



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift begins with you and results in **evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication**. For the past 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. The process starts with a simple shoebox packed by your family and ends in the hands of a child. This one act of kindness has the potential to change their lives forever!

It starts with you and your family. Pray and decide what you would like to send (there are suggested items)



Bring your shoebox gift to Victory during the 2nd and 3rd weekend of November.

As a result of what they learn in **The Greatest Journey discipleship program**, boys and girls grow in Christ and share with friends and family. The students also invite others to their graduations where the Gospel is shared.



Our team delivers to the local warehouse for sorting and preparation for delivery around the world.



**82%** of all children that start the discipleship program finish and remain followers of Jesus!



Pastors around the world host shoebox distributions in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him.



OCC gifts are delivered to over 100 countries around the world!

# I CAN DO WHAT IS RIGHT

## PRESCHOOL

### WEEK 1

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? - LUKE 10:25-29

**READ Luke 10:25-29** This week in VicKids we learned we can do what is right and make good choices. Your child learned that we should love God and love our neighbors like we love ourselves.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Write, Love your neighbor as yourself, on a piece of paper. Have your child give you names of people who are easy to love and hard to love. Write the names on the paper. Pray with your child for the names on the list. Remind your child we are to love everyone, even those who are hard to love.

*Prayer Time - God, help us to make good choices. Help us remember what Jesus said about loving our neighbors. Thank You for helping us and teaching us. In Jesus name, Amen!*

### WEEK 2

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR - LUKE 10:29-30

**READ Luke 10:29-30** Today we learned more about our neighbors and how to love them. We learned that there are many ways we can love others and treat them as ourselves.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Buy a case of water bottles to keep in the car just to have on hand to give to those who are thirsty. This might include someone standing on the corner as you drive by or a friend while playing at the park. Talk about sharing with those in need. Remind your child that everyone is our neighbor, and we should show love to everyone.

*Prayer Time - God, thank You for loving everyone. Help us to remember that everyone is our neighbor. Help us this week as we work to do what is right and treat our neighbors with love. In Jesus name, Amen!*

### WEEK 3

## THE GOOD SAMARITAN - LUKE 10:30-32

**READ Luke 10:30-32** This week in VicKids, we learned Jesus told a story about the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan teaches us how to truly be a neighbor to those around us.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** The Samaritan could have kept walking past the hurt man, but instead, he stopped. Put a few broken or hurt things around your room. (This can be an unfolded shirt, a hurt stuffed animal, or a messy pile of blocks.) Play a game of "Red Light, Green Light" with your child. When you say "Green light," encourage your child to speedily walk to an item. When you say "Red light," encourage your child to fix whatever the problem is (fold a shirt, stack blocks, etc.). As you are playing, remind your child helping others is one way to do what is right.

*Prayer Time - God, thank You for loving everyone the same. Everyone is our neighbor. Help us this week as we work to do what is right and treat our neighbors with love. In Jesus name, Amen!*

### WEEK 4

## HOW CAN WE HELP? - LUKE 10:30-35

**READ Luke 10:30-35** All month long we have talked about doing what is right. Today we learned about ways we can help others.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Talk with your child about superheroes. If you were a superhero, what would your power be? How would you use that power to do what was right for your neighbors? Make an effort to be an example to your child in these ways. Talk with your child about ways you can show love in every day simple gestures to the people that live around you. Choose something to do with your child to be a superhero to a neighbor this week. Some suggestions include: drawing a nice picture to give to your neighbor, baking some cookies to take over there, or picking up trash in their yard, or moving their trashcan to the curb on trash day.

*Prayer Time - God, thank You for teaching us to love our neighbor. Please help us to remember to pray and ask for Your help when we don't want to do what is right. In Jesus name, Amen!*

# CHARACTER COUNTS

## ELEMENTARY

### INTEGRITY IN FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD - GENESIS 5:22-24

WEEK 1

**READ Genesis 5:22-24** This week in VicKids your student learns about what it means to walk in integrity. Integrity means doing the right thing in all situations. A person with integrity is honest, truthful, dependable, and trustworthy—even when no one is watching him or her. This week, your student will be learning about Enoch - a person who pleased God by his integrity. He knew God and knew the choices God would want him to make.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Take time this week to talk with your student about walking with God. Walking with God is a phrase used many times in the Bible to describe our friendship with God. So how can we learn to walk with God when we can't see Him the way we can see other people who walk beside us? Thankfully, the Bible tells us how to do it. **Read Ephesians 5:2, and Colossians 3:12-14.** When we walk according to these principles, we can see how it transforms us and others. That's what walking with God does!

*Pray - God, I thank you that when I choose to walk with integrity it pleases God. Thank you for helping me to make the right choices when I am faced with decisions that are hard. When I do the right things because they line up with God's word, it will bless others and I become more like your Son! In Jesus name, Amen!*

### INTEGRITY IN A MESSY WORLD - GENESIS 6:5-22, 7:1-24; HEBREWS 11:7

WEEK 2

**READ Read Genesis 6:5-22** This week in VicKids your student learns about the integrity of Noah. The Bible says that Noah was a righteous man and walked faithfully with God. Noah obeyed God when he was instructed to do something that probably seemed very odd to everyone else. But Noah didn't care. He did what God commanded him to do.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Take time this week to talk with your student about how the integrity of Noah helped him to rise above his circumstances. Noah made the right choice even when it may have been something that others thought was crazy!. It was about trusting God with His commandment instead of taking the results into Noah's own hands. Ask your student: "Have you ever had to make a decision that wasn't popular, but you knew it was the right thing to do? What was it? How did you feel after you made that choice?" Take some time to talk with your student about what happens when we take the results of our decisions into your own hands and use those results to justify our choices. This is called compromising our integrity.

*Pray - Jesus, thank you for giving me the desire to make the right choices, even when everyone else thinks its not "cool". Help me to stay strong when I am tempted to go with the crowd. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! In Jesus name, Amen!*

### INTEGRITY UNDER PRESSURE - DANIEL 1:8-21

WEEK 3

**READ Daniel 1: 8-21** This week your student learns about the integrity of Daniel. Daniel was a young Jew who was taken captive and brought to a far away place called Babylon. While here, Daniel was faced with tough decisions that tested his integrity.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Take time this week to talk with your student about the life of Daniel. Read the Daniel account and talk about his early life. Daniel was devoted to God. At home in Jerusalem, Daniel learned all about the one, true God, and he wanted to serve God well. After he was taken to Babylon, how did Daniel's integrity help him to stand out from other people? What did Daniel do or say that made him special? What happened later in Daniel's life that showed his integrity was still in tact, especially when he was horribly treated?

*Pray - Thank you Jesus for the example of Daniel. Thank you for helping me to be more like Daniel, choosing your ways over what may be comfortable and easy. Help me to have a spirit of excellence just like Daniel! In Jesus name, Amen!*

### INTEGRITY IN TEMPTATION - JOB 1:1-8, 20-22

WEEK 4

**READ Job 1:1-8, 20-22, 27:1-6, 31:1-40; James 5:11** This week in VicKids your student learns about Job and the difficulties of life he experienced. Job was a man who feared God and stayed away from evil. There was no one like Job in all the earth.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** This week, we saw how Job had integrity under fire—After Job hit rock bottom and lost almost everything that was dear to him, he gathered perspective for himself that anyone who wants to live a life of integrity should adopt as their life-long resolve: "Even if God kills me, I will trust Him." Even though Job lost everything, what do you think kept him strong in the middle of all this loss? Yes - it was his great faith in knowing that this loss was temporary and he would be with God one day, where there is no pain or suffering.

*Pray - Jesus, help me to have a great faith like your servant Job. Help me in the middle of things that challenge me and to always remember that you are with me and for me. In Jesus name, Amen!*

# CONNECTING AT HOME

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## Operation Christmas Child - A True Story

Recently, one of our Pastoral Staff members received an email from someone in Africa communicating they wished to contact this pastor to speak with them. The claimed to be the recipient of a "present" some 16 years ago. Through a very broken English email, our staff member discovered that this person had a picture of he and his wife with their dog from an OCC box they sent long ago. It was confirmed that this was an Operation Christmas Child recipient who was trying to connect with them. She communicated that because of their thoughtful generosity, her life changed forever. She now has a family with two beautiful children, a disciple of Jesus, and is living out a future that may never have happened if it were not for Operation Christmas Child and the kindness of a young family from the other side of the world.

## Campus Calendar

### NORCROSS

10/13 - VicKids Volunteer Orientation

11/3 - Victory at Home - 5:30 pm  
Parent Child Dedication Workshop

11/10 - Victory at Home - 10:00 am  
Parent Child Dedication Ceremony

11/10 - VicKids Volunteer Orientation

11/17 - Operation Christmas Child shoe-box  
collection begins

### HAMILTON MILL

10/7, 10/21 - VicKids Orientation

10/14 - VHM Membership Class - 1pm

11/4, 11/18 - VicKids Orientation

11/17 - Operation Christmas Child shoe-box  
collection begins

### MIDTOWN

Victory Midtown is now holding services at The Gathering Spot. With the new momentum of this campus, Vickids Children's Ministry would like to invite you to serve with us! Please connect with Tyree Smith to learn more about this opportunity!

### Campus Service Times

NORCROSS - SAT 6 PM, SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM

HAMILTON MILL - SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM

MIDTOWN - SUN 9 & 11 AM

*"Family is not an important thing...  
it's everything "*

Michael J. Fox

**Blended Life** is an 8-week class where couples within a step-family can grow and connect with others. Couples will learn biblical strategies to achieve marital oneness while navigating the complexities of parenting within step-families.

Cost is \$50/couple. Childcare is available. **Registration is required.**

Norcross Campus - October 14th - [victoryatl.com/blendedlife/](http://victoryatl.com/blendedlife/)

Hamilton Mill Campus - October 15th - [victoryhm.com/blendedlife/](http://victoryhm.com/blendedlife/)

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## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Even children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure, and whether it is right.

**Proverbs 20:11 NLT**

## Additional Resources

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