



# With Hearts + Hands + Voices

A Family Stewardship Resource

## Objective:

To encourage family conversations related to stewardship issues on a daily basis as family members gather for a meal.

## Methodology:

- As family members gather for a meal, the group will select a leader for the meal. The leader can be someone who is celebrating a special event that day (e.g. birthday, anniversary, baptismal anniversary, etc.). The leader will start the conversation on one of three topics (see below).
- The group will select one of three "G topics" to be discussed during the meal. The "G topics" are:

**GRACE** or **GRATITUDE** or **GENEROSITY**

- Once the "G topic" has been selected, the leader starts by saying, "I think (name of G topic) is: (and then the leader will give a brief definition of grace, gratitude or generosity).
- After the leader has given a brief definition of the G topic, the leader will share a story of how s/he experienced the G topic that day in three ways—with heart (feelings), with hands (actions) and with voices (speech).
- Those gathered around the table will also share their stories of how they experienced the G topic that day in the same three ways.

## **EXAMPLE:**

**Leader's Definition:** I think that "grace" is the way God loves me.

**Leader's "Heart":** I feel "grace"/God's love through you/my family.

**Leader's "Hands":** I show "grace" when I helped a classmate at school today.

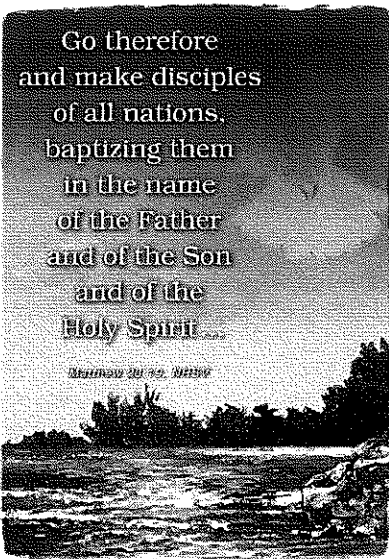
**Leader's "Voice":** I speak "grace" when I told someone that I love them.

**Note:** Only the leader gives a brief description of the G topic of the day, but everyone else, including the leader, shares a story of how they experienced the G topic that day with their feelings, actions, and speech.

- After everyone has shared their stories, the group may join hands for prayer.

## Prayer:

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. We thank you today for the gift of "name of G topic". Continue to bless us, so that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.



## WITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

### Personal Invitational Evangelism

God calls us and invites us to witness to our faith within the context of our daily lives. With that in mind, please take a few minutes to answer the following questions:

1. Identify 3 persons you know personally who would benefit from:

a. The ministries of your congregation

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b. Having a closer walk with Jesus

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c. Being involved in a Christian community

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2. From the perspective of the people you know:

a. What are their needs, wants and/or desires as to how life can be more meaningful?

b. How might their lives be enriched by the ministries of your congregation and/or by you?

c. How might you and/or your congregation be a blessing to them?