

# Faith Talk

## I Give Biblically

*"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

### Things you'll need:

- 3 containers per child—mason jars, Pringles cans, laundry detergent jugs, cake mix boxes, etc.
- Paint, contact or wrapping paper, stickers, markers, etc. to be used for decorations
- Cost-free gifts or donations

### Faith Talk:

When we give gifts as to the Lord, we are investing in God's kingdom. We most often think of giving money; however, we may give all kinds of gifts!

Financial offerings given to the church are used for classroom supplies (glue, markers, paper, and chairs), electricity, church mail, and for salaries. Consider all the costs required to cover the expenses of your Life Group class, Worship service, or a Bellevue Loves Memphis project.

Collect supplies for a craft project. Use your creativity and allow the kids to make three banks for their financial offerings. Label each container: Share (for things and other financial offerings), Save, and Spend. Visit [bellevue.org/homepoint](http://bellevue.org/homepoint) for bank ideas.



**HomePoint**  
*Building Faith at Home*

Discuss the importance of having a cheerful attitude. For example: What if someone gave you a birthday present but was selfishly grumbling when they offered it to you? What does a cheerful heart look like? Draw happy faces on your Share bank to reflect the attitude God desires.

The Bible also teaches other types of gifts.

*Matthew 25:40, "Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'"*

When we serve, we are serving the King of Kings. When we give, we give to Jesus Christ. When we teach or mentor or sing or build or encourage "as unto the Lord," we are serving the Lord.

This week provide creative opportunities for your children and/or your family to serve as unto the Lord. Below are a few examples:

1. Donate clothing or toys to Bellevue Frayser Thrift Store.
2. Donate non-perishable food items to Impact Ministry Center.
3. Participate in a block party through Community Missions.
4. Sponsor a child to go to summer camp.
5. Visit a retirement home and play board games, make crafts, or sing with residents.

Email pictures of your family's service projects to [familyministry@bellevue.org](mailto:familyministry@bellevue.org) as an encouragement to other families.

