



Stewardship Lesson Plan

Life Skills Branch

Lesson Plans are designed to accompany the related Helps documents for each Step. Please refer to the resources in the appropriate Helps document found in the Leader Pages while you prepare your lesson.

The six "F"s are presented in a suggested order, but you are not required to complete them in that order. You may rearrange them as fits your troop's particular needs.

Necessary Resources



- Belongings for Fingers activity
- Word Search
- Balls

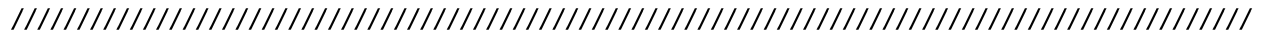


- Paper
- Pencil
- Word Search



- Balls

FUN



Word Search

Print out the stewardship word search found in the Helps document.

Or



Dodge Ball

Play dodge ball with elected team captains.



FOCUS



What is a Steward?

A steward is someone who takes care of something for someone else. You are a steward when you take care of someone else's pet or when you borrow a friend's toy. You want to take care of it really well. Everything on Earth belongs to God, so we are stewards of his property. Everything we own actually belongs to God, so we need to take really good care of our belongings.



Good Stewardship

Today's discussion is about stewardship, using Genesis 1:26-28 as a reference. Begin by discussing what stewardship is. One definition can be the activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something. Talk about basic conservation principles with the Trailmen (turning off lights when you leave the room, not wasting water, etc.). You need to be a good steward of everything in your life because it all belongs to God. Learn about being a good steward with your belongings and money.



Good Stewardship

Review stewardship and how you should take care of things. Talk about being good stewards of your time as well as money. God gave us both time and money, so we should use it to honor Him. Introduce tithing to the boys, and challenge them to begin giving a tithe.

FINGERS



Belongings

Bring some “belongings” that the boys can demonstrate good and bad stewardship on. Have them take turns doing something you should or shouldn’t do to your belongings.



Dos and Don’ts

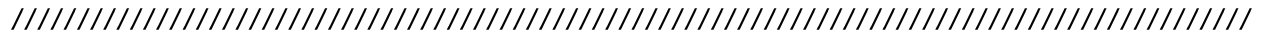
Arrange enough chairs in a circle for you and the Trailman minus one. Stand in the center (you’re “It”) and name something you do reflecting poor stewardship, everyone who also does that must immediately get up and grab a different seat including you, the person remaining without a seat after everyone moves goes in the center as “It” and proceeds to name something else reflecting poor stewardship (no repeats!). Repeat the game using positive stewardship examples they do.



Time

Have each boy make a list of ways they spend their time on a given day. Have them go through the list and make note of which ways are being a good steward of their time and which ways are wasting their time. Make sure the boys know that they don’t have to be doing something all the time, but spending huge periods wasting time is not being a good steward.

FAITH (TRAIL GUIDE THOUGHTS)



The Earth is the Lord's

Read and discuss Psalm 24:1 in the context of stewardship.

Pray with the Trailmen.



Talents Parable

Read the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. Talk about what it means and how you should do the best with the things God has given you.



Pray with the Trailmen.

FAMILY



Stewardship

Talk with your family about stewardship. Talk about why it is important to take care of what you have.



Tithing

Talk with your family about stewardship of your money and tithing. Talk with your parents about tithing and make a plan to tithe.



FOREST BADGE



By actively participating in this meeting, each Trailman earned the Stewardship Step on the Life Skills Branch.



*Note: It is up to the Trail Guide to determine whether or not a Trailman was an active in the meeting. Even if he attended the meeting, you are not required to award him the Step if he did not participate.

