

# Family Home Evening Lesson

## Christ and Giving • You and I and the Giving Machines

## Opening Song: Children's Songbook #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 2025 Kansas City Charities:



HALO serves as the foundation of a family for children without one. Since 2005, HALO has provided housing, healing and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children. Help one more child spend one less day alone at [haloworldwide.org](http://haloworldwide.org).



HILLCREST  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Hillcrest Transitional Housing moves individuals, unaccompanied youth, and families from homelessness to self-sufficiency in the Greater Kansas City area. We achieve this by addressing the root causes of homelessness, providing essential life skills, budget counseling, and enforcing accountability through weekly evaluations, strict budgeting, sobriety, and employment.



Our mission is to help people move to a better life through hope-filled care, services, and advocacy, calling all those of goodwill to join us. Catholic Charities empowers at risk people to create a pathway out of poverty by alleviating their immediate crises to create stability; then providing robust support to lift them to dignity and self-reliance. Our services include food and hygiene items, rental assistance, employment help, parenting classes, transportation, etc.



HARVESTERS  
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

The Community Food Network is a food bank that acquires, stores and distributes food and related household products to hundreds of its partner agencies who feed 226,000 people every month. These agencies include food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, children's homes and more. In our 27-county service area, 1 in 7 people are at risk of hunger. Our mission is to mobilize the power of our community to create equitable access to nutritious food and address the root causes and impact of hunger. You can help us achieve our mission by giving time, food, money and voice!



HappyBottoms is a nonprofit diaper bank dedicated to alleviating diaper need in the Kansas City metropolitan and surrounding area. We have distributed more than 30 million diapers since opening in 2009. HappyBottoms helps families bridge the gap between what they can afford and what their baby needs. We believe every child deserves the dignity of a clean diaper, meaning fewer health concerns for babies, fewer missed days of work for parents, less of a financial burden, and greater stability for families.



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.



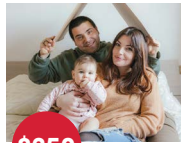
As one of the world's largest and oldest humanitarian organizations, CARE works in over 100 countries to fight poverty and save lives. When emergencies happen, CARE is there to provide urgent, lifesaving support to those affected by natural disasters, conflict and drought. And through programs which improve health and nutrition, increase agricultural knowledge and provide access to education and economic opportunities, CARE also helps families and communities become self-reliant, empowering them with the resources and skills they need to lift themselves out of poverty and build a stronger, healthier future.



Days for Girls works to eliminate the stigma and limitations associated with menstruation so that women and girls have improved health, education and livelihoods. To date, we have reached over 3.5 million women and girls with our life-changing menstrual health solutions.

# Giving Machine 2025 Items

## Catholic Charities

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| <b>Cheese</b><br>Provide protein to a family experiencing food insecurity.<br><br><b>\$5</b><br>CATHOLIC CHARITIES | <b>3 Jars of Peanut Butter</b><br>Give three jars of peanut butter to help a parent feed their hungry kids.<br><br><b>\$15</b><br>CATHOLIC CHARITIES | <b>Family Meal Kit</b><br>Provide a family meal kit to those struggling with food scarcity.<br><br><b>\$25</b><br>CATHOLIC CHARITIES | <b>Utility Assistance</b><br>Donate vital utility assistance to keep the lights on for a household in crisis.<br><br><b>\$95</b><br>CATHOLIC CHARITIES | <b>Rent Assistance</b><br>Protect a family at risk of eviction with essential rent assistance.<br><br><b>\$250</b><br>CATHOLIC CHARITIES |
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| <b>School Supplies</b><br>Donate school supplies to help a child thrive in the classroom.<br><br><b>\$9</b><br>HALO | <b>Hygiene Supplies</b><br>Help a child feel clean, confident and cared for with basic necessities.<br><br><b>\$20</b><br>HALO | <b>Winter Gear</b><br>Give a coat, hat, gloves and a scarf to help a child stay safe and warm.<br><br><b>\$55</b><br>HALO | <b>School Clothes</b><br>Gift a teen in need the confidence to shine with a clothes for school.<br><br><b>\$65</b><br>HALO | <b>Week of Groceries</b><br>Ensure a resident has nutritious meals for an entire week.<br><br><b>\$100</b><br>HALO |
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## Happy Bottoms, Mayor's Christmas Tree & Science City

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| <b>Baby Diapers</b><br>Provide a family with diapers to keep their baby clean, dry and healthy.<br><br><b>\$12</b><br>happybottoms | <b>Potty Training Kit</b><br>Support a toddler, transition out of diapers with a potty training kit.<br><br><b>\$25</b><br>happybottoms | <b>Case of Wipes</b><br>Keep babies clean and comfortable with a three-month supply of wipes.<br><br><b>\$35</b><br>happybottoms | <b>Toy for a Child</b><br>Bring joy to a child with a gift during the holiday season.<br><br><b>\$20</b><br>SCIENCE CITY | <b>Science City Scholarship</b><br>Send a child in need to Science City for a day of discovery and learning.<br><br><b>\$17</b><br>SCIENCE CITY |
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## Harvesters Community Food Network

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| <b>10 lbs. of Rice</b><br>Stock the shelves of a family in need with a pantry staple.<br><br><b>\$5</b><br>HARVESTERS | <b>4 Gallons of Milk</b><br>Nourish a local family of four with a one-month supply of milk.<br><br><b>\$10</b><br>HARVESTERS | <b>6 Whole Chickens</b><br>Give the gift of vital protein to our neighbors in need.<br><br><b>\$30</b><br>HARVESTERS | <b>300 lbs. of Produce</b><br>Provide nutritious produce for our hungry community members.<br><br><b>\$60</b><br>HARVESTERS | <b>5 Food Boxes</b><br>Gift boxes of shelf-stable food to feed five low-income families.<br><br><b>\$100</b><br>HARVESTERS |
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## Hillcrest Transitional Housing

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| <b>Breakfast Cereal</b><br>Donate a box of cereal to brighten the day of a family in need.<br><br><b>\$5</b><br>HILLCREST | <b>Hair Care Kit</b><br>Provide cultural hair care and hygiene essentials for a resident in need.<br><br><b>\$15</b><br>HILLCREST | <b>Warm Bedding</b><br>Supply warm bedding for a newly housed Kansas City family.<br><br><b>\$50</b><br>HILLCREST | <b>Reliable Transportation</b><br>Help a resident in need with emergency transportation or car repair.<br><br><b>\$70</b><br>HILLCREST | <b>Safe Shelter</b><br>Offer a night of emergency housing to a person experiencing homelessness.<br><br><b>\$100</b><br>HILLCREST |
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## Care & Days for Girls

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| <b>Vegetable Seeds &amp; Tools</b><br>Donate seeds to provide a family with healthy vegetables and nourishment.<br><br><b>\$38</b><br>care | <b>One Goat</b><br>Provide nourishing goat milk and help a family earn an income.<br><br><b>\$86</b><br>care | <b>School Menstrual Kit</b><br>Provide a washable period kit for a school girl (lasts 2+ years).<br><br><b>\$10</b><br>DAYS FOR GIRLS | <b>Refugee Menstrual Kit</b><br>Provide a washable period kit for a refugee (lasts 2+ years).<br><br><b>\$15</b><br>DAYS FOR GIRLS | <b>Menstrual Health Education</b><br>Donate a puberty and menstrual health education session for 50 girls.<br><br><b>\$60</b><br>DAYS FOR GIRLS |
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# LightTheWorld Giving Machine

KANSAS CITY

## BINGO

Share a social  
media post about  
the Giving Machines



Earn money to  
spend at the  
Giving Machines



Participate in the  
FHE lesson about the  
Giving Machines



Bring a friend  
to the Giving  
Machines



Donate at the  
Giving Machines



Set out a  
yard sign



Tell a friend  
about the  
Giving Machines



Watch a video  
about the Giving  
Machines



Make the "Giving  
Machines Jar"



# Scavenger Hunt

## UNION STATION LEVEL 1/GRAND HALL

Look for answers to the questions below by moving from the postal service entrance on the west side to the Grand Hall. (Use the map on the back of this page if you need some help!) Can you find them all?

1

What is on the first display you see as you enter Union Station from the West side parking?

2

Between 1838 and 1977 much of the mail sent across country passed through what city?

3

After 1914, mail came through \_\_\_\_\_ and delivered across the US.

4

(Look left.) Under the RPO Lexicon, what does RPO mean?

5

Take a look at the picture of "Mail Crane". It helped the mail to be passed faster. What were "snowstorms" that faster exchanges might cause?

6

"Post Office on Wheels" innovation was born in what city in Missouri?

7

Where did the postal clerks sort the mail? On a passenger train that pulled a \_\_\_\_\_.

8

Former Railway Postal Clerks could be identified by this unique habit...

9

(Turn left toward the Restroom sign, enter, then look right). What was done on this platform?

10

To the left of Rally House, up high, is something that people referred to when coming to Union Station. They would say, "Meet me under the \_\_\_\_\_."

11

(Take a look at the architecture!) How many high hanging chandeliers are in the Grand Hall at Union Station? \_\_\_\_\_

12

What is the permanent hands on activity in Union Station? \_\_\_\_\_

13

What is the name of the chocolate candy store in Union Station? \_\_\_\_\_

14

(Look toward the far East wall of the Grand Hall). What upscale restaurant is located in the corner? The Chiefs often eat here.

15

Find something very big that has a lot of needles but cannot sew. Take a photo in front of it!