

LESSON 4 • Money Has Value

MONEY HAS VALUE

**Genesis 13:2**

Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

I Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Key Concepts

- Money Has Value
- Teach the children about the value of our possessions.
- Teach the children how God wants us to use these possessions.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Be prepared to talk with the children about wealth long ago and today.
- Be ready to watch the PowerPoint on bartering.

3 Lesson

- It is hard for us to think that at the time of Abram there was no money.
- Wealth was determined by your possessions.
 - Whether you had land or animals is how people determined if you were wealthy or not.
- Since there was no money, people had to barter for the things they wanted.
 - Their possessions had value.
 - The possessions were used to exchange for other goods or services.
- Watch the power point on bartering. <http://thirdgrade.okaloosaschools.wikispaces.net/Economics>
- Today our money has value.
 - It is worth something to us and those we buy things from.
- God has given us all that we own.
 - He has richly blessed us.
- In **I Timothy 6:17-19** it states, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."
- We need to give to those around us.
 - We should help those in need.
 - We should use what God has given us to help those around us.
- Tell them about God's love for us and take care of them.
 - Do good and be rich in deeds not just obtain wealth.
 - That is when we will truly understand what real wealth is.

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4 Conclusion

God wants us to use what He has given us to help those around us. Money has value to us and those around us. Use what we have been given wisely! Help those in need. Then we will know what true wealth is.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the gifts you have given us. You have given all of us great wealth. Help us to use our resources to help those in need. Help us also to show them the true value which is your Son.

Amen

6 Resources

- [Bible](#)
- [Webster's Dictionary](#)
- http://federalreserveeducation.org/resources/topics/games_5to8.cfm
Use this site to play Escape from the Barter Islands.
- <http://thirdgrade.okaloosaschools.wikispaces.net/Economics>
This site will give you a power point on bartering. Scroll down the page and click on the PowerPoint about bartering.

7 Vocabulary

Barter: to trade by exchanging goods without money

Wealth: valuable products, contents, much money or property

8 Activity

Play Escape from the Barter Islands.

