

RICH IN JOY

Spike and Cole's pizza business is booming, and Chef Boy R Liz wants to join the team! Meanwhile Lucille tries to teach the gang what it means to be blessed and how to be a blessing.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Giving brings more joy than receiving.

1. Imagine that you are scooping out things from a container and giving them to others. Whatever scoop you use will also be used to give you your portion. Would you use a big scoop, or a small one? Does it depend on what you are giving to people? What if you were giving candy? What if you were giving spiders?
2. Jesus told a story in [Matthew 18:21-35](#) that showed that you should expect the same scoop you use for others to be used for yourself. There was a servant who owed a huge amount of money to the king. The king demanded that the servant repay it or be thrown in jail with all of his family. The servant begged for mercy. The king generously forgave the debt. The servant then met a friend who owed him a small debt and asked to be repaid. When the friend could not pay him, the servant had him thrown in jail. When the king heard this, he was furious, and used the same "scoop" for the servant that the servant had used for his friend. The king threw the servant in jail! If only the servant had given his friend the same forgiveness he had received from the king! As you listen to today's episode, think about the "scoop" you use when you give good things to others.

Memory Verse

"If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated."

Luke 6:38

After You Listen

In this episode Liz learns that blessings are not about money or material things.

Jesus preached a famous sermon called the Sermon on the Mount. In that sermon, he talked about how people were "blessed." He didn't talk about how these people would have lots of money or nice houses or many toys. His idea of being "blessed" was different from other people's views about blessings. Take a look at [Matthew 5:3-12](#), the passage called "The Beatitudes", which in Latin means "happiness".

In this verse, Jesus gives a number of snapshots of what a Christian can look like. In one snapshot, he says that people who grieve are blessed—they will find comfort. In another, he says people who are humble are blessed—the earth will be long to them. And there are many more! These snapshots look very different from how we imagine life, but they show people who put God first and other people first. They show people whom God blesses.

Want to dig deeper and learn more about giving? Check out [Psalm 41:1-3](#), [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#), and [Hebrews 11:4](#).

Challenge

Serve up some ice cream! Go into the kitchen and find measuring cups, measuring spoons, and different sized bowls. Serve your family the amount of ice cream that you would like. Which container will you use? Talk about this episode's memory work. You probably don't want ice cream shaken and spilling on your lap, but as you eat, discuss blessings (besides ice cream) that could be given in large measures.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What did Lucille say was the main point of Pastor Dan's sermon?

Answer: "When you serve God, God blesses you."

Question 2: What did Liz make for the fundraiser?

Answer: Spaghetti with a spicy cockroach sauce.

Question 3: What does Miss Wattle want the boys to do?

Answer: Serve the pizza at the church for people in need.

Question 4: Why did the boys do what Miss Wattle asked?

Answer: Because the recipe was hers.

Question 5: Who does Lucille discover in her church?

Answer: Chamy.

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