



Lessons on **Stewardship**

Featuring:
**Cash Cow &
Piggy Bank**



**A Three Week
Children's Church
Curriculum**

Week One: Tithes

Week Two: Offering

Week Three: Stewardship

Hello Children's Ministry Leader,

Every year many of our adult services offer a series on stewardship. So many times we fail to communicate these important truths to our children in ways that are fun and in ways that they can remember. In this stewardship series, there will be many ways that you as a children's ministry leader will be able to teach these truths. Offering a hilarious video each week this series on stewardship is sure to make the children in your children's church smile. We hope you enjoy using this as much as we enjoyed making it.

Have Fun,

RealFun Curriculum Team

Making God REAL to children in a FUN way!



Who:

The Presenter: RealFun curriculum presenter is someone who has the ability to connect to children.

Depending on your group this can be a volunteer, staff person, or teen leader. This series also welcomes the use of multiple presenters as it offers multiple parts that can be presented by a variety of personalities.

The Audience: *Lessons on Stewardship* series is designed to be used for elementary children (grades 1 to 5).

What: *Lessons on Stewardship* curriculum has several elements offered weekly. It offers powerpoint presentations, videos, teaching aids, and step by step instructions on presentation.

The Big Idea: This is the main point of the weeks lesson. Say it, repeat it, and have the kids do the same.

The Bank Bag of Mystery: You need to get a bank bag from your local bank (they are usually free) and every week there will be an item connected to the day's lesson.

Memory Verse Activity: This activity is an interactive way to teach the weeks memory verse. It gets the kids moving and also remembering their verse.

Memory Verse Video: Every week Cash Cow and Piggy Bank come and teach the weeks memory verse through comedy and life lessons.

Bible Story/ Message: This portion offers a variety of ways to teach the lesson of the week. Bible stories and object lessons will help drive home the point. You will even find some cool stats and facts about money.

Money Games: Games are meant to be fun... so do just that. The games in this series relate to the lesson and are sure to get your children moving and laughing.

Review Game: This is offered in powerpoint and will again reinforce many of the elements of the service. It is also nice in case "big" church service goes long!

Weekly Schedule: *Lessons on Stewardship* offers a suggested weekly schedule that will fit all the elements of the curriculum in the allotted time.

When: *Lessons on Stewardship* is designed to be offered weekly in a children's church setting and can range from a 45 to 60 minute presentation.

Where: *Lessons on Stewardship* presentation is found most effective in an area that offers projection/ video capabilities.

Why: *Lessons on Stewardship* takes the issue of money in a brand new creative way. Money is a very important subject to God and should be to us. If we are able to facilitate growing interest in the heart of a child then, we will be able to interest them in growing in Jesus.

How Long: *Lessons on Stewardship* weekly service is designed to be from sixty to ninety minutes in length after adding a time for praise and worship, offering, etc.

theBigIdea

Refer back to the BIG idea often thru the service to remind the children what the lesson is about.

1. What you say as you teach this is in regular font.
2. What you do is in bold.

Bank Bag Of Mystery

I will obey God with my tithe.

What you need:

- Calculator
- Bag of Skittles

What it is : The Big Idea is used from beginning to end in the service. Each element of the service should be opened with "what's the big idea?" and allow the children to repeat it back. The more you use the big idea and more it is said by leaders and children the greater the chance for the children to retain what they have learned in the service.

What you say & What you do: Who is ready for the Big Idea? (kids react) Well we are getting ready to blow the roof off of this room today so get ready, take a deep breath and let's say it on the count of 3- 1...2...3...(kids yell the Big Idea)

--Repeat this until you feel like the children have a good handle on it for the rest of the service.--

I am so excited about learning about what God says about money over the next few weeks with you. How many of you guys think money is pretty cool? (kids respond) Our Big Idea today talks about tithe. Does anyone know what tithe is? (kids respond) Tithe is what God asks us to give him. The Bible teaches that all money belongs to God and that God let's us keep 90% for ourselves to use wisely but 10% is supposed to be given back to God to be used for His work. Sure wish I had a way to figure out 10% of stuff. Oh well, before we get too far along let me introduce you to the Bank Bag of Mystery. Now in order to make this a little more interesting every time I say "Bank Bag of Mystery" you say "Oooooooooo-Ahhhhhhhhh". Let's practice **practice this several times**. Great now that you have that down pat, who wants to see what is in the Bank Bag of Mystery? **Go over to the bank bag and begin to open it**. Are you sure you want to see what is in here?(kids respond) I don't know what we are going to see. I do know that whatever is in here is about our lesson for the day. Okay here goes. **Reach in the bag and pull out the calculator**. Check it out! It is a calculator. Hey, now we can figure out 10% of stuff. **Do some calculations showing what 10% is**. Well that makes since. A calculator will make it much easier to figure out 10% for tithe won't it? Wait a second, there is something else in the Bank Bag of Mystery! (kids oooooo-ahhhhhh) **Reach back into the bank bag and pull out the bag of Skittles**. Yes, my favorite candy! I can't wait to see what this has to do with the lesson. Maybe I should just hang on to this for safe keeping. Or maybe we could play a game with it! Anyone want to play game with Skittles? (kids respond)

Money Games

Week One

Candy Counter

What you need:

- Bag of Skittles
- Paper Plates for each contestant
- Paper Bowls or cups for each contestant

What it is : Game time is meant to be fun. Allow the kids to get loud as they cheer on their team for this part of your service.

What you say & What you do: Take out the skittle and set up paper plates and bowls with about 30 or 40 skittles in each on a table. All right, this game has to do with counting and today we are going to see how fast we can figure out what 10% tithe is of Skittles. So in order to play this game you have to like skittles and you have be allowed to eat candy. So without further delay let's get this game started. I need some volunteers *(this game can be played with any number of players you choose... Just make sure you have enough Skittles)*

Choose your game volunteers and set them up in front of their plates and bowls of Skittles.

Here are the rules:

1. Each player gets a bowl of Skittles and a plate in front of them
2. Players are to dump the Skittles out onto the plate
3. Players are then to count their Skittles and put them back in the cup
4. After the player finds out how many Skittles they are to take the tithe of the Skittles (10% of what they have) and put it aside on the plate.
5. The player then takes the rest of the Skittles and eat them

Winners are decided by who finishes their Skittles first and also counts out the right amount for the tithe.

This games rocks! It takes a while to eat lots of skittles. Very fun to watch. A helpful hint is to have extra leaders assigned to each player to help count the tithe.

Week One

Memory Verse

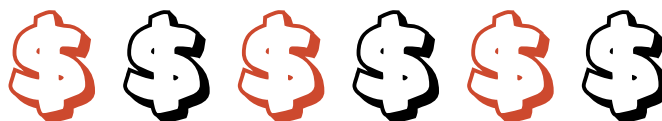
**Bring the whole tithe
to the storehouse.
Malachi 3:10**

What you need:

- White Board
- Dry Erase Marker & Eraser
- Copy of memory verse handy as well as on the screen
- Cash Cow and Piggy Bank video on tithing provided in your presentation

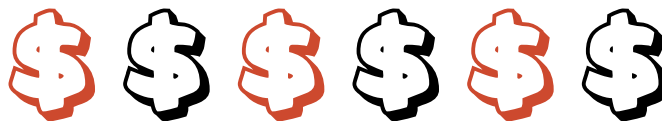
What it is : The memory verse and the activity is designed to do two things: 1. To give you the opportunity to give Biblical basis and support to the teaching of the day, 2. To get the kids moving and learning at the same time. Take this portion of the service to ensure that the children will memorize the weeks verse and understand what it means to them.

What you say & What you do: **Read the verse.** This verse is found in the last book of the Old Testament. However, tithing is mentioned in many places in the Bible. Money is very important to God and to us. God wants us to learn how He blesses us and takes care of all of our needs and how He wants us to be obedient to his Word by bringing our tithe to the storehouse which is the church. We have a video from our friends Cash Cow and Piggy Bank to help us learn the verse for the day.



Memory Verse Video

Play Cash Cow and Piggy Bank Tithe Video



Memory Verse Activity

Wow what a cool way to learn our verse. I also have a fun activity for us today to help learn this verse. First let's repeat the verse together a couple of time out loud. **Say the memory verse and have the children repeat it as you go along. Do this a few times until you think the children have a good handle on it. Write the verse on the whiteboard and pick two children to come and play.** *The rules are: 1. children have 10 seconds to study the verse, 2. children then turn away so they cannot see the whiteboard or what you are doing, 3. the game leader will then erase a word, 4. children turn around on the game leaders cue and the first one to call out the missing word wins that round, 5. repeat until the whole verse is gone and the children are reciting the whole thing.* For added difficulty you can erase punctuation or more than one word at a time. Have fun! **Say the verse together one more time before moving on.**

Bible Story

Week One

First Fruits Genesis 4:3-7

What you need:

- Your anointing!
- Bible text offered below in red

***3** In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. **4** But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, **5** but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast*

What it is : The Bible Story Portion of the lesson is meant to bring all the teaching tools together to show that everything that is being taught and discussed has a basis in scripture. Without scripture there would be nothing useful to say. Children need to know that the Bible has all the answers they need. It is up to us to show them how to find those answers.

What you say: Well, here we are at the most important part of our service... the message. I need to go over something with you before we get into God's word. Did you know that the Bible is full of awesome stories about every subject that we deal with in life. So when we get to this part I would like you to help me remember that the Bible is full of Truth. Let's try this; when I say "if the Bible says it then" **point at the kids** you say as loud as you can "it's true! **Practice this a few times.** Now that we know that if the Bible says is then **point at the kids** (kids say "it's true"), we can tell our story today. Our story is found in Genesis chapter 4 **Read story.** We see here that this is the story of two brothers who were bringing their tithes and offering to God. Now this happened before money so they brought some of the things that they worked hard for everyday. Cain brought some things from the garden and Abel brought some meat from his flocks. Do you remember our memory verse? (kids respond) The thing we need to see here is that tithing is God's law and that God wants our best every time. This is why when we talk about tithe it is important to remember that we give to God first before we spend our money on ourselves. If we do this then God will provide for us and He will always take care of our needs

Back to our story. Here we see both brothers bringing things to God but God only likes what Abel brought. God did not like what Cain brought. I wonder why, do you guys know why? (kids respond) We learn in other stories in the Bible that God only wants our best. This shows me that Cain may have not given God his very best offering, our very best is called "first fruits" in the Bible. Abel, on the other hand, brought God his first fruits (or his best) and God was pleased with him. I know that God deserves the best and I am thankful that He gives me all the blessings that I have. Because of this I want to do everything I can today to obey God with my tithe.

Boys and girls, God is asking for your best today. Many of you have an allowance or you may do chores around the house to earn money. I would ask you today to pray about giving a tithe of that money to God. You may not have any money and that is okay. If you don't have money then begin to ask God where you can tithe. Your time is another example of how you can tithe to God. If you watch lots of TV or play lots of video games then maybe you can commit some of that time to God. Remember to give God your first fruits not your leftovers and that tithe is 10% and it is God's law. I don't know about you but I want to obey God's law by tithing because I need his help everyday. **Spend some prayer time at the altar with the kids for financial needs for them and their family.**

Week One Schedule

Time: 5 min

Time: 5-10 min
(Do together)

Time: 10-15 min

Time: 10-15 min

Time: 5-10 min

Time: 5 min

Time: 10 min

Time: 5-10 min

Time: 5-10 min

Time: TBD

Time: As needed

Welcome and Opening Prayer

theBIG Idea: I will obey God with my tithe

Bank Bag of Mystery: Calculator & Bag of Skittles

Money Games: Play Money Games here

Praise & Worship: Insert your own praise and worship

Offering and Visitors: Take Offering and greet visitors

Memory Verse: Teach Memory Verse

Memory Verse Video: Play Cash Cow & Piggy Bank Movie

Memory Verse: Do Memory Verse Activity

Bible Story: Present the Bible Story

Prayer and Altar: Use this time to allow the children to respond to what they have learned.

Review Game: Use Review Game provided in Week One.