

Mount Zion - Children's Church News

We are learning, loving and serving God together!

As spring slowly approaches, we start to see God's renewal of the earth. Easter is also a time to renew our love for Jesus. His sacrifice paid for our eternal salvation.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to speak with me or email me (address below).

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March Theme: Stewardship and Giving

Underlying Concepts:

- Understanding that God created all things and is the owner of all things.
- God wants us to be good stewards. Stewardship means to wisely manage what God has given to us.
- Stewardship is not only tithing (giving 1/10 of our income to God), but also giving our time and talents.
- Understanding that giving is an expression of worship to God. It's not the size of the gift but what we give out of our heart that matters most.

March Scripture Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not with hesitation or because of pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver."

February scripture:

Matthew 4:19

"Jesus said, come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

What Parents Can Do:

*It's not how
much we
GIVE
but how much
LOVE
we put into
giving*
- MOTHER TERESA

See helpful hints: see next page!

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Helpful hints

Stewardship - Part 1

Biblical Stewardship is an important concept for our children to understand. They will learn how to apply it to their lives as you model it in practical ways,

Biblical stewardship is much more than tithing. **Psalm 24:1** says, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*

Because God created all things, He is the owner of all He created. This means **that we do not own what He has given us. He has entrusted us with these things to manage and take good care of them.** As stewards, you provide a service to God. You give your time, gifts and talents, as well as your finances for His purposes.

You teach your children Biblical Stewardship by making daily choices that reflect your faith. Your giving will affect you, your children, and others, spiritually and physically. The Bible instructs us: *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not with hesitation or because of pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver."* (**2 Corinthians 9:7**) **This shows us that we should also consider the attitude we have in giving.**

Some Suggestions:

- **Share what you have.** Establish a **family habit** to give to others. Donate regularly to a food bank or clothing drive. Have your children give the toys they no longer play with to a family shelter. Have a special jar where everyone drops extra change that at the end of a month you donate to a worthy cause. Involve your children in sponsoring a child from another country.
- **Give your time.** Time is precious. Use it wisely. When your children see you giving your time to help others, they see the importance you place on it. Your children can give of their time too: by reading to a younger sibling, by helping a neighbor rake their leaves or shovel their driveway, by volunteering at their school. Start small but make them **conscious of how their actions bring glory to God.**
- **Share your talents.** Does your child love to bake, draw, sing or play a musical instrument? Cultivate your children's gift(s). You can guide them to use their gift to bring joy to others. They may not realize how sharing their talent can affect others.
- **Care for the environment.** God wants us to be good stewards of this earth. As a family **Recycling, Reusing and Reducing** is always a good motto to practice!

When parents help their children to be **intentional and purposeful** with their stewardship they will see the abundant blessings God provides.

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