

LESSON 4 • Money Has Value

MONEY HAS VALUE

**Genesis 13:2**

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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

- Have the children write a paragraph on what wealth means to them.
- Be ready to look up some passages from the Bible on wealth.

3 Lesson

- In the time of Abram there was no money.
- Wealth was determined by the amount of possessions you had.
 - When they gave their offerings they gave possessions.
- **Genesis 13:2** says, “Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.”
- God wanted them to give a tithe of everything that they had.
 - 10% was to be given out.
- **Leviticus 27:30-33** 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.
- Look up **Deuteronomy 26:12-13**.
 - Read that aloud.
 - Here it talks about setting aside a portion and whom you should give it to.
- In the same way our possessions and our money has value today.
 - Not just our money has value.
 - Our possessions have value also.
- God wants us to use our resources to help those in need.
- Look up **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**. “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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Lesson (continued)

- God tells us to give with a cheerful heart.
 - God does not want us to be greedy or store up things just for ourselves.
- **Verse 11 of 2 Corinthians** says, "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
- All of our possessions come from God.
 - Sharing what we have with those in need gives glory to God

4 Conclusion

God has given us many examples in the bible on the value of our possessions. He gave us the most valuable thing- His Son. Everything we have has value. God wants us to share our possessions with those around us who are in need. James 2:15-16 says, "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; Keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?" God wants us to see value in them and help.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the valuable things you have given us. Help us to see value in others and help them when they are in need.

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.

7 Vocabulary

Barter: to trade by exchanging goods without money

Wealth: valuable products, contents; much money or property

Value: the worth of a thing in money or goods

8 Activity

Play Escape from the Barter Islands. Have the children write their paragraph on what wealth means to them.