

the JOY MAKER CHALLENGE



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Be a Joy Maker!

The Joy Maker Challenge connects youth in grades K-12 to meaningful hands-on service during the holidays. Use these lesson plans from generationOn's curriculum partner Learning to Give to deepen your students' service experience.

Lesson plans: **Homelessness and Poverty**

K-2

[Selfless Sam](#)

This lesson introduces the students to concepts about homelessness, hunger and philanthropy. The students will listen to a story about a Chinese boy who chooses to give his precious four dollars ("lucky money") to a homeless man, setting the tone for initial discussions about selflessness, and ways to address hunger, and poverty.

3-5

[Harvesting Friends, Feeding Needs](#)

Raise students' awareness of the needs in their community related to hunger and ways that people and nonprofits work together to address the needs for the common good of all.

6-8

[Traveling on the Orphan Train](#)

Students will identify how the Orphan Train was an example of a philanthropic effort to aid children who are homeless, and investigate how that philanthropic effort continues today.

9-12

[Addressing Poverty](#)

The learners analyze why nonprofit organizations are needed, especially when for-profit and governmental institutions do some of the same work. They investigate a local nonprofit that works to alleviate poverty in the community and describe the importance of philanthropy in the community.