# **Disposition:** Sharing and Being Generous

## **Lesson:** One

### **Question/LO:** Why do we give, as well as receive? What can be given that does not have monitory value? What do Christians teach about sharing with others?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience  *Demonstrate to the children that things of value don’t necessarily have intrinsic worth in monetary terms.* | *Following on from Year 3, reintroduce the idea of presents which are not material.*    Briefly discuss with the children something they would really like to receive that would cost nothing, e.g. a hug, a compliment, an invitation, a smile, an extended bedtime.    After talking about these things discuss with the children the concept of a gift.  Is the value of a gift only measured by its cost?  What is the point of giving presents?  Can gift be more than physical things? | n/a |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews | Remind children that gifts don’t have to be physical and giving doesn’t have to be a present.  Ask the children how rich someone needs to be in order to share. Is sharing only for the rich? Is giving always a ‘present’?    Read the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42). In which way was each sister sharing or giving?    Read Romans 12:11-13 and 1 Peter 4:7-9. How are Christians expected to share their homes?  Discuss whether richness or poverty of either host or guest would make a difference?  African Christian churches express African cultural hospitality where visitors are welcomed at any time of day or night. In Malawi (which is a country twinned with Birmingham diocese), there is a saying “A traveller is dew” (refreshment). To get a guest is a blessing. It does not matter whether the household is rich or poor, the guest will be given time, refreshments, conversation, and escorting the guests.  As a class, plan and be involved in hospitality at a school or community event.  Can it involve pupils in listening to guests, offering them something, bringing them from the door? | References:  Luke 10:38-42  Romans 12:11-13  1 Peter 4:7-9  Hebrews 13:2 |