

Black Belt EXCELLENCE



December on *Giving*



The Greatest
Gift
of All

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully"

II Corinthians 9:7

That wonderful time of season is upon us...Christ-mas! Christ-mas songs on the radio, caroling through the neighborhoods, everyone is decorating their houses and businesses. Everyone is bundled up drinking marshmallow hot chocolate or hot apple cider, trimming and decorating the tree, friends and family getting together celebrating.

This month at Falbo's Family Karate, our message is centered around giving. Which is consistent with the nature of Christ-mas. We give presents to each other, we give of our time thinking and shopping for presents for each other. A lot of times we give of our time volunteering at a local soup kitchen or baking Christ-mas cookies.

Another way of celebrating this Christ-mas season is by taking some time to share what Christ-mas really is all about; Jesus Christ! You can do this while standing in line at the grocery store, or when you're waiting for the school bus, or just when you are walking by someone saying "Merry Christmas". Send someone a Jesus Loves You, Merry Christmas text. Someone passes by you and you fire off a, "Jesus is the reason for the season". While your standing in line, ask someone if they know of any special Christ-mas services anywhere. Offer to help a neighbor put up their Christ-mas lights and initiate a conversation about the part Christ plays in Christ-mas.

While you are giving of your time, be encouraging and uplifting. God loves a happy giver. If you decide to help a neighbor or friend or relative, don't grumble and complain. Rather, smile and be a hard worker, diligent and kind. You want them to say, "they sure were a big help to me". Be the kind of giver that when you give of whatever...your time, talent or treasure, give because you want to give in Jesus' name.

This month my son/daughter has demonstrated both at home and at school those qualities of responsibility required by Falbo's for students seeking to earn the Black Belt Excellence Stripe.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date Signed by Instructor _____

Due By December 16th

5 Requirements of the Stripe of Excellence

- ◆ Black Belt Excellence behavior at home
- ◆ Black Belt Excellence behavior and passing grades at school
- ◆ Overall performance and attendance at the karate school
- ◆ Completion of the monthly Black Belt Excellence activity sheet and assignment
- ◆ Returning the Black Belt Excellence Home/School Approval sheet when due
- ◆ Turning in on time qualifies student for Student of the month.

Write down 3 **WAYS** you can give.



Write down 3 non tangible (things you cannot touch) gifts you can give.

Write down 3 emotions you have when you give to others. How do you feel when you help another person?

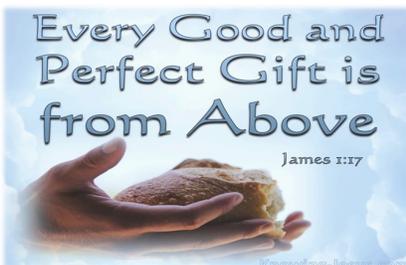
Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. What kind of giver does God love?

Read Luke 6:38. What happens when you give?

What is the best gift you have ever given someone? _____

What is the best gift you have ever been given? _____

What is God's Greatest Gift? _____



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