

# GIVERS

## Intent of the Story.

- ✓ *Giving and sharing.*
- ✓ *Types of givers*
- ✓ *Give of what you are not only of what you have.*

## The Story

Once a Teacher asked her students to write an essay on “Giving” A bright and witty student wrote the following essay.

“Giving is sharing of what we have and of what we are. However, there are many ways of being a generous giver. For instance

**1. Some givers are like the flint:** They are hard, closed to themselves, cold like a piece of flint. On their own, they will never give: they give only when forced violently and even then, if they give, grudgingly and with sparks of anger.

**2. Other givers are like the sponge:** The sponge gives some water only if she is gently pressed and squeezed. Of its own, it will not give. It has to be coaxed and encouraged. Then, sparingly it gives its water yet, it still keeps some for itself.

**3. Other givers are like the mango tree :**  
The mango tree offers its fruits to anyone who cares to pluck them. It never says no. It’s generous. It gives its fruits to friends and foes. He keeps giving all it has, until it’s over.

**4. Other Givers: are like the bubbling fountain**  
It keeps flowing and flowing night and day, freely offering its crystal like and fresh water to one and all. It never stops giving. Whether people take its water or not, still it goes on and on giving. It’s giving never ends. Giving is its very life.

**5, Still some other givers are like the honeycomb:**  
The honeycomb not only gives what he has, but it fills those who share of her, with sweetness and delight. It oozes out kindness, sweetness and joy.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND SHARING:

- Do you agree with the five different kinds of givers mentioned in the story?  
Describe the traits and the qualities of the:
  - Flint givers:
  - Sponge givers:
  - Mango Tree givers:
  - Fountain givers:
  - Honeycomb givers

- What sort of giver Jesus was?
- What sort of giver are you? What makes you say so?

**Reflect following sentences:**

- “Sharing is better than giving, because the gift without the giver is bare.”
- We are not to be ‘storing tanks’ but ‘running channels’ of love.
- “Give till it hurts”
- Do not give of your abundance only, but of your penury.”