

The Cheerful Giver

Ingredients:

A class full of yeladim
and a white board



Instructions:

You will need a youth assistant or volunteer who spells well and who can keep score. Write “happy” Adverbs on the white board. Divide them into 2 teams. Have them sit in 2 separate sides of the room.

READ TOGETHER: 2 Corinthians 9:7

SAY: “Our verse doesn’t say G-D loves a snarky giver. Our verse doesn’t say that G-D loves a resentful giver. We know that G-D does love those people, but HE does not love their attitude, and does not count their gift as fine.”

ASK: “What does our verse tell us?” Call on respectfully raised hands.

“Why do you think God wants us to give cheerfully?” (Call on respectfully raised hands.)

AGREE OR REDIRECT: “When we bring our offerings to G-D or give to others with a cheerful and joyful heart, we are going to be blessed abundantly for our attitude. G-D remembers does not delight in the offering as much as HE delights in our obedience. He knows that our attitude (how we do something he has commanded us to do) means a lot and makes a BIG difference!

Additionally if we are giving to others the person who is receiving the gift is going to feel so much better. Let me show you.

Take a candy off the table and walk over to your youth assistant and put it in front of her and

SAY: “HERE! Mom said I *have* to share with you.”

Turn back to the yeladim, point to your assistant and

ASK: “How do you think **assistant’s name** feels right now? Happy? Blessed? or embarrassed and kind of sad?” (call on respectfully raised hands.)

SAY: “Okay lets do this right!” Grab a candy off the table and run to your assistant I just got these from “Mom” and I could not wait to give you one. They are SOOOOOO delicious!”

ASK: So what do you think? How do you think **assistant’s name** is feeling right now? (call on respectfully raised hands.)

ASK: “Do you think it matters how we give?” (call on respectfully raised hands.)



The Cheerful Giver Game

2 Corinthians 9:7 is the verse we want to memorize so we're going to play a game that helps you hide this important truth inside your heart forever.

SAY: "You are split into two teams. We are going to ask you to line up and one by one on each side of the room and when we call on you recite 2nd Corinthians 9:7. If you don't know it yet you will get another chance just go back in line. If you recite the verse correctly we will ask you to answer a question. You will have to answer with an happy adverb (point to the board) and two words formed from the two initials of your own name.

For example, I might ask: "Michael Johnson, what gift would you give to your Mom?" David should respond with "I would HAPPILY bring her a Musical Journal." Get it? Mmmichael Johnson - Mmm

If I asked Jackson Till what he might give to his best friend he might say "I would JOYOUSLY bring my best friend a Jumping Toad." Remember to use one of the 'Happy' Adverbs from the board or one of your own." (ask assistant to write any acceptable 'happy' adverbs and put a line thought them as well.)

You will each have 5 seconds to come up with an answer. If you are successful, you will come forward and sit on the side where you team is standing in line. The score keeper will cross out your adverb from the board and write your gift on the board so it cannot be used again. For every team member who says the verse correctly, they will earn 50 points for their team, for every member who has a correct sentence they get 20 extra points. We will then start all over, but on the next round you will have to give a new answer that hasn't been used. After 3 rounds, the team with the most points wins.

ASK: "Are you ready to play!"

Tips for Success:

Come up with different people the kids can give "gifts" cheerfully to. Try the following: Mom, Dad, Rabbi, their teacher, their best friend, or even someone that they choose.

If 5 seconds is not long enough, try 10 seconds. You don't want to take too long, though, because you want to maintain the games momentum.

Happy Adverbs: Delightedly, Jovially, Exultantly, Elatedly, Lightheartedly, Delightfully, Brightly, Willingly, Hilariously, Agreeably, Buoyantly, Cheerfully, Contentedly, Gleefully, Gladly, Joyfully, Enthusiastically, Laughingly, Blissfully, Lovingly, Merrily, Playfully, Graciously, Heartily, Blithely, Happily, Joyously.