

LESSON 2

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

–June Jordan–

BIBLE PHRASES: “Help one another” (Gal. 5:13).
“God gives us things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17).
“Be ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:18).
“Bring an offering to church to thank God (1Chron. 16:29).

LIFE IMPACT: Preschoolers will become aware that God made them and planned for them to take care of His world. They will learn ways they can help.

BIBLE STORY:

GOD MADE PEOPLE TO CARE FOR HIS WORLD

(Based on Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-22)

God planned and made a beautiful world. He made flowers and trees. He made day and night. He made fruit and vegetables. God made animals. Some were small animals like cats, dogs, turtles, and frogs. He also made large animals like deer, horses, cows, zebras, bears, and lions. Some of the animals are our pets. Some of the animals give us food.

God needed someone to take care of His world. He needed someone to care for His animals and plants. He made Adam and Eve and told them to care for the garden where He placed them.

God made people to take care of His world. Some people plant seeds so plants can grow, and we can have food. Some people help us have clothes to wear. God planned for boys and girls to help in His world, too.

BIBLE LEARNING CENTERS:

CREATIVE ART

Paint with Nature Items

Gather – twigs, leaves, other nature materials appropriate for painting; small containers for paint and two or three colors of tempera paint; construction paper

Prepare – Pour the tempera in several small containers.

Teach – Let the boys and girls paint with the nature objects. They may dip the objects in the paint and brush them across the construction paper. As they enjoy the colors and designs on their paper, remind them that God made a pretty world for them to enjoy. Read to them the Bible phrase, “God gives us things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17). Sing a song as they work such as “God’s Beautiful World.” Remind the boys and girls that they have a responsibility to keep God’s world clean and beautiful.

BLOCKS

Create a Camping Site

Gather – outdoor scenes clipped from magazines; small trucks, cars, and campers

Prepare – Place the magazine pictures near the block shelves along with the trucks, cars and campers.

Teach – As interest is drawn to the block area, ask, Do these pictures, trucks, campers remind you of anything you might do with your family? Some boys and girls may say camping or walking with the family. Ask, What are some things you see in God’s world when you go camping or walking? Let them use the trucks, cars and campers to create their own play situation. To guide their activities, read the Bible phrase, “God gives us things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17) and “Help one another” (Gal. 5:13). Remind them that God made the world for them to enjoy and suggest that they should always help their parents or grandparents clean up the campsite before going home. They might also pick up trash they see when on walks and put it in the garbage.

HOMELIVING/DRAMATIC PLAY Arrange Flowers and Prepare a Pretend Meal

Gather – unbreakable containers for flowers; fresh flowers, if available; pictures of food glued to paper plates

Prepare – Place the containers and flowers on the table. Put the paper plates with the dishes.

Teach – Let the preschoolers arrange the flowers and put them in two different parts of the room. As they arrange the flowers, encourage them to talk about God’s world. Ask, Why do you think God made such a pretty world for us to enjoy? As they prepare the pretend meal, you may have opportunity to lead them to thank God for good food. Tell them that farmers, dairy farmers and grocery men are helpers in God’s world. Say, You can be helpers by sharing your food with others who may not have enough good food.

NATURE

Go for a Nature Walk

Gather – paper bags and nature stickers

Prepare – Plan before the session where the preschoolers may go on a nature walk and what they may see. Have the small paper bags and stickers on a table. You may want to plan to take no more than six preschoolers at a time.

Teach – Let the preschoolers put the nature stickers on their paper bags. Before they go on the walk encourage them to think about some things they may see. As they gather rocks, twigs, leaves and other nature items, recall the Bible verse, “God gives us good things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17). Make them aware God wants us to keep His world beautiful by not throwing trash on the ground and by picking up any we see.

PUZZLES

Look at Nature Book and Work Puzzles

Gather – nature pictures from magazines and place them in a large photo album; wooden puzzles, floor puzzle, “The Creation: God Made People”

Prepare – Before the session, place nature pictures in photo album. Make available several puzzles along with the floor puzzle.

Teach – As they work the puzzles, remind the preschoolers that God made people to take care of His world. As they look at the pictures in the album, encourage them to thank God for the world and for everything He has given them. Be alert for times to use the Bible phrases.

GROUP TIME:

Sing. Sing “God’s Beautiful World” several times. After each time, let a child name something that God has made.

Bible Phrases. Ask a child to help you “read” the Bible phrase, “God gives us good things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17). Ask, Why do you think God gave us a pretty world and good things to enjoy? Let them respond. Then say, Who does God want to take care of the animals and other things in His world? When they answer that people are to take care of God’s world, ask them, Can boys and girls help, too? What can you do to help? They probably will say such things as take care of pets, put trash in the garbage, avoid walking in flowerbeds, and share their food.

Relax before the Story. Ask the boys and girls to follow some directions such as stand up, turn around, clap your hands, tap your head, touch your toes, and sit down without making a sound.

Bible Story. Tell the story “God Made People to Care for His World.”

Prayer. Say, God made you very special. He wants you to be a helper in His world and in the church. Lead them to thank God that He made all of them, their brothers and sisters, their parents, their grandparents, and their friends.

Match the Verses. Prepare different colors of markers, each with a Bible verse on it. Cut the markers in half. Place a half of each in various parts of the room. As you read half of a verse, ask a child to find the other half of the matching color. When the other half has been found, read the whole verse. Repeat until all of the verses have been found. Use the following verses: “Bring an offering to thank God” (1 Chron. 16:29); “Help one another” (Gal. 5:13); “God gives us good things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17); “Be ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:18). Remind them that bringing their money to church is one way of thanking God for all He does for them.

Play a Game. Give each child a card with a picture of a fruit or vegetable. Have them exchange places when you call the fruit or vegetable each one is holding. When you say, “Fruits and vegetables, change places,” all the boys and girls will change places.