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Scripture Verses for the Week:

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– 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, I am truly rich because of you. Help me to be generous to others. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:17-18)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, keep me from becoming greedy. Make me content with what I have in Jesus. Amen.

A Blessing to Share:

May God keep you from wandering away from him. May he make you faithful, loving, dependable and gentle. Amen.
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Mealtime Refrain:

God is the King of kings and the Lord of lords:
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- Share about a time when you were in need and someone helped you.
- Jesus told a story about a rich man who didn't help a poor man called Lazarus who lived at his gate. What happened to each of them?
- What are the needs of people in your local community? What help is available to them? In what ways could you be more involved?

Devotional Practices:

Collect current news stories about people who are suffering from poverty or sickness. Talk about these situations in your home devotion times this week. Pray for the people affected.

Service:

The prophet Amos tells us that we should care not only about ourselves but also about others. Take a household shopping expedition to buy canned goods and non-perishable food items to give away to a food pantry or a home in need.

Rituals and Traditions:

The change of seasons is a good time to go through our wardrobes and identify clothes that we rarely wear or no longer require. Make time as a household this week to sort through your clothes and set aside items to give away to a local charity or to a home that would appreciate them.

Parent Toolbox: Encouraging a Giving Spirit

St. Paul urges Christians to "do good, be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18). Consider these ideas for encouraging a spirit of giving in your children:

- **Help neighbors.** Look for opportunities to serve those around you e.g. raking leaves for an elderly couple, baking for a serviceman or servicewoman, making a meal for a sick person.
- **Give blood.** Take your children with you so they see you as a model for giving. Talk to them about why you choose to donate blood and what it will accomplish.
- **Make birthdays charitable.** Promote birthdays as a time for giving to others. Encourage your children to give away used toys or books that are still in good condition as they receive new gifts.
- **Care for animals.** At regular intervals buy cat or dog food to donate to an organization caring for lost or abandoned animals.
- **Pitch in.** Commit as a household to be part of "working bees" at your church and to participate in church volunteer rosters.

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