

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: Jesus had a lot to say about money..

Key Question: How should we think about money?

Memory Verse: "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." **Matthew 6:21**

Overview: We're continuing our series on "How to win at everything". But, we're not talking about how to win at every game you play. It's a different kind of "winning". Last week, we learned that "winning" happens when we make God happy by the way we think and act. Last week we learned how to win at church. We learned that listening to the Bible, being nice to kids, and praying together are great ways to win at church. The reason- we want new people to come to church and meet Jesus, too. If we don't do our part, then new people aren't going to come back. Today, we're going to talk about winning with money. This doesn't mean learning how to get rich to buy ourselves whatever we want. Winning with money is about having the right attitude toward it. Jesus taught a lot about money. His point- everything you have, even your money, belongs to God. So, we should use our money to honor God. We shouldn't just be looking for ways to spend it on ourselves. We can't win with money if we're greedy and selfish. Winning with money is about using it the way God wants us to. If we do that, we can't lose!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** How do you earn money? What do you like to spend it on? Do you save or give any to church?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids(2nd-5th grade) copy it down on Activity Page #1.

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Matthew 6:24](#). How can money get in the way of our relationship with God? Why can't you "love" both God and money?

10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- How can you be generous this week?
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

Allow each kid to share. The point: It's never too early to start teaching kids about money.

Answer: Our money is really God's money. God blesses us with everything we have so we need to use our money the way God wants us to. We should never put money ahead of God.

Bonus Questions: What do you think God wants us to do with our money? How can we protect ourselves from getting greedy?(greedy-always wanting more)

Jesus is very clear that money can cause lots of problems. Many people think money is what brings you happiness. So, the more money you have, the happier you are. Others think that if they earn a lot of money, then they don't even need God's help. But, Jesus clearly teaches that money can't make us happy. God is the only thing that brings us true happiness. And, remember, we always need God. Everything we have is a gift from Him., even the money we earn.

Help kids think of creative ways they can be generous toward others with their money. It might be sharing a special snack with a friend, buying candy at the store for a sibling., or giving to church to help others in need.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

Option #1

WINNING WITH MONEY CRAFT

- Give each kid 3 envelopes.
- Give each kid the envelope templates (**page 5**), precut.
- Have kids glue one template onto an envelope, centered on the front.
- Then, let kids decorate their envelopes.

While they're decorating their envelopes, briefly explain what each envelope represents. Every time they make money, they should put some in each envelope.

God: We should always give some money back to God. (remember, it's really His money anyways.) He wants you to give some money to your church and to others in need.

Stuff: This is the money you can use on yourself. It might be for a toy or to go to a movie with a friend.

Savings: You should always put some money away to save for later. It might be for a special toy or to do a special activity with your family.

Supplies needed

- small white envelopes
3 per kid
- envelope template (pg 5), precut
- glue or tape
- markers
- crayons
- stickers

Bonus Activity:

Play the telephone game.

Have kids sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** in the ear of one kid. Have them tell the person sitting to their right. Continue all the way around the circle. Have the last person share the message they heard and see how close they get to the Big Idea

Option #2

TREASURE CHEST CRAFT

- Give each kid a treasure chest template. (**page 6**)
- Have kids cut out the treasure chest and the circles.
- Have kids glue each circle onto the open lid of the chest.
- Let kids color treasure chest and coins.

As the kids glue and color, explain to them what the coins and treasure chest mean.

Treasure chest: This represents your heart. Jesus says, what we spend our time doing, or where we spend our money, shows what we care about the most.

Bible: If you want your heart to be full of God, then spending time reading the Bible should be one of your treasures.

Prayer: Talking to God and thanking Him for all He's done is a great treasure.

Helping others: Giving to others in need or serving them is a great way to show the love of God that's in your heart.

Supplies needed

- template of treasure chest (pg 6) one per kid
- scissors
- glue or tape
- crayons
- markers

Bonus Activity:

Play the telephone game.

Have kids sit in a circle. Whisper the **Memory Verse** in the ear of one kid. Have them tell the person sitting to their right. Continue all the way around the circle. Have the last person share the message they heard and see how close they get to the Memory Verse

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family and fill in the blanks.

1. Jesus had a lot to say about _____.
2. "Beware! Guard against every kind of _____."
3. A person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship _____
_____.
4. "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of _____ will also be."

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. Why do you think Jesus needed to teach about money?
2. What is greed? How does greed affect your heart and attitude?
3. Why is a relationship with God more important than our stuff?
4. Read [Matthew 6:24](#). How can money get in the way of our relationship with God? Why can't you "love" both God and money?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will be also."

Luke 12:34

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week.

- Read [Hebrews 13:5](#). How can you be happy when you see that your friends have more than you?
- Read [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#). Why won't money truly make us happy?
- Read [Deuteronomy 15:10](#). What can we do as a family to be more generous toward others?



NAME _____

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade



BIG IDEA

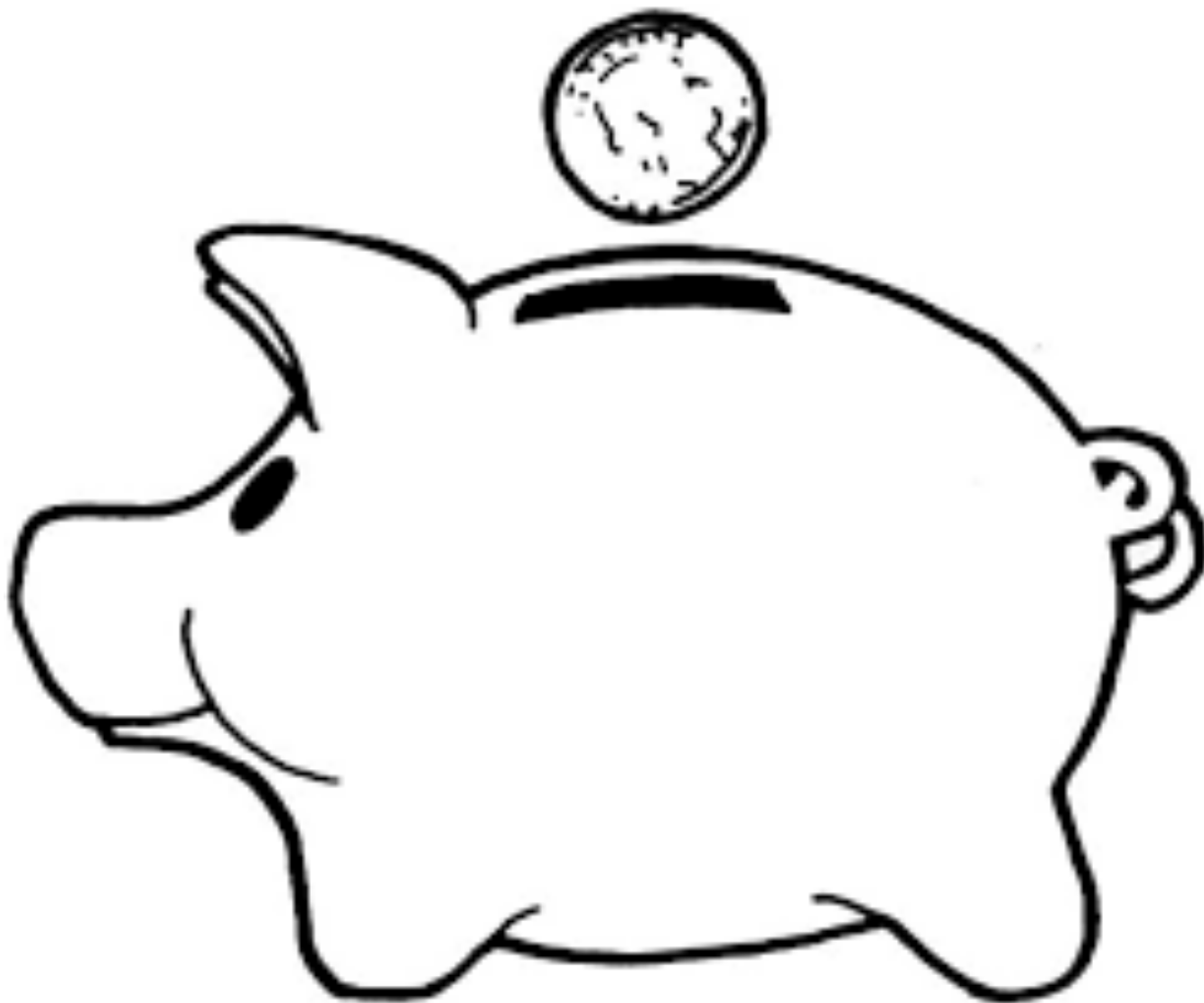
Jesus had a lot to say about money.

MEMORY VERSE

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will be also."

Luke 12:24

Color the picture.



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