

Journal Activity

Use these journal questions as a way to assess your students' understanding of philanthropy.

- Philanthropy means the giving of one's time, talent, or treasure for the common good. Is that difficult to do? Explain your answer.
- Is it easier to be the one giving or the one receiving? Explain.
- Stewardship is like philanthropy. God has called us to be stewards over all he has given us. Tell one way that you could be a steward.
- Do you like doing good things for other people as a group or by yourself? Explain.
- The letters WWJD stand for "*What Would Jesus Do?*" What do you think those bracelets mean? Do you think they help? Why or why not?
- Write about the most recent philanthropic deed that you have done. How did it make you feel to do this deed?
- Write about the most recent good deed that you have received from someone else. How did it make you feel to receive this good deed?
- Why do you think that people **give**? What is one reason that you **give**? Why do you think that people do not **give**?
- Jesus said to "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" What do you think that means? Who are our neighbors?
- Some people **need** food, love, clothes, medicine, shelter, etc. What are some things you need that you do not have now? How do they compare to the items listed above?
- How would you teach someone to be philanthropic?
- How do you feel when you are treated unfairly? How do you feel when other people are treated unfairly? Which is harder for you: to be the one mistreated or to see others



mistreated? Explain.

- If you could give one thing to the world, what would it be? How would life change?
- Do you think that people are more philanthropic now or were they more in the past?
- What can we learn from the elderly? What can the elderly learn from children?
- Brainstorm a list of GOOD DEEDS.
- If you could give an award of philanthropy, what would the winner be like?
- Middle school has a Christian Service **requirement**. Those students have to achieve a certain amount of service hours. Do you think students should be required to do acts of philanthropy? Why or why not?

