



The Spirit of Giving

Learning Objectives

After completing this chapter, students will be able to:

- explain what the spirit of giving means
- give time, help and resources generously
- understand that giving need not be costly to be valuable
- give without expecting praise or reward



Let us Begin

Think about these questions:

- ★ What is the best gift you have ever given to someone?
- ★ Can we give something valuable without spending money? How?
- ★ Why do people feel happy after giving?

Talk about your answers with your friends.



Introduction

The spirit of giving means offering what we can — our time, effort, knowledge or resources — to help others, freely and gladly. Giving is not measured by how much it costs, but by the love behind it. A few kind minutes, a shared skill or a helping hand can be worth more than money. True givers expect no praise or reward; their joy comes from the giving itself, and that joy makes them rich in heart.



Understanding the Lesson

- The spirit of giving means helping others gladly.
- We can give time, effort, knowledge or resources.
- Giving is measured by love, not by cost.
- A small gift given with love is very valuable.
- True givers expect no praise or reward.
- Giving brings deep joy to the giver.
- A generous heart is rich, whatever its wealth.



Real-Life Example

Instead of asking for birthday gifts, Vivaan asked each friend to bring one book for a village library his class was building. They collected over a hundred books — a gift far greater than any toy he could have received.



Story

The Widow's Gift

A temple was collecting donations to feed the poor during a festival. Wealthy merchants arrived in fine clothes and dropped large sums of gold into the box, making sure everyone noticed their generosity. The priest thanked them, and the crowd murmured in admiration at the glittering coins.



Then came a poor old widow, dressed in worn clothes. She had almost nothing, yet she quietly placed two small copper coins into the box — all the money she had for the day. She expected no praise and slipped away without a word, planning to go hungry herself so that others could eat.



The wise priest, who had watched it all, told the crowd, 'The merchants gave from their plenty, but this poor woman gave everything she had. Her two coins, given in love, are worth more than all the gold in the box.' The people fell silent, understanding at last that the value of a gift lies not in its size, but in the love and sacrifice behind it.



Moral

The worth of a gift lies not in its size, but in the love with which it is given.



Key Values

- Generosity
- Selflessness
- Kindness
- Sacrifice



Exercise

A. Knowledge Check (Understanding Basic Concepts)

Fill in the blanks using the given words.

reward, time, giving, love

1. The spirit of _____ means helping others gladly.
2. Giving is measured by _____, not by cost.
3. We can give our _____ and effort, not only money.
4. True givers expect no praise or _____.

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. Giving is measured by _____. (love / cost)
2. We can give time, effort and _____. (nothing / knowledge)
3. True givers expect _____ in return. (praise / nothing)
4. A generous heart is _____. (rich / poor)

Write True or False.

1. A gift is valuable only if it is expensive. (_____)
2. We can give our time and skills, not just money. (_____)
3. True givers seek praise and reward. (_____)
4. Giving brings joy to the giver. (_____)

Match the columns.

Column A

1. Generous
2. Selfless
3. Donate
4. Charity

Column B

- a. To give to a cause
- b. Help given to the needy
- c. Glad to give
- d. Not seeking reward





B. Understanding and Application

Answer the following questions:

1. What does the spirit of giving mean?
2. Why was the widow's gift worth more than the merchants gold?
3. Write two valuable things you can give without money.
4. Why do true givers not seek reward?

C. Real-Life Situations (Competency-Based Questions)

Read the situations and answer the questions.

Situation-1

A village school near you has no storybooks for its library.

1. What can you and your friends give?
2. Why is this gift valuable?

Situation-2

A classmate needs help understanding a subject you are good at.

1. What will you give?
2. Why is giving knowledge a true gift?

D. Critical Thinking

Think carefully and answer:

1. Why does the love behind a gift matter more than its price?
2. Can giving make a poor person rich in some way? Explain.
3. Why do true givers avoid seeking praise?

E. Value-Based Activity (Experiential Learning)

Organise a 'Give Without Money' day: each student gives one non-material gift — time, a skill, help or kindness — and writes about how it felt.

F. Group Discussion (Discuss in groups)

Why is the love behind a gift more important than its cost?



Write two examples from your discussion:

1. _____
2. _____

G. Project Work (Experiential Learning – NEP Requirement)

Plan a class charity project (a book or food drive). Write how you organised it and what it gave to others, then present it.

H. Self-Assessment (Reflection – NEP Core Component)

Tick (✓) the statements that are true for you.

1. I give my time and help gladly.
2. I give without expecting reward.
3. I value gifts by the love behind them.
4. I share my skills and knowledge.
5. I take part in charity work.

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Look for one thing to give each week — a little time, help or kindness. Giving freely, without seeking thanks, fills your heart with a joy that money cannot buy.