

**FIVE STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS
FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

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Resources*

Bible

Read to Me Bible for Kids
(Holman Bible Publishers)

Books

I Can Help Others, Reeves (WMU, Birmingham, AL) ISBN 1-56309-255-7
Books appropriate for the stewardship unit may be found in preschool departments and church libraries.

Music

Music for 3's-Pre-K, Fall 2001
Music for Kindergarten, Fall 2001
Unit appropriate songs with which the preschoolers are already familiar may be used.

Puzzles

“A Boy Learned to Share” (24 pcs.)
ISBN 0-633-11289-5
“The Creation: God Made People” (24 pcs.)
ISBN 0-6330-4545-4

Use other unit related puzzles which are available. Departments with younger preschoolers and multiple age groups may need to use easier puzzles with fewer pieces.

*These resources may be purchased at LifeWay Christian Stores or may be ordered from LifeWay Customer Service 1-800-458-2772.

LESSON 1

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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BIBLE PHRASES: “Bring an offering to church” (Mal. 3:10).
“Be ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:18).

LIFE IMPACT: Preschoolers will begin to understand that God planned for churches.
They will also recognize that their money helps to build churches.

BIBLE STORY:

KING SOLOMON BUILDS A CHURCH

(Based on 1 Kings 5:1-18; 6:1-37; 7:1-51; 8:1-66)

A long time ago God’s people did not have a church building. Their church met in a tent. God wanted King Solomon to build a church building. King Solomon was very happy. He wanted the people to have a beautiful church so that they could sing, pray, and worship God.

King Solomon called some men together. He said, “I want the very best trees to be cut down and the wood to be used in the church.” The men said, “We will be happy to cut the trees down and get the wood to you.” So they cut down tall cedar trees and brought them to the place where the church would be built. Other men dug and cut big stones for the foundation.

Daddies, mothers, grandparents, boys, and girls watched the men work. The workers prepared the wood and gave it a beautiful finish. Everyone was saying, “We can hardly wait until the church is ready.” Each stone was put in place. Pure gold was put over some of the inside walls. King Solomon brought beautiful gold and silver bowls and lamp stands that his father had prepared for the church.

After seven years the building was finished. The king and the people were so pleased to have a worship place that would please and honor God. King Solomon said to all the people, “Let’s have a special service to thank God for this building.” The people came together and sang and prayed, saying, “Thank you, God, for letting us have such a beautiful place to come to church.”

BIBLE LEARNING CENTERS:

CREATIVE ART

Glue Wood to Cardboard Squares

Gather – small pieces of wood, glue, cardboard squares, pictures of a church

Prepare – Cover the table with newspaper.

Teach – Let the preschoolers glue the pieces of wood to the cardboard in any way they choose. Call attention to the church picture. Ask, What materials do you need to build a church? They may mention wood, brick, and other materials. Say, Later we will hear about a church being built with wood and stone. Guide them to talk about their own church building. Sing “I Like to Go to Church.”

BLOCKS

Build a Church with Blocks

Gather – pictures of a church and workmen building a church; Legos (larger Legos for younger preschoolers)

Prepare – Place the pictures near the floor in the block area. Add Legos to block area.

Teach – As the boys and girls work with the blocks and Legos, call their attention to the pictures. Encourage them to think about how their church looks. Comment, Many people brought money so we could have a church building. Open the Bible and read the Bible phrase “Bring an offering to church” (Mal. 3:10).

HOMELIVING/DRAMATIC PLAY Play Going to Church

Gather – a picture of people giving money at church; offering envelopes; hymnal; Bible; dress up clothes for church; purses; billfolds; offering plate or basket; play money

Prepare – Put the picture at the child’s eye level. Place the other items in appropriate places in the Home living area.

Teach – The materials provided may suggest to the boys and girls that they “play church.” The situations they act out may be getting ready for church; making a church using chairs; putting the play money in purses or billfolds or offering envelopes; singing familiar songs; giving an offering; and praying. Some of them may choose to be church helpers. Read these verses to them. “Bring an offering to church” and “Be ready to share” as they get ready for church.

NATURE Play a feeling game, “What Is in the Bag?”

Gather – pieces of wood, brick, tile, carpet, and other building materials

Prepare – Put the building materials in the paper bag.

Teach – Let them take turns reaching into the bag and guessing what they are feeling (you may have to tell them the names of some of the items). After everyone has had a turn, ask, “Where would you find these objects?” Encourage conversation about church buildings. If possible, take the preschoolers on a walk to see if any of the materials were used in their own church. Help them to know that the people in their church brought money to buy the materials so they could have such a nice building.

PUZZLES Guess the Church Helpers

Gather – wooden puzzles that depict churches; a large box; objects used by church helpers, such as a Bible, a hymnal, dust cloth, Sunday School book

Prepare – Place several wooden puzzles on the floor or a table. Place the items in the box.

Teach – As the preschoolers work the church puzzles, encourage them to talk about their church. Sing, “I Like to Go to Church.” As you take one of the items from the box, ask, “Who would use this in our church?” Talk about ways each one of the helpers serves in the church. Lead them to know that the money they bring to church helps special helpers.

GROUP TIME:

Play a Game. As the preschoolers are seated in the group, give a child on the end a beanbag. Play a tape or CD. They may pass the beanbag from one child to another as long as the music is

playing. When you stop the music, ask the child who has the beanbag, “What did you enjoy doing in a Bible Learning Center this morning?” Let each child have a turn.

Sing. Sing, “I Like to Go to Church.” Let the boys and girls mention things they like to do at church and sing about them. They may suggest playing with friends, singing, or praying. You may sing verses such as, “I like to play with friends,” or “I like to sing and I like to pray,” or “I like to bring my money.”

Tell the Bible Story. Open the Bible to 1 Kings 5:1-18 and tell the story, “King Solomon Builds a Church.”

Show a Picture. From your picture file show a picture of King Solomon and the church. Ask, Did anyone help to build the church? How did the people feel when the church was finished? Encourage conversation.

Prayer. Say, “We have such a nice church. I feel like thanking God for our church and for all the people who gave their money.” Encourage preschoolers who wish to do so to pray in their words.

Bible Phrases. Ask, “Do you think anyone helped to build our church? They will probably respond with carpenters.” Then ask, “Where did we get the money to build our church?” Wait for their responses. Open the Bible to Malachi 3:10 and ask a child to help you read, “Bring an offering to church.” Tell them that parents, grandparents, and children brought money. Open the Bible to 1 Timothy 6:18 and let a child put his finger on “Be ready to share.”

Play a Game. Play music. Let the boys and girls walk around the circle while the music is playing. When you stop the music, tell them to freeze. They cannot move until the music starts again. Play the game until the parents arrive. The length of game time will depend on the age of the child.