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I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The night of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

—Psalm 145 NRSV

Children's Messages

Sharing our Blessings

Preparation

Fill 10-20 small bags with wrapped candy. In all but two bags have 10 pieces of wrapped candy. Two bags are empty. Put the bags into a box. Have about 3 pieces of candy loose in the box.

Message

Good morning! Would the children please come forward.

How many of you like candy?
(Pause...put one in your mouth)

Do you think the children in Jesus' time had much candy?
(Pause...put another one in your mouth)

What should I do with this candy?
(Pause...put another one in your mouth)

Oh, would you like some? Let me see. I have some in small bags. Who would like one?
(Hand out all but the two that are empty)

Oh, oh. I see that the last two bags are empty. What should we do? (Pause). Let's count how many pieces each of you have in your bags. How many do you count? 10.

What would the Bible suggest that we do?
(Children will suggest that they share). Let's each take one candy from our bag and put it into the empty bags. How many pieces do you have left? 9. How many pieces are in these other bags now? 9.
(Hand out the last two bags)

You are right. The Bible teaches that we should share our blessings with others. The Old Testament asks that we share one tenth (one in ten), just like we did with the candy. And look, we still have plenty left.

Let's pray. Jesus, thank you for all that we have. Help us to be generous in our sharing. Amen.

Now remember to share this candy with your family.

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