

Good Steward

These Children's Materials are inspired by John Wesley's sermon. The intention is for both adults and children to be studying similar Bible materials at the same time, to facilitate family discussion. These suggested materials are therefore meant to help plan the children's programme of inter-generational connect groups.

You can use these materials to plan for a children's programme of 50-60 mins (excluding worship, prayer etc). The basic components are as follows –

Bible Story/ Stories

Discussion

Activities/ Games

It is important for all facilitators to pray and prepare before the 'lesson' proper. The 'lesson' is only the beginning. May you continue to walk with the children, especially your own, over these materials after the 'lesson'.

SUMMARY

For children to know that everything belongs to our Creator God. All that we have are given by God to use, so that we can bless others. Through this, may God be pleased and praised.

GOALS FOR CHILDREN

1. To know that God is the Creator, Maker of Heaven and Earth. Everything belongs to God.
2. I am God's creation; I belong to Him.
3. All that I have come from Him, and I need to use them carefully to please Him.
4. Be ready to give an account (Accountable)

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Flash

Pre-class story

Share a story: Pet-sitting Flash, the cutest hamster in the world.

Once, we were helping a family friend to take care of his pet, Flash. Our friend gave us specific instructions how to take care of him. (Invite the kids to share: Who has a pet? What do you need to do for the hamster?)

Do you think we followed the instructions? Why? (trust, responsibility)

Today's Bible learning will also be about being good caretakers of what God has given us. (blessings and tasks)

A. Bible Story

Read Luke 16:1-2, 10 and 13-15

Give an account of your management;

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much;

You cannot serve both God and money; God knows the heart.

B. Discussion

What does the word "steward" mean?

A person employed to look after a ship or craft and the people in it (Air steward).

A person responsible for the supply of food in a college/ club etc.

服务员, 管理人

What does being a steward mean?

The person who takes care, that one who is responsible for.

Are stewards essential? Why?

God is the Creator, the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

God has blessed me with life. He has also provided me with my parents and family to care for me.

As I am blessed, I am thankful. As I count my blessings, I show my appreciation and gratitude to God by being a good steward or caretaker of His blessings unto me.

C. Application

Think, share, act	4-6yo	7-9yo	10-12yo
Am I a steward?	√	√	√
What can I take care of?	√	√	√
How do I take good care of the things or people in my family?	√	√	√
Have one specific task you enjoy doing in mind. Name it. Do you think you are a good steward or caretaker? Why yes or no?	√	√	√
Who would decide if you are a good steward? * God decides because He makes all things, and everything belongs to Him. I belong to Him too.	√	√	√
What is His Standard? (Name God's Character) What are the characteristics of a good steward? Let's see what the Bible says about being a steward (Luke 16:10). Key characteristics: trustworthiness, honesty.	√	√	√

- Extension: 9-12yo
When the owner comes back from his holiday, we will give an account of how we took care of Flash. Link it to being accountable.

What is accountability?

Following instructions and reporting honestly. It is part of being responsible.

Closing questions

How can I be a good steward of God's blessings at home, in school, and also in the church today?

D. Activities/ Games**Materials needed**

- Colouring and writing materials including crayons, marker, pencils, pens and papers

For 4-6yo

- Draw a cross and yourself (the child). Draw up a list of people, life experiences and things you give thanks to God for. Name them one by one.
- Choose a family member whom you can take care of. Who is it? How can you show God's care and love to this person?
- You too are also God's beloved, how will you take good care of yourself and your personal relationship with God?

Extended activity for the 9-12yo (Accountability)

- Practise accountability with a trusted adult. It can be your mum or dad, or a family member (for example, an older sibling whom you can better relate to).
- This form can be helpful to “kickstart” the practice of accountability.

For 7-12yo

- Affirm any emotion that the children feel, especially if it is difficult. The main thing is to plant the Word of God and ask them to express their genuine thoughts and feelings (vs forcing them to “give up” before they are ready).
- Challenge the children: Make a video of yourself expressing thanks to your parents for caring for you and bringing you to church.
- As a group, make a video of the group expressing thanks to their parents for caring for them and for bringing them to church.