

# LENTEN DEVOTIONS \* WEEK 1 \* GIVE

**Scripture: Mark 10:17-27**

*As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "...You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.*

*Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."*

## **Questions:**

- Do you think the man sold his belongings, and gave the money to the poor, like Jesus asked? Why, or why not?
- What is one thing that you want to do - or think that you should do - that seems really, really hard right now?

## **Going Deeper:**

- What are the "commandments" in your house, or in your school, or club, or church? In what ways are these rules only the beginning?

*(continued on next page)*

**Activity:**

Notice that the man walked away sad – but we’re not told whether he followed Jesus’ instruction or not. We’re only told that if he did, it would be really hard.

This week, create a list of things that are really hard. Let every family member contribute. When you’re done, read your list aloud, and pause after each item to insert the refrain, “with God, all things are possible.” After reading this litany, let each family member circle one really hard thing they want to try. Give each other your best encouragement.

**Prayer:**

*Generous God,  
Nothing is impossible for you,  
even what doesn’t make sense:  
like how we can receive, when we give.  
Help us to trust you and each other,  
and give us courage to do hard things. Amen.*

# THINGS THAT ARE REALLY HARD...

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

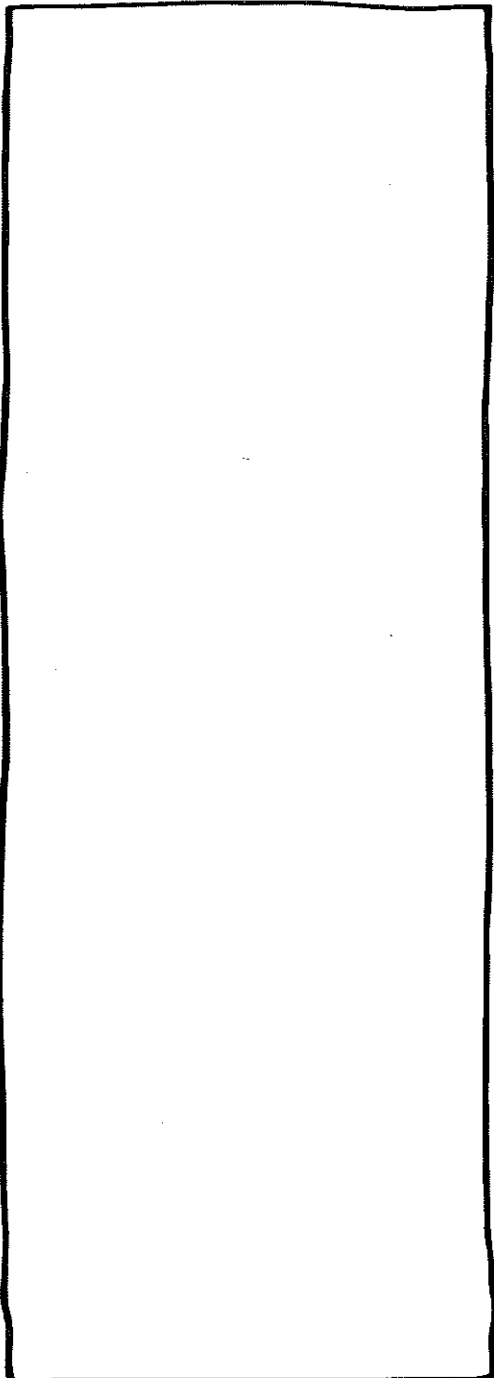
---

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.



# WEEK 1: GIVE

THIS WEEK, OUR THEME WORD IS GIVE. IN ORDER TO FOCUS ON WHAT GIVING LOOKS LIKE IN OUR LIVES, WE HAVE ALL AGREED TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING:



signed by: \_\_\_\_\_