

Faith @ Home

1 Peter 4:8-11

All we have and all we are comes from God. Our decisions on how we use our time, treasure, and talents is a stewardship decision. Giving of our time, treasure, and talents should be done willingly and cheerfully because we love God.

A short video on stewardship for children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuprGFcGv9g>



Why encourage stewardship lessons with children?

- Stewardship helps build self-esteem.
 - Today's society often has us wanting the next, best thing. It is affirming to know that God has already blessed us with wonderful and unique gifts to do special work here on Earth.
- Stewardship brings joy and contentment.
 - A life of giving is a rewarding life.
- Stewardship connects children to God.
 - We can turn to God for guidance in using and sharing our gifts.
- Children have the ability and natural longing to give.
 - Giving helps them to feel grown up and needed.

A church family relies on its members to contribute time: serving, helping, building relationships, talents: abilities and spiritual gifts from the Lord, and treasure: giving financially.

How can children practice stewardship? Maybe your family could discuss these three categories and how everyone can contribute their time, talents and treasure.

Other stewardship activities:

- Have children write a thank-you letter to God for their blessings and talents.
- Give/tithe as a family.
- Let kids help cook a meal for someone who is ill, a family member, or someone less fortunate.
- Encourage children to make artwork to brighten someone's day.
- Help children choose gently used items to donate or pass on.
- Make or buy a kids' bank with sections for saving, spending and giving.
- Read/speak about altruistic role models.
- Ask questions: "How did it feel to give? Do you think you'd like to give again?" "Do you have any ideas on how we can help _____?"
- Share personal stories of when someone you know gave generously or how someone made a difference by helping you.

Try to work in gratitude activities throughout the year. Here are some fun crafts to practice thankfulness.

16 Fun Autumn Kind & Grateful Crafts

<https://craftingkindkids.com/fun-autumn-kindness-gratitude-crafts/>



Songs to Worship with this Week

- "You Know My Name" - Tasha Cobbs Leonard, feat. Jimi Cravity
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7owFiihXgg>
- "Known" - Tauren Wells "Who You Are to Me" - Chris Tomlin, feat. Lady A
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xckDgX8xNfg>
- "Who You Are to Me" - Chris Tomlin, feat. Lady A
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wms76AflVE>
- "Dream Small" - Josh Wilson
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOBaLrItEyc>
- "Into the Wild" - Josh Baldwin
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46m8OZzQxGs>
- "Keep Me in the Moment" - Jeremy Camp
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhnJXDGFPIE>