

Stewardship in the Scriptures

Month: January - Week 1, Primary Lesson

The purposes of these lessons are to instruct and equip Potter's House Treasures to be faithful stewards in the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship Theme: - Stewardship and Creation

God is the Master, People are His stewards, The Bible shows stewards how to live.

Focus Verse: - Psalm 24:1 - "The earth is the LORD'S and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Pray and Prepare: - Play 21 Questions - Choose one student to think of something that they take care of, and then write it down on a piece of paper. Classmates then take turns asking questions (21) to figure out what was written down. Take turns asking questions to determine what different classmates take care of. A steward takes care of something for someone else.

Big Idea: - Stewards know that all they are and all they have is from God. Stewards take care of God's creation.

Read Scripture and Reflect on Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-2:3 - Ask questions along the way. Who was present in the beginning? What did God do to create? What were the parts of each day? Did God like His creation? What did God create on Day 1,2,3,4,5,6? Describe the kind of plants and trees God made. Explain what "according to their various kinds" means. Why did God set the sun, moon and stars in the sky? What kinds of creatures did God create first? God blessed them, and told them to do what? How was man created? Describe the role God gave to man and woman. According to verse 31, did God like His creation? What did God do on the 7th day? Why do you think he did that if he never gets weary or tired (Isaiah 40:28-31)?

Read Scripture and Respond to Scripture:

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 again, this time inviting the students to "act out" the account of the seven days of creation, as it is read.

What do stewards learn from Genesis 1:1-2:3?

Create:

Make a "fingerprint" art creation of from Genesis 1-2:3, of what God created each day. (See Sample) What are some ways you can take care of the atmosphere, the land, plants, animals, and other people? How are you being a steward right now? Share ways you can be a better steward of God's creation with your classmates. Distribute Creation Bookmark and decorate as desired.

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Month: January - Week 2, Psalm

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Psalm: - *Songs written by people who loved God and followed God. Let's learn from followers of God.*

Read and Reflect on Psalm 8; ask questions along the way ☺

What is David's response to God's creation? How can you be responsible over God's creation?

Verses 6-8 tell us that everything we have has been "loaned" to us by God to take care of for Him.

What does it mean to "loan" something to someone? Have you ever thought about creation and all that you have as a "loan" from God? In what ways does that impact your desire and commitment to take care of those things?

Create: -

What is your response to God's creation? Do you marvel at what God has made? Stewards notice God's creation and take care of it.

Watch the sky for the next week - Describe what you see - the sunset, stars, clouds, birds, etc. Make a journal entry or log and bring to class to share with classmates. (See example)

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Month: January - Week 3, Parable

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Parable: - *Stories Jesus told to help His disciples better understand the lessons He taught. Let's learn from Jesus.*

Read and Reflect on Mark 4:1-20 - How can you be a wise steward of the soil of your heart? What does sow mean? What kinds of ground did the farmer plant the seeds on? Who asked Jesus to explain the parable? What did Jesus say the Seed was? Explain the different kinds of ground that the seed landed on: rocky ground, thorny ground and good ground. Which soil does God want you to be like? What soil do you think you are most like now? Why? What changes do you need to make this week so you can be a steward with a heart that pleases God? Jesus taught for those "who have ears to hear." Do you have ears? Are you listening to what He is saying?

Create: -

Grow a Lima bean. Give each student a plastic Ziploc baggie. Each student wets a napkin (don't soak) and places two lima beans on top of the napkin and places in the bag. Write the student's name on the bag with a permanent marker and tape the bag to a window that gets a lot of sun. As the days progress, you will observe sprouts emerge from the lima beans. What are ways you can take care of God's creation around you?

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Month: January - Week 4, Promise

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Promise: - *Promises from the Bible to encourage you as a steward.*

Read and Reflect on Genesis 9:12-17. How does this promise encourage you as a steward of God's creation?

Who did God make this promise to? Why is this promise important to you? When was the last time you saw a rainbow?

Create: -

Draw or color a rainbow and write on it how you can be a steward of God's creation.