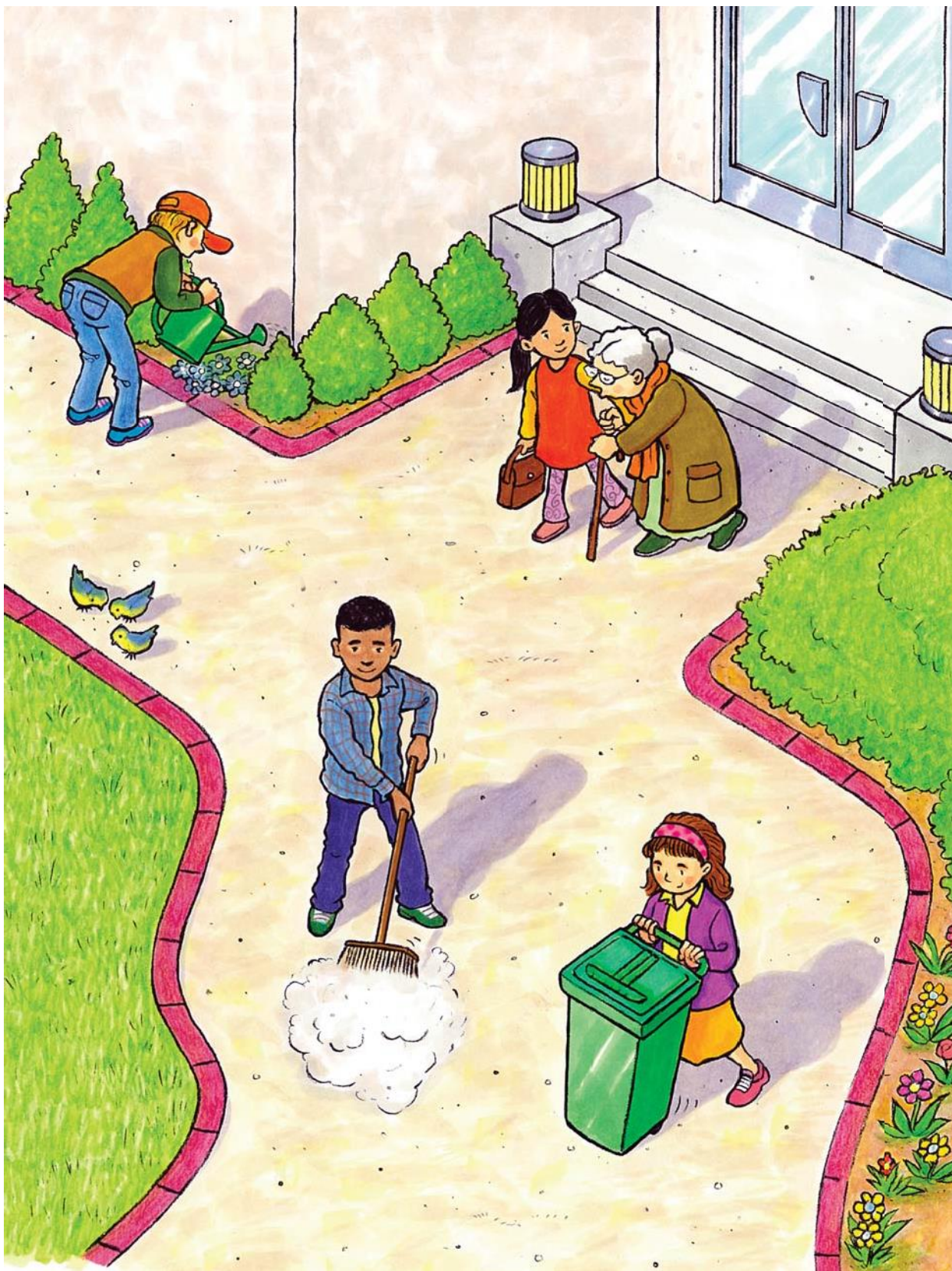


# OFFERING AND SACRIFICE

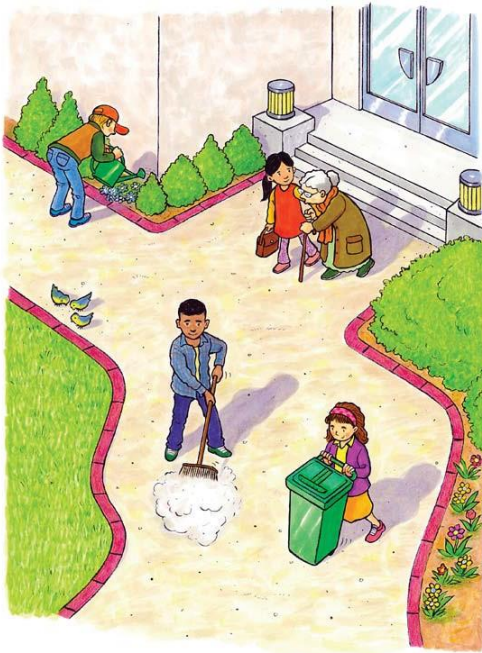
Corinthians 9:7



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Message	Our willingness to serve and sacrifice comes out of love for God.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Our motive for serving and sacrifice comes from our pure love for God and our neighbour.</li><li>■ We can experience blessing, both naturally and spiritually, from our service and sacrifice.</li></ul>
Bible Text	CNAC QA 269, 729-731, 735-736, 738

## Offering and Sacrifice



Jesus Christ is the greatest example of the willingness to sacrifice. Out of love for mankind, He gave His life as an offering and a sacrifice. Even though no other sacrifice can be compared to the sacrifice of the Lord, His willingness to sacrifice is nevertheless an example that calls upon us to follow Him.

Our "sacrifices" are gifts that we offer to God. Sacrifices can be in the form of our gifts and talents, our deeds performed in service to others, as well as our time, and energy that we put into the service of God and His work.

Willingness to sacrifice is shown directly in congregational life. Many members dedicate a considerable portion of their leisure time, energy, and talent to the service of the congregation without being rewarded. For example, many of them are active in the musical programming or religious teaching of the New Apostolic Church. With few exceptions, the ministers also work in a voluntary capacity.

We can also express our thankfulness and love for God in the form of money or natural goods. Monetary gifts that are donated for religious purposes are likewise "sacrifices" in the religious sense. A sacrifice should not be considered an enforced obligation, or create an expectation of a reward. Our willingness to sacrifice should spring forth from faith, gratitude, and love for God.

We bring sacrifices because God has already blessed us beforehand. These sacrifices are therefore an expression of our gratitude for that which we have received.

In the case of any sacrifice, the attitude of heart is the deciding factor.

If the sacrifice is made willingly out of thankfulness and love, a blessing will be associated with it.

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Play the experiment with the 4 bottles:

Try to fill the 4 bottles á 0,33 litres with 1 litre of water.

This 1 litre of water is your lifetime.

Every bottle cries: **"Give me all "**

If you start with fun, you will not have enough for God.

If you start with God, you can get the right balance.



**Fun Friends Business God**

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Who was the greatest example in bringing a sacrifice? (Jesus)
- What does the Bible mean when it mentions the "tithe"?  
(10 % of the annual income from agricultural produce was given to support the priests.)
- The tithe can be used as a guide for our personal monetary offerings.

Have the children repeat...

- Our serving and sacrifice comes from our pure love for God and our neighbour.
- We can experience blessing from our service and sacrifice.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- What is your favourite thing to do in the congregation?  
(Sing, sacrifice, do a role-play, visit sick ...)
- What is one of the most valuable gifts we can sacrifice? (Our life time)
- For what purpose can we spend time? (Sunday School, Divine service, choir practise, visits, ...)

**Repeat the Message**

**Our willingness to serve and sacrifice comes out of  
love for God.**