



Stewardship

Life Skills - Step 5

Purpose

The "Stewardship" Step will teach the boy how to best use his time, money, and belongings. He will learn the value of work vs. time. He will learn that everything is really owned by God and that he is a steward of what is God's.

1. What is a steward?
2. What is the best way to use your time?
3. What is the best way to use your money?
4. What is the best way to use your belongings?




Notes to the Trail Guide

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1. The goal is not for the boys to be experts at these skills, but to gain an increased knowledge and awareness of the skills of this Step.
2. Make it relative to your patrol.
3. Remember, these lessons should build from Fox to Hawk and from Hawk to Mountain Lion.
4. See the Leaders Guide for more information on Steps.

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Skills Progression

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Helps

1. What is a steward?
 - a. **Goal:** To understand what a steward is and how to be the best steward of his time/money/possessions.
 - b. **Lesson:** Discuss what a steward is and does and how a young boy can be a steward.
 - c. **Examples:**
 - i. Taking care of someone's stuff and money.
 - ii. You belong to God so taking care of yourself is taking care of God's stuff.
 - iii. Parable of the talents.
 - iv. Joseph in Potiphar's house.
 - v. List what we can be a steward of: time, money, stuff, body, mind, energy, creation, ...)
 - vi. Take care of others' stuff.
 1. Church property (feet on chairs, climbing walls, ...)
 2. Friend's house/stuff
 3. The store (don't play with merchandise)
 4. Park/outdoors (graffiti, property damage, litter, ...)
2. What is the best way to use your time?
 - a. **Goal:** To understand how to best use your time.
 - b. **Lesson:** Discuss time commitments like family, personal time with God, school, sleep, church, Trail Life, sports, meals, play, piano practice, ... Prioritize this list and make a daily or weekly schedule to fit in what is necessary and what is important.
 - c. **Examples:**
 - i. See sample calendar below.
3. What is the best way to use your money?
 - a. **Goal:** To understand how to best use your money.
 - b. **Lesson:** Discuss income from chores, gifts, or work. How should this money be spent or saved?
 - c. **Examples:**
 - i. Tithe, savings for specific items, savings for the future, ...
4. What is the best way to use your stuff?
 - a. **Goal:** To learn to take care of your stuff.
 - b. **Lesson:** Determine how to care for, use, and store your stuff. Understand that it is really all God's stuff.
 - c. **Examples:**
 - i. When to use a bicycle
 1. Daytime
 2. At night with proper lighting
 3. Safe areas

- ii. How to store a bicycle
 1. Under a shelter, out of the rain and weather
 2. Safe location so it won't be stolen
 3. Lock it when necessary (at school, store, park)
- iii. Letting someone use your bike
 1. Someone you trust
 2. Sharing with others (God's bike)
- iv. Taking care of your bicycle
 1. Maintenance, oil chain, tire pressure, brakes
 2. Don't leave it out, put it away when you are done with it.
- v. Others bicycles
 1. Treat their bike better than you treat your own
 2. Do not covet someone else's bike

Activity Ideas

- See the relevant patrol and branch section of the activities.
- Or, create your own activity relevant to your troop and region.
- Several ideas are listed above in the Helps section.

Game ideas

- Check the games section online for game ideas.
- Or, create a game that works for your patrol.
- Several ideas are listed below.
 - **Money Use**
 - Give each boy a certain amount of fake money.
 - Lay out objects that he may wish to buy.
 - Let him use his money to "buy" some of these things.
 - Be sure to include objects that he cannot afford or that are expensive.
 - See if anyone pools their money to buy an expensive object.
 - Objects may include candy, healthier foods, toys, tools, books, even "gifts" for a parent.
 - Did anyone tithe?

Scripture

Genesis 2:15

- Fox - God told Adam to take care of where he lived.
- Hawk - God told Adam to take care of where he lived. Pick up after yourself.
- Mt. Lion - God told Adam to take care of where he lived. You should also take care of your house/stuff. Help keep your house clean and clear of clutter.

Genesis 39:4-6

- Fox - Joseph worked hard for his boss and was rewarded for it.
- Hawk - Joseph worked hard to take care of Potiphar's household and gained more responsibility and stature in his boss's eyes.
- Mt. Lion - Joseph worked hard for Potiphar and the Lord blessed Joseph and Potiphar.

Daniel 6:1-3

- Fox - Daniel always honored God, therefore God blessed Daniel as he served others.
- Hawk - Daniel always honored God, therefore God blessed Daniel as he served others.
- Mt. Lion - Daniel was put in charge of a portion of the Babylonian Empire. He was a steward for the king and he had other stewards (satraps) reporting to him. Each of us needs to take care of our responsibility and know our place. Now you clean up after yourself or take out the trash. Soon you will be mowing the yard or running errands, and eventually have a household of your own.

Matthew 25:14-30

- Fox - Don't be wasteful or lazy with your talents or belongings. Use them well for God.
- Hawk - Don't squander what God has given you. Use your abilities and possessions to honor Him.
- Mt. Lion - God has been good to you and given you many things, use them to help grow His kingdom.

Matthew 12:36

- Fox - Be careful little mouth what you say. (song)
- Hawk - Don't talk bad of others.
- Mt. Lion - Be careful with your speech and every word that comes out of your mouth. See also Commandment #3 (Exodus 20:7).

Luke 21:1-4

- Fox - God is honored when you give from your heart.
- Hawk - God does not need your gift/tithe but he is honored when you give from your heart.
- Mt. Lion - The widow placed God above her own needs. God does not need anything from us but will bless us when we tithe from the gratefulness of our heart. Blessings, however, are not often physical.

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