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Bible Story: So You Think You Can Use Your Time Wisely (Teach us to number our days) •

Psalm 90:12, NIV

Bottom Line: Use your time wisely.

Memory Verse: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." Luke

16:10a. NIV

WORSHIP: Turn it Up and Higher than the Sky

WELCOME:

"Hey, everybody! My name is [your name]. Are you all excited to be here in "The City"? So am I! One of my favorite things about spending time with you all is not only the songs that we sang together, but also Bible Story TIME! This time, we're going to talk about—TIME!

"But first, let's review what we've been learning about what God has to say about how we use what we have. It's called stewardship, right? And stewardship starts with a big idea: everything belongs to God. My stuff, your stuff, his stuff, her stuff, ALL THE STUFF in ALL THE WORLD belongs to God. And God gives that stuff to us for a TIME—there's that word again—to take care of it.

"This idea of stewardship isn't just about the things we can see either. God even owns the things you can't see, touch, or smell. How awesome is that?!?!"

"Now, before we watch our video today, it's TIME to read a verse from the Bible about TIME. Here's how God says we should use our time. It's from a book in the Bible called Psalms. Psalms is a book of poems and song lyrics in the Old Testament of the Bible. A man you might have heard of from the book of Exodus wrote the psalm we're talking about today. His name is Moses. Who's heard of him? (Pause.) Yeah, I thought so!

"Let's hurry and finish today's verse before our time runs out together. Here it is:

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12 NIV)."

Our verse is saying something very simple but very important. It's telling us that we should be aware of how much TIME we have. We should keep count of time, because when we know how much time we have left, we use our time in better ways. Let's take a look at this week's story, to learn more about using our time wisely..."

CG: Week 2 Lesson Video

As you can see, we should use our time wisely. Speaking of which, that is our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Use your time wisely. How about we all say that together?"

[Bottom Line] "Use your time wisely."

"Use your time how?"

KIDS: "WISELY."

That's right! God tells us that when we realize how special time is, we will use it wisely. And all of us have been given 24 hours every day to use the best we can.

"So how do you spend YOUR time? Do you spend it doing things that matter? Or do you waste it doing things that don't?

"What are things that matter? Well, you can use your time in all sorts of ways that matter. You do things like reading the Bible or praying. You could hang out with your family and friends doing something awesome like playing games or just telling stories about when you were little. You could practice a sport, do your homework, or if you have some extra time you could even play some video games or watch a show or two. The key with time is to use it wisely. Get what needs to be done out of the way. Then you have time to do the extra stuff too!

"And now, it's TIME to pray and ask God to help us make the most of our time we have. Let's pray..."

Pray: "God, everything we see, touch, or smell comes from You. Everything—even our time—is Yours! Help us to remember that time is special and we should treat it that way. Help us wisely use the time that You give us. We love You. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

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