

STEWARDSHIP



TAKING CARE
OF WHAT
YOU HAVE

BECAUSE IT
ALL BELONGS
TO GOD

WEEK 3
K -5TH GRADE

READ LUKE 12:15

DAY 1

Do you ever find yourself wanting more and more? And more? And more? Guess what. That means you're normal. It seems like we always want more. Know how to fix this? The antidote to greed is gratitude. Gratitude is taking the time to thank God for what you already have. So the way to stop the cycle of constant wanting is to stop and recognize all that you've already been given.

Play a memory game with your family. At the dinner table, go around and get everyone to name one of his/her blessings. Then, go around the table and see if you can name what everyone said they were thankful for. For example: I'm grateful for family (named by first person), friends (named by second person), and food (named by third person).

THANK God for all the things you already have instead of the things you don't.

READ LUKE 3:11

DAY 2

Sharing is hard, isn't it? Sometimes, we're afraid to share because we're worried our stuff might get lost or broken. Sometimes, we don't want to share because we just want to keep our stuff for ourselves. But when we give or share, we're not losing something. We're really gaining trust. When we give, we're saying, "Okay God. I trust you with my stuff. I know it's not really mine in the first place. And I know you'll always take care of me."

Want to put this sharing thing into practice? Grab two big boxes. Label one: "Give Away." Label the other: "Throw Away." Go through your clothes and toys. Place anything that's broken or torn in the "Throw Away" box. Then place everything you've out grown or no longer play with into the "Give Away" box. Make a plan to donate the items in the "Give Away" box to a homeless shelter or clothes closet.

ASK God to help you use your things wisely by sharing with those in need.

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When your mom makes your favorite meal or your family heads to your favorite restaurant, do you ever get so excited that you eat too quickly? Ever gulp down your food so fast that you get a big tummy ache?

Sometimes, we can do this with our stuff. Maybe you ripped open all your gifts at your birthday party without even saying “thank you.” Or maybe you have a room full of toys that you hardly ever play with. A wise person is careful with their things. A wise person remembers that all of it, every toy or of piece of clothing, isn’t owned, it’s on loan. You’re just the caretaker and NOT the owner. And you show your heavenly Father that you can be trusted with the things He’s given you when you use them wisely.

Put your hands on your very favorite thing—maybe it’s your tablet or fidget spinner. Ask God to help you remember to use it wisely because it’s on loan from Him.

LOOK for ways to take care of the things that are on loan from God.

READ PROVERBS 14:30

DAY 4

Do you ever find yourself envious of what other people have? It’s pretty common to want what others have. But it’s not a good way to live. Know why? Because it’s impossible to be envious of what others have and content at the same time. The truth is, someone else is always going to have something you want.

Conduct a science experiment. Put a banana on a plate and keep a chart to plot how the banana rots. The rot won’t show up the first day but with each day that passes, it will get a little worse. And once it’s rotten, no one will want to eat it. The same is true with envy—wanting what other people have. When you’re envious, people won’t want to be around you because envy is ugly. And then, not only will you not have the things your friends have, but you probably won’t have any friends either.

KNOW that God wants to help you get rid of envy and replace it with contentment.

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