

4TH - 5TH GRADE

Week 1



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attached you will find your child's God Time Sheet. It is designed for you to look at it with them. It's a great tool for helping your child grow. Each month there is a new life application principal and each week a new way to learn it. This month we are learning about **STEWARSHIP**.

If you place your initials on this cover sheet and have your child bring it back to class, we will give him/her coins that can be used to purchase some fun prizes or candy. This is part of our "Coin Incentive Program" which helps kids create healthy habits.

Completed daily activities for: _____ (Child's first and last name)

Day 1 _____ (parent/guardian initials) = 1 coin

Day 2 _____ (parent/guardian initials) = 1 coin

Day 3 _____ (parent/guardian initials) = 1 coin

Day 4 _____ (parent/guardian initials) = 1 coin

This week my child:

Prayed for others. _____ (P/G initials) = 1 coin

Showed love for God & others with words or actions. _____ (P/G initials) = 1 coin

Told someone about Jesus. _____ (P/G initials) = 1 coin

Served in the Church or Community. _____ (P/G initials) = 1 coin

Gave using time, talent or treasure. _____ (P/G initials) = 1 coin

Invited a friend to church. _____ (P/G initials) = 1 coin

If you are looking for more activities for your kids to do and they like looking at the computer, check out Studio252.tv. Every week a fresh episode gives families a wacky experience to enjoy together all centered on the same life application we are teaching at church.

Would you like some great conversation starters for discussing things with your kids? Check out the [Parent Cue App](#). It's available at the Apple App Store and Market. The cues help you know our monthly Life Application, our monthly Bible verse, our weekly Bible Story and the cues with conversation starters for Morning Time, Meal Time, Drive Time and Bed Time.

At Class Check In Desk

Check in Leader Name _____

Birthday Card _____

_____ Total Coins from above

_____ Brought Bible = 5 Coins

_____ Brought *New Friend to Class = 10 Coins

_____ Came to class = 1 Coin

Total Coins =

*New friend is defined as someone who hasn't been to Fox River Kids in the last 6 months or more.

HOW CAN YOU
TREAT EVERYTHING LIKE IT
BELONGS TO GOD?

DAY 4

Look back at your list from Day 3. Even though you're still growing up, you're already in charge of a lot, aren't you?

What would happen if you *didn't* take care of those things? There's more at stake than you might realize and that's a good thing! After all, God gives us stewardship opportunities all the time. It's His stuff, and it's His idea to involve us in the process.

Stewardship means that you don't just let life happen to you. You don't just think about what you can get out of life. It means that you take care of what's around you. You look out for what others need. You take responsibility for whatever or whoever God has placed in your life, because you know He's done it for a reason.

So how do you treat everything like it belongs to Him? Well, there are a lot of ways. But one really important way is to *thank* Him. Get in a habit of thanking Him for the situations, challenges and gifts that He's put in front of you. Remember that He knows exactly what you're going through, no matter what.

Thank Him for letting you be a steward of whatever He's given you. And ask Him to help you to be a really *good* one!



Taking care of what you have
because it all belongs to God.

READ PSALM 24:1

DAY 1

David's words seem pretty straightforward here, don't they? After all, it seems pretty obvious that the world belongs to God.

But think about it. Do we really *live* like we believe that? Do we really treat *everything* or *everyone* we see like God made them?

Maybe David needed to remind himself that was true. Maybe he had found himself treating the people and things around him like they were just ordinary. He needed to give himself a wake-up call that God had made everything for a purpose—God's purpose.

Circle or highlight these words in your Bible:

- earth
- everything
- world
- all

Stewardship is a mindset. It's a way of thinking. It means **taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God.** If you ever need a reminder like David did, remember this great verse.

DAY 2

Stewardship helps us to think of the bigger picture—not just the little glimpse that we can see at one time.

When we remember that **everything belongs to God**, we remember that He's the BEST steward of all! He's our perfect example. He knows better than anyone how to take care of the people and things that belong to Him.

God has a plan for the world He created. Not only that, He has a plan for YOU! Did you know that? He has a unique mission for your life and part of that is for you to take care of what He's given you.

Ask God to help you be a good steward of your possessions, your relationships, and your future!

DAY 3

We know God made *everything*. And since He loves us, He gives us the awesome privilege of being able to take care of what He's made. He chose to put human beings in charge of caring for the earth and the people He created.

So what does that look like for you? **What are you in charge of?** Find someone to make a list with. It could be your friend, your brother, sister, or your mom or dad.

Remember, being in charge doesn't just mean doing a task or telling someone what to do. It means *owning* the responsibility you've been given. Maybe you get an allowance and you manage that money. Maybe you have some responsibilities around the house. Maybe your friendships are so important to you that it's worth your extra effort to keep them strong.

Make a list below of the things and the people you're in charge of. Be creative and think big.

THINGS

PEOPLE

How did it go? Did any of your answers surprise you?