

## Give It Away!

### Characters:

HOST  
KELLY  
CLYDE  
LYDIA  
DAVID  
ELIZABETH

**Props:** two chairs or stools, table (optional), two small dry erase boards or pads of paper, two dry erase markers, theme music

**Costumes:** The host should be in a suit. Others should be in casual dress.

**Creative Note:** Throughout the game show, HOST should try to appear neutral (even though CLYDE is a creep). In discussing this drama with students afterward, it is important to emphasize that this is not espousing a health-and-wealth philosophy. Rather, it is meant to be a metaphor for the truth that we are spiritually blessed when we share God's blessings with others. (By the way, Byrne-Trotter is not a real disease!)

*(KELLY and CLYDE are seated on stools. Both of them are holding a small dry erase board and dry erase marker. Theme music is playing. HOST enters, smiling, and addresses the audience.)*

HOST: Hello, and welcome to *Give It Away*, the game show where we ask you to—

ALL: Give it away!

HOST: Let's meet our contestants. A skating enthusiast from Gainesville, Florida—say hello to Kelly!

*(HOST invites the audience to clap for Kelly, who smiles and waves to the crowd.)*

HOST: A frame store clerk from Lynchburg, Tennessee—please welcome Clyde!

*(The audience claps for CLYDE, who waves.)*

HOST: Contestants, you know the rules. Each

of you has one thousand dollars to give away to people in need. As always, it's entirely up to you to decide how much money to give away and how much to keep for yourself. You can give it all or keep it all. Ready to play?

*(KELLY and CLYDE respond affirmatively.)*

HOST: Then let's play *Give It Away*! Contestants, meet our first person in need!

*(LYDIA walks out. During her story, the contestants write numbers down on their dry erase boards.)*

LYDIA: Hi, I'm Lydia. I recently got accepted to a prestigious college, but it's really expensive, and my family doesn't have a lot of money. Even with government loans, we're still several hundred dollars short. Anything you can do will help.

HOST: All right, contestants. Markers down. You've heard her story. Let's see what you've chosen to give away! Kelly?

*(KELLY holds her board up. She has written "\$200" on it.)*

HOST: Kelly, you've chosen to give Lydia two hundred dollars toward her college fund. Why did you do that?

KELLY: I know how expensive college is these days, and I just wanted to help her.

*(HOST encourages the audience to applaud.)*

HOST: Okay, Clyde. Let's see what you wrote down.

*(CLYDE reveals that he has written "\$20" on his board.)*

HOST: Twenty dollars. Why so low, Clyde?

CLYDE: She didn't say what she's going to study. It could be something dumb like basket weaving.

HOST: Fair enough. Let's hear it for our

contestants!

*(The audience applauds again. LYDIA exits.)*

HOST: All right, contestants. Here's our next person in need!

*(DAVID enters.)*

DAVID: Hi, I'm David. I sponsor a child in Ecuador with a small gift of thirty dollars a month. But for a few hundred dollars, a well could be built in this little girl's village so that her family and everyone else could have clean water. I'd love to be able to pay for it, but I can only afford the thirty each month.

HOST: "A well in Ecuador." Very worthy cause! Kelly, what number did you land on?

*(KELLY holds up her board with "\$300" written on it.)*

HOST: Three hundred dollars!

*(HOST encourages the audience to applaud.)*

HOST: Kelly, why so generous?

KELLY: I feel that if we're in a position to help, we ought to. I can, and so I did.

HOST: Let's hear it again for Kelly!

*(The audience applauds again.)*

HOST: Clyde, how much did you decide to give away?

*(CLYDE holds up his dry erase board, which has "\$1" written on it.)*

HOST: One dollar. How did you arrive at that figure, Clyde?

CLYDE: He said he only needs a few hundred dollars. "A few" is three, and she gave three.

HOST: Why the extra dollar?

CLYDE: I'm not a cheapskate!

HOST: Let's hear it for Kelly and Clyde!

*(The audience applauds again. DAVID exits.)*

HOST: Okay, contestants. This is our final round. Remember: whatever money you decide to keep is yours. What do you think, audience? Will they hang on to their cash, or will they give it away?!

*(HOST holds his mic out and encourages the audience to respond.)*

HOST: Contestants, meet our final person in need.

*(ELIZABETH walks out.)*

EBETH: Hi, I'm Elizabeth. A while back, we learned that my little brother Barrett has a serious medical condition called Byrne-Trotter disease. Our insurance company claimed that it wasn't covered under our policy. If we can't come up with the money, we won't be able to pay the hospital bills. We already owe thousands of dollars, and I know that's more than you have. But my family, especially Barrett, would be grateful for anything you can do. Thanks.

*(HOST tries to hide his tears.)*

HOST: Sorry. Contestants, you just heard Elizabeth's story about little Barrett. How will you respond? Kelly?

*(Kelly holds up her dry erase board. She has written "\$500" on it)*

HOST: Kelly, you've written down five hundred dollars. I must remind you that that is all the money you have left. Are you sure you want to give it away?

KELLY: Of course. This money was given to me by the show. It's not really even mine. I can't keep it when someone else needs it so much.

*(Too overcome to speak, HOST encourages the audience to respond. ELIZABETH wipes her eyes.)*

HOST: All right, Clyde. Last but not least. What are you giving away for little Barrett?

*(Clyde holds up his board, on which "\$0" is written.)*

HOST: You're giving nothing away.

CLYDE: Look, I came on this show to win money. I've already given like twenty-one dollars away. I mean, I've got to walk out of here with something. Come on! Sorry about your brother.

HOST: Well, as always, it's entirely up to you. Clyde, you don't win the game, but you're walking away with nine hundred and seventy-nine dollars!

*(HOST encourages the audience to respond. As he receives cheers and hisses, CLYDE pumps his fist like a big winner.)*

HOST: Kelly, even though you're our big winner, I'm afraid that you're walking away without a single dime of your original thousand dollars.

*(CLYDE laughs.)*

HOST: But as the winner, you're walking away with the grand prize

CLYDE: Huh? Grand prize? What grand prize?

HOST: Ten thousand dollars!

*(HOST cues the audience to applaud again.)*

CLYDE: Hey, that's not fair! I didn't know there was a prize for giving money away! What kind of prize is that?

HOST: Well, Kelly? Any ideas on how you're going to spend your money?

KELLY: Yes. I'm going to give it to Elizabeth so that her family can pay the doctor bills for her little brother.

HOST: You mean you're not keeping any of it?

KELLY: No.

HOST: Can you believe it?!

*(HOST encourages the audience to applaud louder than ever before. ELIZABETH rushes over to give KELLY a big hug. CLYDE shrugs and walks off.)*

HOST: What a great ending to a great show! Join us next time for—

ALL: *Give It Away!*

*(Theme music plays as actors exit.)*

*(The End)*