

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Character Trait: Kindness

Small group: Gratitude

Grades: K-2nd

Time: 30 minutes

Materials:

The Giving Tree Book

Piece of butcher paper with outline of tree

Fall leaves cut out in different fall colors (1 per student)

Marker & Glue

Lesson:

1. Tell the students you are going to read a book by a well-known author about friendship & kindness.
2. Read The Giving Tree. While reading, stop and point out the different things the tree gives the boy.
3. Ask the students what the boy gives? Explain that everyone has gifts that they have to give. These gifts don't cost anything but can mean so much to others.
4. K-2nd Pass out a leaf to each student. Tell them to be thinking about what gift they have to give. Each student has more than one gift so no gift may be written twice.
5. Call students up one at a time to share their gift. Write it on a leaf and glue it to the Giving Tree. Display the tree in the hall or classroom where students can be reminded the importance of kindness.



