

4TH - 5TH GRADE

Week 3



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 BEST USE YOUR MONEY?

DAY 4

If you want to be a good steward, you've got to **make the wise choice** with how you treat your stuff.

Here's a good way to get you thinking. Find a sticky note pad and write down, "I need to make the wise choice" on a bunch of notes.

Now, go around your room and put a note on each "thing" you see. Think about how you could use that one thing to make a difference.

Now, not *everything* is going to be super-obvious. Take a stinky sock, for example. Maybe that doesn't seem very helpful or useful. But then again, maybe that reminds you of a friend who doesn't have a winter coat right now, and you think about how you could loan him one of yours.

Or maybe seeing your video game controller gets you thinking you could invite your sister to come play this afternoon. It would probably mean a lot more her than you realize. It's like saying "I care about you" without . . . you know . . . saying it.

Get creative and think of some fun ways you can best use your things!



Stewardship

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

DAY 1

READ MATTHEW 25:14-30

Think about the first guy and the second guy in the story Jesus told. They found a way to **DOUBLE** the money their boss had given them. And maybe it seems like the third guy didn't do so badly. After all, he didn't **LOSE** the money. He just buried it. But really, what good is that?

God gives us the things we have so we can manage, or steward, them. It might seem like they belong to us, but they don't. They belong to Him. And when we use them wisely and prove we can be responsible, we often find ourselves with more responsibility in return.

Remember what the boss said in the story . . .

"You have been faithful with a _____ things. I will put you in charge of _____ things."

That sounds a lot like our Memory Verse, from another story Jesus told in Luke 16:10. Do you remember it?

*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."
(Luke 16:10a, NIV)*

What's the takeaway? God wants us to use **our things wisely**. How can you do that?

DAY 2

What are your most important possessions? Everybody has some. List a few of them here.

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Isn't it annoying when your little brother borrows something of yours and then breaks it? Or what about when you let a friend borrow one of your movies, and she forgets to give it back?

It's not bad to enjoy the things God has given you. It's not bad that you want to keep them with you and keep them nice. You just have to remember that HE gave them to you—so they're really not yours to begin with.

Does that sound tough to do? Well, a great way to start is to talk to God about it. Thank Him for what He's given you. Ask Him to remind you that what you have isn't yours, but His.

DAY 3

Just like you have your favorite things—the things you collect—so do the adults around you. Or at least they did when they were growing up!

Take the time to ask the adults in your life what they used to collect. Maybe it was Lego® sets, baseball cards, stuffed animals, action figures, or music CDs from their favorite artist. (Yep, people used to listen to whole CDs.)

Ask them why they wanted to collect those things and where their collection ended up!

Stewardship is different from collecting. Stewardship is active it's something you DO. That doesn't mean you can't collect things you like, but it does change the way you think about what's "yours" and what you can do with it. That means using your things wisely—taking whatever you have, and using it to do something positive in the world.

WHAT COULD THAT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?