

# STEWARDSHIP



TAKING CARE  
OF WHAT  
YOU HAVE

BECAUSE IT  
ALL BELONGS  
TO GOD

WEEK 5  
2<sup>ND</sup> -3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

## READ MATTHEW 6:19

## DAY 1

Do you remember a couple of weeks ago when you went through your closet and toys to throw out things that were broken and to give away things you'd outgrown? Were you surprised at just how much "stuff" you'd collected? Until we take a good look at what we have, we sort of assume that we don't have enough. But the truth is, most all of us have WAY more than we need.

Jesus tells us not to store up treasures on earth. Why? Eventually, they'll wear out. Or break. Or be lost or stolen. Stuff doesn't last. It's important to remember to live like you know what really matters. If we find ourselves wishing we had more, it's time to stop and ask God to help us love HIM more and to love PEOPLE more than our stuff. Because loving God and loving people is what really matters.

Find some sticky notes. On the front write, "Love God, Love People" and stick it on your closet door or your toy box.

**THANK** God for the opportunity to focus what really matters by loving God and loving people.

## READ MATTHEW 6:20

## DAY 2

The Bible tells us about the best treasure ever. This treasure is better than gold or jewels or precious metals. This treasure is eternal, the kind that never wears out, or gets lost or stolen. God wants us to stop looking for earthly treasure that you can't hold onto anyway and to start looking for heavenly treasures that can never be taken away.

So what are heavenly treasures? They're acts of service that we perform here on earth. God wants us to spend more time helping others than hoarding or holding on to stuff that doesn't last. God wants us to love others and to help when we see a need so that we can shine a light that points them to Him. When you do, you'll be living like you know what really matters.

On separate scraps of paper, write down five ways you can serve or show love to someone else this week. Fold up each scrap and place it in a box—like a shoebox or empty tissue box. Each day, pull out one scrap of paper and perform that act of service as a way to store up treasures in heaven.

**ASK** God to help store up treasures in heaven that no one can destroy.

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## DAY 3

Your treasure—or the stuff you value—shows what’s in your heart. So if you’re constantly worried about your stuff and unwilling to share what you have, it means there may be greed in your heart. But the opposite is true. Your heart also FOLLOWS where you put your treasure. So if you choose to store up treasures in heaven (by serving and loving God and others), God can change that greedy heart to a generous one.

Cut out a small heart and write the word “treasure” in the center. Fold up this heart and place it in the pocket of your shorts or pants for tomorrow. Every time you put your hand in your pocket, be reminded to live for what really matters by trusting God with everything you need.

**LISTEN** to and believe God’s promise to provide everything you need.

## READ MATTHEW 6:24

## DAY 4

Do you ever play *Star Wars*? In the movie, when Luke finds out that his father is Darth Vader and he tries to get Luke to join the dark side, he refuses. Luke must choose between being a jedi or joining the dark side; Yoda or Vader. He can’t follow two masters.

We have to choose between two masters too—God or money. Money is like the dark side. When we focus on keeping what we have or getting more of it, our hearts grow cold and we become greedy. But when we focus on God and remember that everything really belongs to Him, it’s easy to be generous and willing to share. You have to choose. So what will it be? Will you choose to live like you know what really matters? Or will you join the dark side?

Go grab a couple of lightsabers and have a lightsaber duel with a friend or family member. Don’t have a lightsaber? That’s okay. You can use a pool noodle or the inside tube from a roll of wrapping paper.

**KNOW** that you must choose between two masters—God or money. Make sure you choose wisely.

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