

LESSON 5

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

–June Jordan–

BIBLE PHRASES: “Bring an offering to church” (Mal. 3:10).
“God loves a cheerful giver” (2Cor. 9:7).
“Be ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:18).

LIFE IMPACT: Preschoolers will understand that God wants everyone to share his money, and they will become aware that bringing their money to church can make them happy.

BIBLE STORY:

A LADY GIVES AN OFFERING AT CHURCH

(Based on Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4)

Long ago, early one morning a lady awoke from sleep. That day she was going to church. Very little food was left in her house, but she ate breakfast. She got dressed in a dress that was very old.

She looked for her money to take to church. Only two coins were there. She could have used the money to buy food and a new dress. But she thought, “I want to give my money at church.”

Jesus was at the church teaching people about God’s love. He was sitting near the offering boxes. He watched as the people dropped in their money.

Many of the people who came to church had on beautiful clothes and a lot of money. When they dropped their money in the offering boxes, their money made a lot of noise. Then the woman came to the offering boxes. She dropped in her two small pieces of money.

The lady walked away with a smile on her face. She was glad she had brought the money to church. She was obeying God about giving. Obeying and giving made her feel very happy.

Jesus told his helpers, “That woman has put in more money than all the rich people.” His helpers said, “But, Jesus, the rich people put in a lot of money.” Jesus answered, “The rich people had more money at home, but the lady did not have any more. She loved God so much that she put in all that she had.”

BIBLE LEARNING CENTERS:

CREATIVE ART Painting with Cars

Gather – several small cars, large size construction paper, and several colors of tempera paint

Prepare – Pour paint into containers such as pie tins. Place a sponge in each container. Provide a different car for each color of paint.

Teach – The preschoolers may press a car on a sponge and roll it across the construction paper. They will enjoy seeing the design the car wheels will make. As they work, ask, “How did you come to church today?” This

may encourage conversation about getting ready for church and coming with family. Sing, "I Like to Go to Church."

BLOCKS

Work with Blocks and Community Helpers

Gather – wooden community helper figures or those provided in outdated Leader Packs

Prepare – Place the community helper figures in the block center in an obvious place.

Teach – Call attention to the community helpers. Say, Some daddies, mothers, and grandparents have jobs like these community helpers. Ask them to talk about what jobs their parents and grandparents have. Help them to understand that they are helpers. Say, God gives parents jobs so they can earn money to buy food and clothes and provide a house for the family. Ask, What are some other ways they spend money? After they respond, say, Parents and boys and girls also bring money to church because they love God. As parents give, they are teaching you to bring money to church, too.

HOMELIVING/DRAMATIC PLAY

Using Our Money

Gather – a toy cash register, play money, offering envelopes, play groceries, dress up clothes from home living center

Prepare – Place the gathered items in appropriate places in the Center. Hang up some of the dress up clothes.

Teach – As the boys and girls use the cash register, they may be guided to pretend to buy groceries and clothes. Ask, What is another way we might use our money? The offering envelopes may suggest bringing money to church as God has told us to do. At an appropriate time, be ready to use the Bible phrases, "Bring an offering to church" (Mal. 3:10) and "God loves a cheerful giver" (2Cor. 9:7).

NATURE

Make Coin Rubbings

Gather – coins, manila paper or newsprint, crayons

Prepare – Place the coins, paper, and crayons on a table. Show them how to place the coins under their paper and rub across the surface with a crayon.

Teach – Encourage boys and girls to talk about how their money might be used. You might lead them to thank God for giving their families money to take care of their needs. Open the Bible and read, "Bring an offering to church" (Mal. 3:10) and "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). Say, God has taught us in the Bible to bring money to church. He is pleased when we obey Him. Giving and obeying gladly make us happy, too.

PUZZLES

Work Puzzles and Match Coins

Gather – duplicates of several coins, sheet of paper, floor puzzle “A Boy Learned to Share”

Prepare – On the sheet of paper, draw around the coins. Make available the floor puzzle “A Boy Learned to Share.”

Teach – Sing, “I Like to Go to Church.” Substitute “I like to bring my money.” Read the Bible phrase “Bring an offering to church” as they match the coins to the appropriate circles. Say, Some people may have a lot of money to give and others will not have as much. Alert them that at Group Time they will have a story about someone who did not have much money to share but gladly gave all she had when she came to church.

GROUP TIME:

Game. In a box or large bag place items which money may buy. Some items that might be included are: a piece of clothing, a piece of fruit or a canned vegetable, a small car, picture of a house, piece of doll furniture, an offering envelope. Let the boys and girls take turns taking items from the box or bag. Say, God helps us to have money so we can meet our own family’s needs and so we can share. Show the offering envelope again and talk about bringing our money to church.

Bible Phrases. Ask a child to help you “read” the phrase, “Bring an offering to church” (Mal. 3: 10). Say, We can help share what we have when we bring our offerings to church.

Bible Story. Tell the Bible story, “A Lady Gives an Offering at Church.”

Picture. Show a picture from your picture file that illustrates the story. Ask, How do you think the lady felt when she had given her money? Continue, How do you feel when you are bringing money to church? Ask a child to help you “read” the Bible phrase, “God loves a cheerful giver” (2Cor. 9:7). Be sure the preschoolers understand what the word “cheerful” means.

Prayer. Give the boys and girls opportunity to express their thanks to God for the good things He gives them. When several preschoolers have prayed, a teacher may ask God to help us remember to share the money He has given us.

Game. Remind the boys and girls that some of the money we bring to church helps to buy some of the things we need for teaching and learning at church. Play “I Spy.” Let them take turns spying and guessing items in the room that have been bought with money people have brought to church.