

Mine!

A 20-minute lesson for Sunday school, VBS or midweek kids · Hebrews 13:16 and John 6:1–14

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AGES	4–10 (adaptations for 3–5 and 10–12 at the end)
YOU NEED	A screen for the episode · a few toys or crayon sets · a timer · paper loaves and fish cut-outs · a basket · crayons · the coloring page
EPISODE	Ep 15, Mine! (3:41) · youtu.be/x7QH3G3HCBs
MEMORY VERSE	“Don’t forget to be doing good and sharing.” Hebrews 13:16
BIBLE STORY	The boy who shared his loaves and fish (John 6:1–14)
THE ONE THING THEY TAKE HOME	Sharing shows God’s love. God is pleased when I share, and He can do big things with what I give.

The class plan

MIN		WHAT HAPPENS
0–2	Welcome	Ask: “What is your favorite toy? Is it easy or hard to share it?” Let a few children answer.
2–6	Watch	Show Ep 15, Mine! (3:41).
6–10	Talk	Three questions below. Let them answer before you do.
10–13	Bible	Tell the story of the boy who shared his loaves and fish (John 6:1–14).
13–18	Activity	Sharing plans and a basket of loaves and fish (below).
18–20	Pray	Close with the episode prayer.

Talk about it (5 minutes)

1. Why did LJ shout “It’s MINE!”? How do you think Marcus and Mateo felt?

LJ loved his new truck and was afraid it would get broken or that he wouldn’t get a turn. Help children see that wanting to keep something is normal, and that his friends felt sad and left out.

2. What did Dad learn when he wouldn’t share his new baseball glove? What could go in a sharing plan?

Grown-ups have trouble sharing too. Talk about simple sharing plans: take turns, use a timer, let a friend go first.

3. The boy shared his lunch with Jesus. What is one thing you could share this week?

Help children name real things: a toy, a snack, crayons, a turn on the swing. Remind them God is pleased when we share.

Open the Bible (4 minutes)

“But don’t forget to be doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Hebrews 13:16 (WEB)

How to tell it

Set the scene: a huge crowd followed Jesus up a hill, more than five thousand people, and they were hungry. Jesus asked Philip where they could buy bread, but there wasn’t nearly enough money (John 6:5–7). Then Andrew found a boy with five small loaves and two fish. Pause and ask: what would you do if it were your lunch? The boy gave it to Jesus. Jesus thanked God and passed it out, and everyone ate until they were full, with twelve baskets left over (John 6:11–13). Finish: God can do big things with what we share.

Going deeper with older kids

With older kids, read John 6:1–14 together. What did Andrew think about the boy’s lunch (verse 9)? Why do you think the boy gave it anyway? Connect it to Acts 20:35, “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” and Hebrews 13:16: sharing pleases God.

Activity: Sharing plans and a basket of loaves and fish (4 minutes)

- In pairs, give each pair one special toy or a set of crayons. Practice LJ’s words: “You can go first.” Use a short timer for turns.
- Hand out paper loaves and fish cut-outs. Each child writes or draws one thing they can share, then puts it in a class basket.
- Count the basket together and talk about how Jesus did something huge with one boy’s small lunch.
- Optional: share a snack, letting each child serve the person next to them first.

A WORD OF CARE

Some children have very little of their own, or have siblings who take their things. Be gentle: sharing is a choice we make with love, not giving up everything we own, and it is okay to keep some special things safe. Never shame a child for struggling to share.

Close in prayer (2 minutes)

Have the children fold their hands and repeat after you, one line at a time:

God, thank You for every good thing You have given me. When I want to say “Mine!”, help me remember that sharing shows Your love. Make my heart generous like the boy who shared his lunch with Jesus. Amen.

Adaptations

Ages 3–5

Practice taking turns with one toy and a sand timer, then color one fish and one loaf together. Say “Don’t forget to share” with hand motions.

Ages 10–12

Do the Going Deeper section. Plan a real class sharing project, like collecting snacks or books for kids who need them.

Large group

Do the activity in small groups with a leader in each. Take three answers to each question.

Short on time (10 minutes)

Watch from “It’s MINE!” (2), one question (2), tell the loaves and fish (3), say the verse (2), pray (1).

A note for teachers

The heart of this lesson is that sharing shows God’s love, and that God can do big things with what we give. Children should leave with one real thing they can share this week and the words, “You can go first.”

Send the family guide home with every child so families can watch and talk about it together. It is free to print and share at ljandfamily.com.