

# Children's Activity—Sharing Bingo

This is a take on the traditional bingo game. The “caller” will need the card with the various acts of kindness listed. The participants will need the card with the numbers.

The idea behind this take on traditional bingo is for children to share out loud times when they have shared with others in tangible ways. It is different from traditional bingo in which you are just calling letters and numbers. In this version, you are calling a letter, number AND the sharing phrase.

### *Pre-Planning*

To prepare for the Bingo activity, you might want to put all the square number/letter combinations in a bowl or some other holder for drawing them out. You would have slips of paper with A1, A2, E22, etc... so that you can draw them out easily and randomly.

### *Instructions:*

Give each participant a bingo card and something to mark it with (marker, pen, dobber). All of their cards can be the same as the important part of this activity is the associated phrase with the number.

The “caller” calls out random bingo squares. For example, “A11— Gave away some of your toys.” All participants that have done that mark their cards and yell “YES!” If a person has not done that, they would not mark that square.

Call upon one of the children who said “YES!” and ask them to tell the story of, in this instance, when they gave away their toys.

By sharing stories, children begin to get a sense of how they might SHARE with others in their own lives.

You can play traditional bingo (five in a row) or one in which all squares have to be covered. The second version might be more fun!

This is the Bingo Card for the caller. Only the caller has this card.

<b>S</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>1.</b> Helped a friend	<b>6.</b> Played with a lonely person on the playground	<b>11.</b> Gave away some of your toys	<b>16.</b> Prayed for a person who was sick	<b>21.</b> Offered a compliment to another
<b>2.</b> Encouraged someone when they were down	<b>7.</b> Completed your chores	<b>12.</b> Let someone go ahead of you in line	<b>17.</b> Held open the door for a stranger	<b>22.</b> Fed or watered birds
<b>3.</b> Planted something like a tree or flower	<b>8.</b> Cleaned your room without being asked	<b>13.</b> <b>FREE</b>	<b>18.</b> Helped an animal which was not yours	<b>23.</b> Told your principal how great your teacher is
<b>4.</b> Turned off the water while brushing your teeth	<b>9.</b> Visited a nursing home or a relative who could not leave their home	<b>14.</b> Baked something and delivered it to your neighbor	<b>19.</b> Volunteered in your community with your family	<b>24.</b> Donated money to a charity or a good cause
<b>5.</b> Picked up trash in a park or at school	<b>10.</b> Offered to do a siblings' chores in their stead	<b>15.</b> Offered a compliment to someone who isn't always kind	<b>20.</b> Called or wrote to a relative whom you haven't seen recently	<b>25.</b> Carried a fellow students lunch tray in the cafeteria

This is the Bingo card for the participants. It can be reproduced for as many as needed.

S	H	A	R	E
<p><b>1</b> </p> <p>Helped a friend</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Played with a lonely person on the playground</p>	<p><b>11</b> </p> <p>Gave away some of your toys</p>	<p><b>16</b> </p> <p>Prayed for a person who was sick</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Offered a compliment to another</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Encouraged someone when they were down</p>	<p><b>7</b> </p> <p>Completed your chores</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Let someone go ahead of you in line</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Held open the door for a stranger</p>	<p><b>22</b> </p> <p>Fed or watered birds</p>
<p><b>3</b> </p> <p>Planted something like a tree or flower</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Cleaned your room without being asked</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Wrote a note to thank someone for how they helped you</p>	<p><b>18</b> </p> <p>Helped an animal which was not yours</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Told your principal how great your teacher is</p>
<p><b>4</b> </p> <p>Turned off the water while brushing your teeth</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Visited a nursing home or a relative who could not leave their home</p>	<p><b>14</b> </p> <p>Baked something and delivered it to your neighbor</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Volunteered in your community with your family</p>	<p><b>24</b> </p> <p>Donated money to a charity or a good cause</p>
<p><b>5</b> </p> <p>Picked up trash in a park or at school</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Offered to do a siblings' chores in their stead</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Offered a compliment to someone who isn't always kind</p>	<p><b>20</b> </p> <p>Called or wrote to a relative whom you haven't seen recently</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Carried a fellow students lunch tray in the cafeteria</p>

After the game concludes, read Galatians 6:9-10 from The Message paraphrase:

**So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all.**

Ask the children to think about how they can share, just as they already have, but encourage them to think about different people in various segments of their lives.

To play a version with all the squares covered, like a sharing calendar, put a dollar (or any amount of money) in a coin bank every time you share something listed on the bingo card or share something in general.

# Children's Activity—Planting Seeds of Sharing

One of the projects benefitting from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is Church Community Services in Elkhart, IN. One of their programs is called “Seed to Feed.” It started in 2011 with two gardens and two cash crop fields, with the goal of providing fresh, local produce to food pantries in the area. In 2017 Seed to Feed shared 138,314 pounds of fresh produce with our pantry guests through our gardens and donations from local farmers.

This year's theme for One Great Hour of Sharing is, quite simply, the reminder “It's Time to Share.”

Regardless of our age, we can share with others. When we share with them, we are planting seeds which will take root and grow over time.

## Matching Game

*Supplies needed: Matching cards*

*Create a memory game using cutouts that look like seeds with matching phrases written on two separate cards. Shuffle the cards and place them face down on a flat surface. Individuals or teams can attempt to match as many as possible.*

However, unlike other memory games, they have to reflect on the phrase or perform the action on the card when they make a match.

You can create as many matching notecards for the game as you would like, but a minimum of 6 or 7 would make the game competitive.

Phrases on the cards could include, but not limited to:

- Sharing is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sharing is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tell about the most caring action you can think of doing for a person you do not know.
- Tell about the most caring action you can think of doing for a person you know.

- Use phrases from Galatians 6:9–10—
  - Do not grow weary.
  - Do not give up.
  - Work for the good of all.

## Activity—Create a collage or mural

*Supplies needed: Newsprint or poster board, markers*

After the group spends some time reflecting on how we can all share with others, create a collage or a mural depicting the various scenarios that were shared in the activity above.

After the collage or mural is complete, display it in an area where it can be seen by many people.

