, and it was a really fun experience for our families. It was amazing to witness the generosity and friendship among members of the community!



Discussion Question:

- What can we do to add money to the Giving Machine Jar to help the needy in our community through the Giving Machines?

Activity: Make a Giving Machine Jar

- Cut out the band on the last page and tape it around an empty jar
- Collect money or slips of paper with amounts to be used at the giving machines
- Transfer cash to an account with a bank card or credit card (Giving Machines do not take cash)
- Visit Union Station this Christmas season and make your donation at the Giving Machine

Final Thought:

Experience the joy of giving as the Savior does!

Closing Song: Children's Songbook #136, "Love One Another"

Closing Prayer:



Meet The 2024 Kansas City Charities:



Amethyst Place is a long-term supportive housing program for women and children recovering from generational poverty, substance use, and trauma.



Community Services League provides help today for those struggling to make ends meet. Through those relationships, we offer hope for tomorrow while making connections to coaches who care and resources to build financial stability and self-sufficiency.



Flourish, Kansas City's furniture bank, partners with social service agencies providing wrap-around services to empower families overcoming housing insecurity. By collecting, repairing, and providing donated furniture and home essentials for the entire home.



At El Centro, we are building an educated, healthy, financially empowered and engaged Latino community by strengthening communities and improving lives of Latinos and others through educational, social, and economic opportunities.



Pawsperity unleashes human potential through the art of pet grooming. We are the only nonprofit grooming school across the country. Our transformative program breaks the cycle of generational poverty through extensive job training within a booming industry. Our students are some of society's most vulnerable, with a focus on single parents living in poverty.



The Kansas City Mayor's Christmas Tree Association benefits senior citizens, persons with disabilities and children each year with gift cards, Christmas gifts and holiday parties that are hosted by the Parks Department to help alleviate some cost concerns as our fellow Kansas Citians celebrate the holidays with friends and family.



Through the Giving Machines, children in need can experience the amazing world of science first-hand, with more than 300 indoor and outdoor interactive exhibits and high-energy play spaces to workout both mind and body.



Our vision is a world where everyone has food, voice and a safe place to call home. We've been working to make this a reality for more than 75 years, and we know it's possible. We've welcomed thousands of refugees and other new neighbors into our communities, helped countless families put food on the table and lifted the voices of people who have been left out.



Each day, thousands of people – people just like you – provide compassionate care to those in need. Our network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world.

We roll up our sleeves and donate time, money and blood. We learn or teach life-saving skills so our communities can be better prepared when the need arises. We do this every day because the Red Cross is needed – every day.

Giving Machine 2024 Items

Amethyst Place

Cleaning Starter Kit
Help a family care for their new home with cleaning and organization supplies.



\$35

Amethyst Place

Hygiene Kit
Support the dignity of recently unhoused women and children with hygiene items.



\$15

Amethyst Place

Kid's Bedroom Bundle
Provide bedroom necessities to a child transitioning from foster care.



\$75

Amethyst Place

School Supplies
Donate school supplies to help kids succeed in the classroom.



\$9

Amethyst Place

Week of Groceries
Feed a food-insecure family for one week with nutritious groceries.



\$100

Amethyst Place

Community Services League

Baby Diapers
Help a mom with limited resources keep her baby clean and happy.



\$35

Community Services League

Cold Weather Shelter
Gift a family an overnight stay in a motel to escape the brutal winter cold.



\$50

Community Services League

Kid's Tennis Shoes
Provide a new pair of sneakers for a child to wear to school.



\$25

Community Services League


One Nutritious Meal
Donate one healthy meal to a neighbor fighting hunger.



\$5

Community Services League

Winter Gear
Give a coat, hat, gloves, and a scarf to help a local person in need stay warm.



\$50

Community Services League

El Centro & Kansas City Mayor's Christmas Tree

Dental Essentials
Help improve oral health and build confidence for a person in our community.



\$8

El Centro

Diabetes Testing Kit
Give a diabetic the necessary tools to check and manage blood sugar.



\$15

El Centro

Fresh Produce
Provide a family with one week's worth of garden-fresh produce.



\$20

El Centro


Utility Assistance
Keep a family warm by covering one month of home heating.



\$100

El Centro

Toys for Children
Bring joy to a child with a toy during the holiday season.



\$20

El Centro

Flourish: A Furniture Bank

Brand New Pillow
Support a newly-housed neighbor with a brand-new, soft pillow.



\$5

Flourish: A Furniture Bank

Dishes
Help someone in need enjoy home-cooked meals with a new set of dinnerware.



\$15

Flourish: A Furniture Bank

Mattress & Frame
Supply a new mattress and bed frame to help a person in need sleep comfortably.



\$200

Flourish: A Furniture Bank

Pots & Pans
Donate kitchenware for a newly-housed family to cook meals together.



\$50

Flourish: A Furniture Bank

Set of Towels
Provide new, fresh towels for a family who has experienced home insecurity.



\$25

Flourish: A Furniture Bank

Pawsperty & Science City

Dog Grooming Tools
Equip dog grooming students with the necessary tools to succeed in the industry.



\$15

Pawsperty

Family Housing
Fund three nights of safe, warm housing for a student and their family.



\$150

Pawsperty

School Textbooks
Stock a dog grooming classroom with needed textbooks to help students thrive.



\$75

Pawsperty


Student Breakfast
Fuel a student's learning with a warm, nutritious meal.



\$7

Pawsperty

Sponsor a Child's Learning
Gift a child with a day of discovery and fun at Science City.

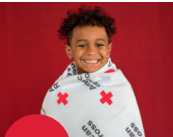


\$15

Science City

American Red Cross & Church World Service


Comfort Kit & Blanket
Provide items like the warmth of blankets to someone impacted by disaster.



\$8

American Red Cross


Infant Care Kit
Provide a family with the ability to care for their baby during a disaster.



\$35

American Red Cross


Infant Crib
Provide an infant with the comfort of home & safe place to sleep during disaster.



\$125

American Red Cross

One Beehive
Increase income through beekeeping and the collection of pollen and honeycombs.



\$75

CWS

One Goat
Donate a goat for milk and breeding and create an impactful income opportunity.



\$115

CWS



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Giving Machine
