

Choose To Use What God Gives You! From Upsidedown Town Lesson 7

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - STEWARDSHIP

Great leaders use all their gifts for the benefit of others

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that God gives us our abilities, our possessions and our time. We should use these things in ways that please God. Specifically, we should use these things to help other people.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Parable of the Loaned Money. (*Matthew 25:14-30*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: USE IT WELL

Give each member of your family a different amount of money. Challenge them to use the money to do something for someone else and invite them to church or tell them about God. They could send someone a greeting card, take someone to lunch, or buy a gift for someone when they are not expecting one. After they have used their money, have them tell the person they did the nice thing for about Jesus. Give everyone a deadline of when they have to use the money and have a special report from each family member on what they did with the money and what happened. Remind your family that God gives us all kinds of gifts that He expects us to use wisely to help tell others about Him.

MEMORY VERSE: Help your child memorize this verse.

"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." Matthew 25:29 (NLT)

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Main Point: Choose To Use What God Gives You!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Choose To Use What God Gives You*
(File name: Elevate_STEWARDSHIP_UDT_L7_ChooseToUseWhatGodGivesYou.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the parable of the loaned money in Matthew 25:14-30 in your Bible. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, what instrument did Pastor Mike's friend practice playing that got him a scholarship to school?
2. Fill in the blank. All of us have some things we are good at. We sometimes call those things _____.
3. Why do we call the things we're good at "gifts?"
4. Before the man in our Leadership Story left on his trip, what did he give his servants?
5. How many bags of silver did each servant get?
6. What did the first servant who was given five bags of silver do with the money?
7. What happened because of his investment?

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8. What did the second servant who was given two bags of silver do with the money?
9. What happened to the second servant's silver because of his investment?
10. What did the third servant who was given one bag of silver do with the money?
11. When the master returned, what did he promise the first two servants who invested the money they were given?
12. What did the master do to the third servant who buried the money he was given?
13. Fill in the blanks: "To those who use well what they are given, even _____ will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be _____ away." Matthew 25:29 (NLT)
14. Why has God given each person gifts?

When we use our gifts to serve others, God may give us more gifts. When we don't use our gifts, God may take them away. Write down some things that you're good at. How can you use your gifts this week to help others?

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Saxophone.
2. Gifts.
3. Because God gave us the abilities we have as gifts to us.
4. Bags of silver.
5. Five. Two. One.
6. Invested it.
7. He earned 5 more bags of silver.
8. Invested it.
9. He earned 2 more bags of silver.
10. Dug a hole and buried it.
11. A reward.
12. Took his silver and gave it to the first servant.
13. More. Taken.
14. To serve others. To give Him glory.