

City SG - September 30 – October 1, 2017

Bible Story: God's World (The earth belongs to the Lord) • *Psalm 24:1*

Bottom Line: Remember, everything belongs to God.

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

1. Just For Fun

- Ask the questions below to begin discussion.
 - Do you have any pets? What are they?
 - What do you have to do to take care of your pet?
 - If you could have any pet, what would you choose? Would you want an elephant? Or a dinosaur? A sloth? An ant farm? What about a bee colony?
 - How would you care for your pet?

2. Got Stuff?

What You Need: Paper, markers

What You Do:

- Tell kids to draw a picture of something that belongs to them, such as a bed, a bike, a game, a book, etc. Instruct kids not to show anyone their picture.
- Collect the pictures, shuffle them, and lay them face-up on the floor.
- Instruct kids to take turns trying to guess who is the owner of the "stuff" in the pictures.

What You Say:

"Great job determining the owners of all this stuff. As owners it is your responsibility to take care of your stuff. Aren't you glad God takes care of us?"

3. God's Gifts

What You Need: Gift bag with "God's Stuff Cards" in it (1 per bin)

What You Do:

- Divide the group into 2 teams.
- Put the set of "God's Stuff" cards in the gift bag and shake the bag so the cards are mixed up.
- To start the game, one kid selects a card from the gift bag, making sure his team doesn't see what is on the card.
- That kid starts the guessing by answering the following questions about the card he picked:
 - Is the object alive? Is the object typically found outside?

- His team gets 20 “yes or no” questions to try to figure out what item is on the card.
- If they guess correctly, the team must give one way they could care for the item, in order to score a point for their team.
- If they guess incorrectly, the other team gets one guess.

- If the opposing team guesses correctly and identifies a way to care for the item, they get a point instead AND it is their turn to draw the next card.
- The team with the most points wins.
- *Optional tiebreaker: If needed, you draw a card and teams take turns asking you questions. The first team to shout out the answer wins the tiebreaker.*

What You Say:

“Great job identifying God’s stuff! **[Bottom Line] Remember, everything belongs to God** and we should remember everything we have is a gift from God. God made everything, and God gave us the responsibility of caring for His world and everything in it. One way to show others you are thankful for what God has shared with you, is to take care of what belongs to God.”

4. God Time Sheets

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

Starting this week, The City will be distributing God Time Sheets to each child, instead of Parent Cue Cards – on a weekly basis.

*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. (Next week we’ll provide a basket of prizes for those who bring back the completed sheet.)*