

City SG - October 14 & 15, 2017

Bible Story: Parable's Got Talents (Parable of the talents) • *Matthew 25:14-30*

Bottom Line: Use your things wisely.

Memory Verse: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."
Luke 16:10a, NIV

1. What's the Stuff?

What You Do:

- Hold up your hand so it's ready to receive a high-five, and read the definitions below one at a time.
- The first kid to give you a high-five and then identify the object wins a point.
- The kid with the most points after all the definitions have been read is the winner. Feel free to make up some of your own or change things up and let a kid "lead" the game and make up definitions of his own.
- **Definitions:**
 - A round object that is kicked, thrown, or hit in a game (*ball*)
 - A piece of furniture for sleep or rest (*bed*)
 - A written piece of work made of pages glued together along one side and with a cover (*book*)
 - Items worn to cover the body (*clothes*)
 - An object used for transportation that has two wheels (*bike*)
 - A shelter where you live (*home, house*)
 - A brush used for sweeping (*broom*)

2. Use It, Don't Lose It

What You Need: "Stuff Cards" and "Use It/Lose It Cards" Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Shuffle the Stuff Cards and lay them in a pile facedown.
- Shuffle the Use It/Lose it Cards and lay them in a pile face down.
- Teams take turns picking a Stuff Card and a Use It/Lose It Card.
- If the team draws a Use It Card, they give an example how they would use the object on the Stuff Card wisely; how they would use the object to make a difference.
- If the team draws a Lose It Card, they give an example of how they would lose the object because they didn't use it wisely.
- *Optional: Challenge kids to come up with ways to use the things wisely that they "lost" during the game.*

3. Prayer Time

What You Do:

- Challenge kids to think of something they have and how they will use it wisely this week.
 - Maybe they will share something with someone.
 - Maybe they will use what they have to practice and improve a skill they have.
 - Maybe they will use what they have to help someone.
- Kids can share their ideas with the group.

What You Say:

“God has given all of us things to use and it is our job to **[Bottom Line] use our things wisely**. It is your job to take care of what you have because it belongs to God. This week, look for ways you can use what you have to serve God and to serve others. Look for ways to share your things and to use your things to make a difference in the world. I hope next week you can share some stories about how you used your things wisely. Let’s pray.

“God, You have given each of us things to take care of. We ask You to open our eyes to see the ways You want us to use our things wisely. Show us ways to use our things to encourage others, to make a difference, and to show others how much You love us. Amen!”

4. “God Time” Take Home Sheets

What You Need: “God Time” Sheets (one per child), pens (one per child)

NOTE: The God Time sheets are intended to be a closing time activity each week in The City. Children will begin working on their sheets, as well as be encouraged to bring their sheets back the following week for a prize. Children cannot turn in their sheets the same week for a prize. The goal is to keep the lesson on their minds and in front of them throughout the following week.