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Think Greater

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR CHILDREN'S THINK GREATER! RESOURCE

For children, we want to highlight a single focus to help them think about what it might look and feel like to live enthusiastically, give wholeheartedly, love unconditionally... and to try to give our very best (beyond all expectation).

There are four handouts that focus on each weekly theme. They contain some simple, basic questions to discuss, a short passage of scripture to read and explain, a Dr. Seuss book suggestion for you to read and share how the story connects to the theme, and a suggestion for a drawing exercise.

Week One – Live Enthusiastically

Book Suggestion: Oh, The Places You'll Go (Excitement, Adventure, Achievement)

Song Suggestions: *If You're Happy and You Know It;*
I've Got the Joy (Joy, Joy, Joy – Down in My Heart); This Is the Day;
I've Got a River of Life; Clap Your Hands



Week Two – Give Wholeheartedly

Book Suggestion: How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Sharing, Caring, Not Being Mean)

Song Suggestions: *Love Is Something If You Give It Away; This Little Light of Mine;*
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian; Give Thanks



Week Three – Love Unconditionally

Book Suggestions: The Sneetches or The Butter Battle Book
(Treating People with Kindness, Accepting Those Who Are Different)

Song Suggestions: *They Will Know We are Christians; Pass It On;*
Let There Be Peace on Earth; Jesus Loves Me This I Know



Week Four – Beyond All Expectation

Book Suggestion: Oh, the Thinks You Can Think
(Not Being Limited in Our Thinking/Dreaming)

Song Suggestions: *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light; We Are the Church*





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KID'S ACTIVITY PAGE

Live Enthusiastically! Think Greater Living

what do people look like when they are...

Joyful?

Excited?

Interested?

Getting an A+?

Going on an adventure?

Winning a game?

Receiving an award?

How do these things feel?

Read
Oh the Places
You'll Go!
by Dr. SueSS

Jesus said, "Love even those who are mean and hurt you, for that makes you children of God — I want you to be perfect just like God in heaven is perfect!"

Matthew 5:44 & 48

On the back of this page, draw a picture of something that fills you with joy and excitement.



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KID'S ACTIVITY PAGE

Give Wholeheartedly! Think Greater giving

what is the best present you
every received?

who gave it to you? How did it
make you feel?

what is the very best present you
ever gave someone else?

How did it make them feel?

what could we give someone as a
Sunday School class that would make
someone feel wonderful?

Read How the
Grinch Stole
Christmas
by Dr. SueSS

“Each of you should decide
how you want to give, and
do so gladly, for God loves a
cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

On the back of this page, draw a picture of a cheerful giver!



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KID'S ACTIVITY PAGE

Love Unconditionally! Think Greater Loving

who do you love most in the whole world?

who loves you the most in the whole world?

who does God want us to love in the whole world?

who is easy to love?

who is hard to love?

what would it be like if we all loved each other as much as God loves us?

Read The Sneetches
or The Butter
Battle Book
by Dr. Suess

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself!”

Luke 10:27

On the back of this page, draw a picture of what you think God's love looks like!



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KID'S ACTIVITY PAGE

Beyond All Expectation! Think Greater

what are some of the great things Jesus did?

what are some of the things that Jesus did that we can still do today?

what are things that we can do better working together than we could do by ourselves?

what's the greatest thing you can think of ever doing?

Read Oh, the
Thoughts You
Can Think
by Dr. SueSS

Jesus said, "If you love me you will do the same things I do, in fact, you will do even greater things because I am going back to be with my Father!"

John 14:12

On the back of this page, draw a picture of our church doing something great for God!