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THE FIRST ARTICLE (PART 1)

ACTIVITY

THE HAND THAT GIVES

Materials: ten beans in a paper cup per person

Explain that in this activity students will shake hands and give a bean to every fifth person whose hand they shake. The object is to be the one with the fewest beans. Of course, while trying to give beans, each person is also receiving beans. According to the rules, you cannot refuse to accept a bean if you are truly the fifth person. Begin shaking hands. Play for about four minutes. The winner has the fewest beans.

Ask, **Can you explain why this activity is called the Hand That Gives?**

(Allow answers.) **God is the ultimate giver. He provides you with His air, His sun, His stars, His pets, His rainbows, His lakes. Which of God's gifts do you especially appreciate today?** (Hopefully, in addition to listing more of God's gifts, someone will mention God's gift of His Son as our Redeemer and friend.)

(Recall to students that God continues to make every flower, every turtle, every living thing by His hand.) **You were handmade by God (Psalm 139:13), and God shares His gift with you to keep you alive but also to delight you.**