



**Light The World**  
**Giving Machine**  
**Teach Your Family About Giving**

# Family Night Lesson Ideas

## Sing a Song

Choose a favorite holiday song to sing or listen to "Let's Light the World" from the Bonner Family: <https://youtu.be/wjmvPY13rak>

## Watch a Video:

[https://youtu.be/KK\\_FNCda\\_Qk](https://youtu.be/KK_FNCda_Qk)

The Light the World Giving Machine "One Drop" video helps children see that the items in the machine are real and helping people.

## Say a Prayer:

As we explain prayer to our children, we may include (1) expressing gratitude, (2) pleading for unity and love, (3) asking for help in time of need, and (4) seeking strength to resist or overcome. Gratitude. Through prayer we can express our gratitude to our Father in Heaven for his kindness and blessings.

## Read a Scripture:

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

## Have an Activity

There are five activities included in this idea packet. Choose one or more for your family night, or create your own to help your children understand how they can live the second great commandment to love their neighbor.





# VENDING vs. GIVING MACHINE

## Discussion:

- Have you ever bought treats from a vending machine?
- What did you buy from a vending machine?
- How much did it cost?
- Who paid for it?

A Giving Machine works much like a vending machine. There are items you can buy, and you use money to buy them. The difference is that instead of buying a treat for yourself, you are buying something for someone in need. Lets find out what kind of things people need.

Visit [www.GivingMachineWA.org](http://www.GivingMachineWA.org) and click the "What's Inside" tab to see this year's giving selection.

What kinds of things can you buy for others? List your favorite items.

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What items in the Giving Machine cost less than \$20?



# GIVING MACHINE SAVINGS JAR

Find a jar or container in your house that you can use to collect money. In the weeks leading up to when your family will visit the Giving Machine, see how full you can fill the jar with money. Make it fun by decorating it and/or taping pictures of the item(s) you would like to save for onto the jar.

\*Please note that the Giving Machine only accepts credit cards. This activity is to help children understand the physical nature of money.

## What are some ways of adding money to the jar?

- Ask family or friends for some extra jobs to earn money.
- When you purchase something at a store, put the change into the jar.
- Find some coins around your home? Put them in the jar.
- With permission from your parents, hold a bake sale or lemonade stand to earn money to put in the jar.
- Instead of going out to eat or buying a treat one day, put the money you would have spent into the jar.

**What ideas do you have?**



# Essentials Checklist (For Young Family Members)

Essentials are the basic items that we need to be healthy and happy. In this activity, family members will learn about essential items available in the Giving Machine in an active way.

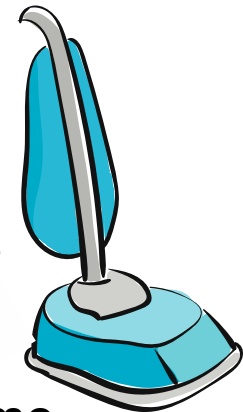


**Do 10 jumping jacks if you have toys.**

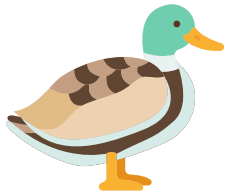
**Spin around 5 times if you help your family clean the house.**



**Touch your toes 6 times if you sleep in a warm home.**



**Jump up and down 7 times if you own a pair of shoes.**



**Clap your hands 8 times if you like ducks.**



**When you visit the Giving Machine,  
see if you can find these items.**

# THE SCAVENGER HUNT

Go on a scavenger hunt in your own home! Find the requested items and answer the questions.

## How many shoes do you have in your home?

It is easy to take for granted things that we use every day. How well could you play outside in the winter if you didn't have warm socks, or warm shoes? At the Giving Machine, you can buy these items for a neighbor in need.



**How can you help your neighbor?** Read [Matthew 25:35-36](#)

## Make a list of the fresh fruits and vegetables in your kitchen.



Having healthy food to eat is not just important for your physical health. It is important for your mental and spiritual health too. Why is this true?

**What food items can you buy for those in need at the Giving Machine?**

Read [Proverbs 22:9](#)

## Can you find any cleaning tools in your house?

Cleaning tools help us keep our homes and bodies free from bacteria, germs, dust, and other harmful things. What kind of cleaning tools do you use in your house?

**What charities in the Giving Machine can you help with cleaning tools?**

Read Deuteronomy 15:7,11



# Hidden Message

First find all the words in the list. Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other. Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.

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