

LESSON 4 • Money Has Value

MONEY HAS VALUE

**Genesis 13:2**

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

Acts 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy

persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

1 Key Concepts

- Money Has Value
- Teach the children about the value of goods.
- Teach the children the value of money.
- Teach the children how God wants us to use what we have to serve Him.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Be prepared to play Escape from the Barter Islands with the children.

3 Lesson

- Long ago wealth was determined by the amount of things that you had.
 - If you had a lot of land or animals you could have been considered wealthy.
- You would barter for the things that you wanted.
 - You could trade what you had to obtain something else.
- **Genesis 13:2** says, "Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold."
- Once there were coins people used money to buy things more often.
- Trading still goes on today in some countries.
- Money can be a good thing and a bad thing.
- Money has great value to us.
 - It is used to gain the things that we need to live our lives.
- It can also be a bad thing when we continually want more and more money.
 - That is called being greedy.
- God has given us all that we have.
 - He wants us to use our possessions wisely and give to those who are in need.
- The disciples in Acts were given gifts from others.
- The disciples didn't make money spreading the Gospel.
 - People would sell their possessions and give to the disciples.

Continued (over)

MONEY HAS VALUE

Lesson (continued)

- Read **Acts 4:32-37**.
 - They shared with all of them, what was given to them.
- Today we give to charities.
 - We also give to church.
- In **Leviticus 27:30** says, “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.”
 - God wants us to use the money we have and give to the poor and needy.
- In **Deuteronomy 26:12** says, “When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.”
- Money has value to us and also those that we help.
 - It can be a wonderful gift from God when we use it the way it was intended.

4 Conclusion

God has given us everything that we have. He has shown us the value of what we have. He wants us to use what we have to help those around us. He gave us the greatest gift of His Son. We in turn should help those around us with the resources that God has given us.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for all of the wonderful gifts you have given to us. Help us to share those gifts with those in need. Amen

6 Resources

- **Bible**
- **Webster’s Dictionary**
- **Callery, Sean. Money Matters**
This book will teach you about trading and will give you ideas of how money and goods worked long ago.
- **http://federalreserveeducation.org/resources/topics/games_5to8.cfm**
Use this site to play Escape from the Barter Islands.

7 Vocabulary

Barter: to trade by exchanging food or other goods or services, rather than by using money.

Greedy: to want more of something than you need.

Tithe: a tenth of one’s income paid to a church.

8 Activity

Play Escape from the Barter Islands.