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## ACTIVITY GUIDE

Week 1: *What Is Generosity?*  
Generosity

### Garland Challenge

This fun Christmas activity shows us that giving is going above and beyond.

### Activity Objective

Make your team's Christmas garland the longest in the shortest amount of time!

### You'll Need

- Red Construction Paper (1 package per room)
- Green Construction Paper (1 package per room)
- Tape (1 roll per team)
- Scissors (1 set per team)
- Markers (1 set per team)

## Instructions

### Activity:

1. **Divide** the room into two or three teams, depending on how many students you have. Make sure you have the same number of students on each team.
2. **Explain:**
  - We're going to have a little friendly Christmas competition. We're going to see which team can make the longest Christmas garland in the shortest amount of time.
  - But there's a catch. On every piece of the garland chain, your team must write an example of how to be generous.
  - You also must **alternate** each piece of your garland to go in a red, green, red, green pattern.
  - When I say, "Go," you will start writing generous actions and forming your paper garland.
  - The first team who gets their chain from the back wall all the way to the emcee, wins!
3. **Make sure** your students know what a paper chain garland looks like. If they don't, make two loops to show them. (*Just tear a piece of the red paper and the green paper and link them together. You don't even have to tape it for students to get it.*)
4. **Line up** your team at the starting point (the back of the room), and **disperse** your supplies evenly. Each team should have a stack of red paper, a stack of green paper, tape, scissors, and markers.
5. **Say**, "Go!"
6. Students **start making** their Christmas garland by writing examples of being generous and linking it together to the emcee.
7. If their garland breaks, they have to try to fix it. Only a solid garland can win! Also, **remember** that the winning garland must have an alternating pattern of one red, one green, one red, one green all the way across!
8. The first team to get their chain to the emcee, wins! If none of your teams do it, the longest chain wins.
9. Spend a little bit of time going over the examples your students wrote on their garlands.
10. **Explain:** We could have just made a short garland, and that would have been a cool Christmas decoration. But instead, we went above and beyond. That reminds us of today's point: Generosity is more than giving. It's giving above and beyond.