

CLEARVIEW CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT

KIDSVIEW

JANUARY 24TH, 2020 | WEEK 4

Today's Bible Story: Golden Slumbers (Parable of the Bags of Gold) •

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

Today's Key Question: How can you use what you've been given?

Today's Bottom Line: Make the most of what you've been given.

Monthly Memory Verse: Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NIV)

Monthly Life App: Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

STARTER ACTIVITY

Would You Rather

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to play a game of “Would You Rather Have . . .”
- Give each kid a different combination of choices from the list below. Include other things you know to be of interest to them or let kids take turns coming up with others.
- Ask, “Would you rather have (name an item) or (name another item).”
 - a horse
 - a best friend
 - an iPad
 - a happy family
 - a trip to Disney
 - \$1,000
 - a cool phone
 - a hug
 - good grades
 - pizza
 - love
 - joy

- o nice hair
- o cool clothes
- o good health
- o Bible

What You Say:

“Life is full of choices. Some are really easy. Others can be super hard. With every choice comes a certain amount of responsibility. Let’s hear a story Jesus told about some interesting choices people made.”

BIBLE STORY

Before Video: I can’t wait to see what God has in store for us today. This month we’re talking about responsibility. We’re finding out how we can put it into practice every day.

“Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

“When we live with responsibility, we start to see the world the way God sees it. When we do what is expected of us, we also build trust with others. Today’s story is one that Jesus told His friends in order to help them understand something important. “Jesus often told stories when He wanted to explain something to the people who followed Him. These stories were called parables, and they took place in everyday situations so that people could understand God’s truth for themselves. Lets watch our video to learn more.

PLAY VIDEO

“The boss in Jesus’ story gave each of his servants a gift, and he expected them to be responsible with it while he was gone. It didn’t matter how much or how little each servant had been given. What mattered is what they DID with it. “That’s what we need to remember today. In fact, it’s a great Rule for Life! We need to make the most of what God has given us.

[Bottom Line] “Make the most of what you’ve been given.

Today’s Key Question: When have you had to work hard?

Yep. It’s just that simple! **[Bottom Line] Work hard.** Be like an ant—not like a slug.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us.

PLAY VIDEO

“Consider the ant and the slug. Who’s the harder worker? (Pause for response.) That’s right. Just like Solomon wrote in his proverb, the ant doesn’t need a reward for working hard. The ant does the hard work . . . just because. The slug, on the other hand . . . (Shrug.)

[Bottom Line] “Work hard.

Today’s Key Question: How can you use what you’ve been given?

“Think about all the things God has given you. Maybe He’s given you a talent—like you’re a good artist or good at sports. He’s given you friends and family who love you—and every day, you can choose how you treat them. In every situation, let’s make the most of what we’ve been given.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us with that.”

Prayer: “God, please help us make the most of what You’ve given us. We don’t want to be lazy. We don’t want to live in fear. We want to work hard and be responsible! Please help us use the things You’ve given us to make a difference in the lives of other people. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

Make the Most of It

What You Need: Bibles and a ball

- Guide kids to look up and read the verse.
- Lead kids to sit in a circle.
- Give one kid the ball.
- Guide kids to pass the ball as they say the verse word by word. Be sure to provide help as needed.
- Lead the kid holding the ball on the last word to name something they’ve been given that they can use for God.
- Ask prompting questions if kids are stuck for ideas. (How could you make the most of your friendships? Could you spend time with your friends? Could you be kind to them? Could you share?)
- Also, never force a shy or reluctant kid to answer aloud. Instead, invite them to choose a friend to answer for them.

What You Say:

“In today’s Bible story, the man gave each servant the amount of money he knew they could take care of. He knew he could trust the first servant with more money, so he gave him five bags of gold. He knew he could trust the second servant with two bags of gold, so that’s what he gave him. Do you think the third servant had shown that he could be trusted with as much money as the first two servants? (No.) No, he hadn’t. So the man only gave him one bag of gold. It’s like our verse says—we can’t be trusted with a lot until we can first be trusted with a little. We can say it this way: **[Bottom Line] Make the most of what you’ve been given.**”

FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

Discussion Questions

These discussion questions are typically for the 3rd-5th grade range. If you’d like you may ask the younger age group but be aware this may be a little advanced for them to have an answer.

- Fill in the blank to finish this sentence: If I could _____, I would make the most of it by _____.
- What are some reasons why people might waste the gifts God has given them?
- Of the following reasons, which do you feel are hardest for you to overcome when it comes to using what you’ve been given?
 - Being afraid to use my gifts because I might fail or be made fun of
 - Being lazy
 - Being too busy with other things
 - Not really knowing what to do with my gifts
 - Not really sure what my gifts are
 - Waiting until I’m older to use my gifts
- How important do you think it is to know the gifts God has given you? Why?
- What are some ways you can make the most of what God has given YOU this week?

If your child would like to do an additional activity to make extra points for their team, they can draw a picture of the monthly memory verse using their best creativity. If they bring it to church or a parents sends Ms. Ally a picture then they will receive points for the Yellow Team!! Their memory verse is on the front page of this guide or you can checkout our social media page.

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