



Lesson 10—We Show Our Creator *Love When We Share*

II Kings 7:1-20

Memory Verse

“Blessed are those who
hear the word of
God and keep it”
(Luke 11:28)

Teacher’s Objective

At the end of the session,
the students should
be able to:

Define the word *share*

Locate Samaria and
the Jordan River

Describe how God
shares with us

Express in their own words
how they will share with
others this coming week

Materials Needed

See “Teaching Activities”
for specific activities

Teacher’s Bible Study

The entire universe belongs to God. He designed it and created it; He sustains and maintains it. God created the material universe, including the earth and its resources, as a fit environment for an even greater creation. God, in fact, *owns everything*.

It was here that God placed man and began the creation of His own character in children destined to be eventually born into His own family. Thus, the creation of this earth and its resources is only a preliminary step in a much larger drama unfolding progressively before mankind. It is God’s purpose that human being should eventually attain an infinitely greater role in rulership over God’s creation by inheriting not merely this world and its resources but even the entire universe (Hebrews 2:6–8).

Every human being owes his entire existence to God. We should be thankful to Him and show our love for our Creator in our lives. We learn obedience through understanding God’s law, and living by it. Giving and sharing with others the blessings and gifts God gives us is another way of thanking Him.

Service to God consists of many things. A multitude of people will voice the desire to serve God, whether or not they really intend to seek out the means of doing so. But, as the book of James states, Christian love consists of more than kindly words or sweet platitudes. Contact with God through prayer and study of His Word helps us to understand more fully what is required of us. The Christian’s daily walk is a combination of works and faith; obedience and service; and love toward God, and our fellow human-beings. Simply put: We give back to others what God so freely gives to us.

God is the greatest giver. He is the one who gives life and makes everything possible and enjoyable by His wonderful creation. God has set the example of giving by supplying what could never be repaid, and giving it to those who could never return the favor. Giving is at the heart of Christian love.

We all receive; we show our appreciation by offering thanks and contributing what we can to God and to our fellow man. God, in His infinite love, gave us His Son, setting the ultimate example of generosity.

To prepare for this week’s lesson, read the following scriptures which address the issue of sharing and giving: Exodus 35:1–35; Ezra 2:64–70; II Samuel 9; Hebrews 13:1–16; II Corinthians 8:1–15.

Presenting the Bible Story

The city of Samaria was surrounded by the Syrian army. To keep the people safe with the enemy on the outside, the city gates were locked. Our story begins with Elisha announcing a prophecy.

II Kings 7:1-2

A *seah* was approximately seven quarts. The statement, “on whose hand the king leaned,” means the king’s advisor. The people were starving because of a famine in the country. But they couldn’t leave the city for fear of being defeated by the Syrian army.

II Kings 7:3-4

Leprosy was a disease that attacked the skin. A person with this disease was kept away from other people until they were well. These four lepers came to the conclusion that they had nothing to lose by turning themselves over to the Syrian army. They would either die slowly from starvation or the Syrians would kill them right away.

II Kings 7:5-7

God caused the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots, horses, and a great army. They were so frightened that they left most of their belongings behind and fled in terror.

II Kings 7:8-9

What was the first thing these four lepers did? They filled their own stomachs and hid some things as well. Their conscience began to work. They began to think about all their friends and family back at the city and how they were hungry as well. They also decided it would be best for them to appear as heroes and report the retreat of the Syrian army rather than appear as criminals.

II Kings 7:10-12

The king believed it to be a trick. He believed the Syrians would catch them when they came out of the city.

II Kings 7:13-15

King Joram liked the plan of one of his officers. The Jordan River was about twenty-five miles from Samaria.

II Kings 7:16-20

Do you remember at the beginning of the story the man who ridiculed what Elisha prophesied? What did Elisha say would happen to him? Read verse 2 again. He did see what Elisha predicted but he did not partake. He was trampled to death.

Teaching Activities

Art and Activities

Activity Pages

Provide a copy of the Activity Page suitable for each of your students. Provide pencils and crayons.

Art Activity

During the winter months, birds have a harder time finding food. Provide a pine cone for each student. Have them put peanut butter on the pine cone and then roll the pine cone in birdseed—peanut butter only if you do not have birdseed. Bring a plate of home-baked cookies or brownies for the children to share while they do their project. Or, if your church has a kitchen, have the children make a batch of cookies to share with the congregation. They can share in the work of mixing, baking, and cleaning up.

Explore the Subject

Explore the following questions with your students:

1. At first, did you think the four lepers were going to share what they had found?
2. Why did they decide to go and tell the gate keeper?
3. What does sharing mean to you?

Respond and Reinforce

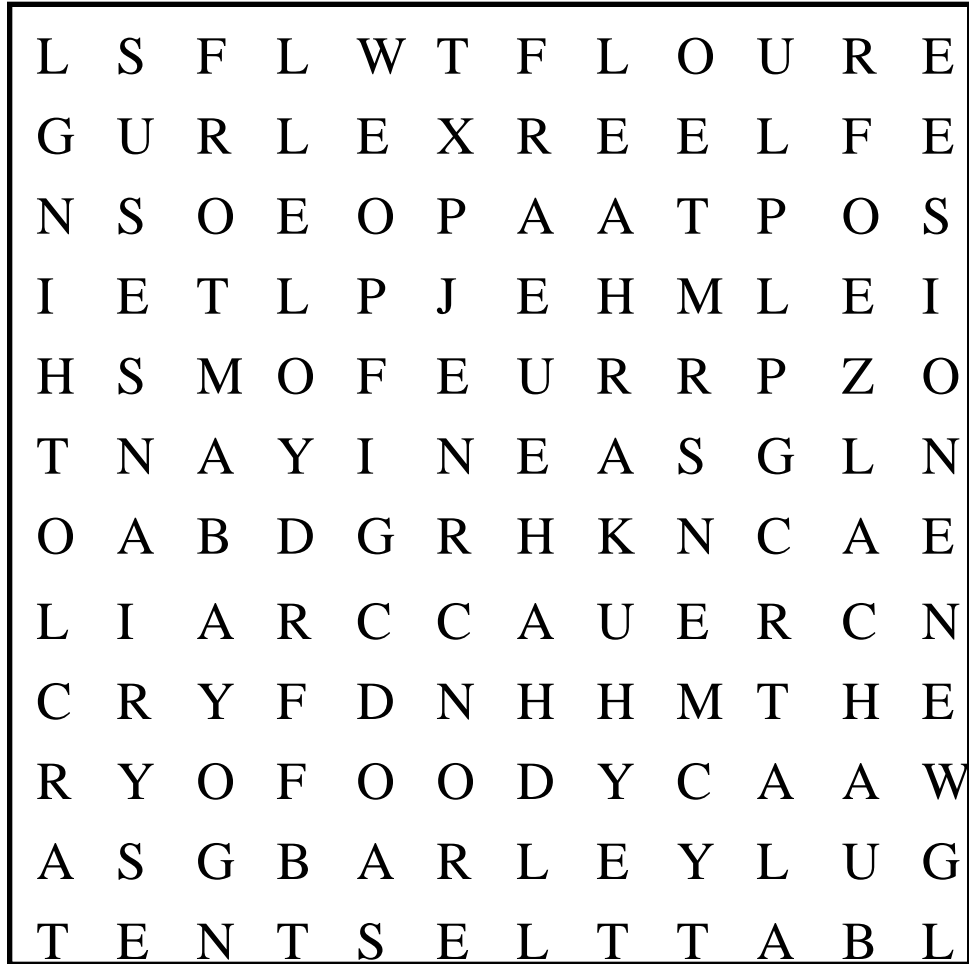
Always close your class with prayer

1. Discuss the memory verse.

Activity Page

Victory in the Face of Defeat II Kings 7:1-20

Read the Scriptures. Find the words hidden in the word search puzzle below.



FLOUR

CHARIOTS

HUNGRY

BARLEY

BATTLE

TRAMPLE

ARMY

CLOTHING

FLEE

SYRIANS

FOOD

LEPERS

NOISE

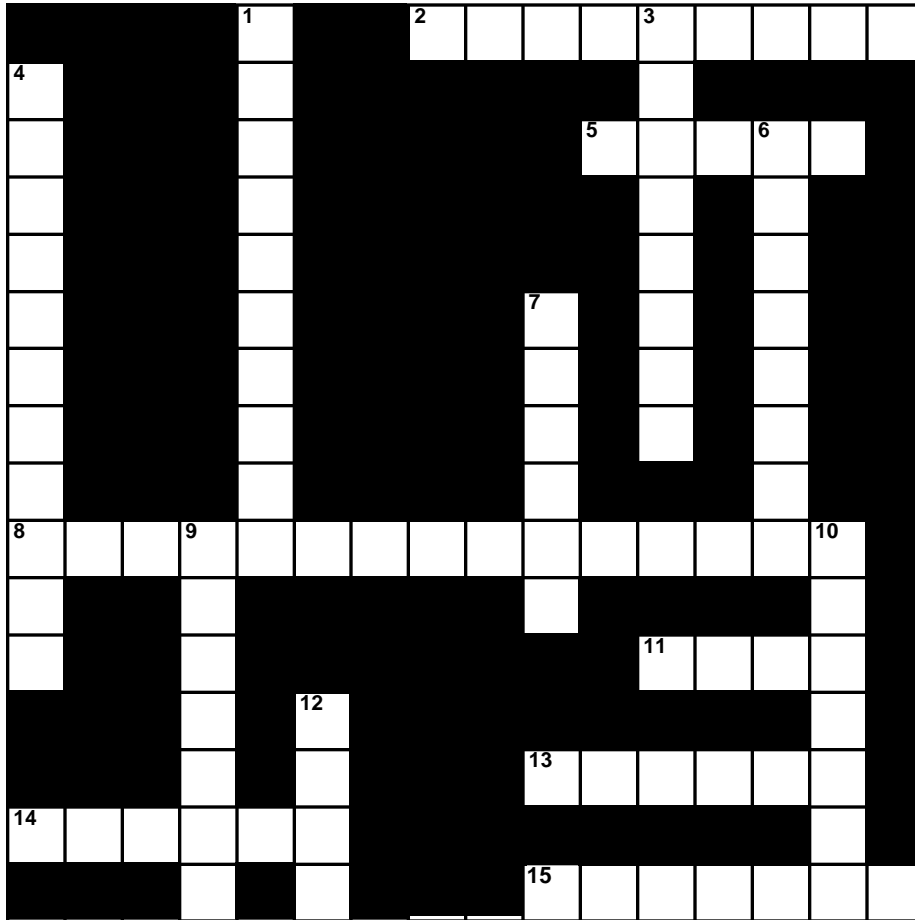
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Activity Page

God's Power in the Face of Seige II Kings 7:1-20

Read the Scriptures and complete the crossword puzzle below.



Across

2. A huge multitude of people; a _____ (two words; see II Kings 7:6).
5. An urgent need; in a great hurry.
8. The Syrians heard the sound of the _____ (II Kings 7:6; three words).
11. The number of lepers that reported to the king that the Syrian's camp was deserted (see II Kings 7:3).
14. Extreme scarcity of food.
15. Hansen's disease.

Down

1. To reject as untrue or false.
3. Trodden upon.
4. This day is a day of _____ (two words; see II Kings 7:9).
6. The time of day following sunset.
7. And they went after them unto _____ (see II Kings 7:15).
9. The northern kingdom of the ancient Hebrew people.
10. Plural of Syrian.
12. To take to one's heels.

Across: 2. Great host; 5. Haste; 8. Noise of chariots; 11. Four; 13. Elisha; 14. Famine; 15. Leprosy; Down: 1. Disbelieve; 3. Trampled; 4. Good tidings; 6. Twilight; 7. Jordan; 9. Samaria; 10. Syrians; 12. Flee.

Activity Page

We Show Love When We Share



Fill in the blanks:

1. The opposite of “to share” is _____.
1. Use jointly; 2. Divide; 3. Hoard.
2. Who is the greatest giver of all? _____
1. Our parents; 2. Our friends; 3. God.
3. _____ is at the heart of Christian love.
1. Giving; 2. Salvation; 3. Solitude.
4. When we see others in need what are we to do? _____
1. Help them; 2. Avoid them; 3. Make fun of them.

Answers: 1. Hoard; 2. God; 3. Giving; 4. Help them.

Activity Page

We Show Love When We Share

Jesus wants us to share our blessings with others.
Draw a line between the opposites. Color the pictures.

