

God's World

Bible Story: God's World (The earth belongs to the Lord) • *Psalm 24:1*

Bottom Line: Remember, everything belongs to God.

Memory Verse: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." *Luke 16:10a, NIV*

Life App: Stewardship—taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

HOST: "Hello, hello, hello! My name is [Host's name], and I am so pumped that you're here with me today. And the reason I'm pumped that you're hanging out with us in Kids' Place is because this is where aaaaall the fun happens. Look at your neighbor and give them a fist bump and say, 'It's gonna be a fun day!'"

HOST and KIDS: (*Point to the audience.*) "It's gonna be a fun day!"

HOST: "It sure is. In fact, today is going to be a GREAT day because we are introducing a brand new Life App, and it's a good one! Now, if you've never heard this word before, that's okay. We're gonna be talking about it for FIVE weeks. By the end of the last week, you'll be a total expert on it. Here it is.

CG: Stewardship Slide

"Stewardship. Whoa! That is a big word! Stewardship. Can you say that with me?"

HOST and KIDS: "Stewardship."

HOST: "Good! Stewardship, believe it or not, has nothing to do with guys named Stewart OR ships. Here's what we mean by the word stewardship. Stewardship is taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God. Why don't we all read that together?"

HOST and KIDS: "Stewardship is taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God."

HOST: "That's right! For example, raise your hand if you have some sort of techno device like a tablet or gaming device or maybe your mom's phone at home. (*Scan the audience.*) Would you pour water on it? Of course not! Would you toss it in the bathtub or flush it down the toilet? Absolutely not; that would be CRAZY! Why? (*Take a couple of answers.*) Yeah, exactly. It would get totally ruined! Instead, you want to take care of it, because you care about it and you want to be able to use it for a long time. That's stewardship! Let's read that definition together again."

HOST and KIDS: "Stewardship is taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God."

HOST: "Look hard at that definition. Who does all our stuff belong to? (*Hold hand to ear.*) To God—that's right. You know, that last part is really important. When we take care of things like our tablets and gaming devices, it's kind of easy because they're important to us. But stewardship is about taking care

of things because they belong not just to us but also to GOD. It might not make sense now, but soon it will. But, before we get to that—let’s check out our intro video

Tech: *Play Intro Video*

HOST: “Okay everyone, make sure you’re up on your feet. We are singing to the God who created this world! Let’s give thanks for this world and praise Him together. Sing along with me.

Tech: *Play Worship Song*

“Romans 11:36 says: *All things come from him. All things are directed by him. All things are for his good. May God be given the glory forever! Amen (NirV).* We have a new song to teach you today. It’s called ‘It’s All You.’ Let’s give our worship to God. It’s all for Him!”

Tech: *Play Worship Song*

**Allow time for those who have been baptized take communion while the communion song plays.

HOST: “Before we watch our Bible story video, let’s remind ourselves what we mean by that big word: stewardship.

CG: *Stewardship Slide*

HOST and KIDS: “Stewardship is taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God.”

HOST: “Perfect. Let’s take a look at our video.”

CG: *Play Bible Story Video. Then display Bottom Line Slide*

HOST: **[Bottom Line] Remember, everything belongs to God.** That’s our Bottom Line today. Say it with me.”

KIDS and HOST: **[Bottom Line] “Remember, everything belongs to God.”**

HOST: “One more time! What belongs to God?”

KIDS and HOST: **[Bottom Line] “Remember, everything belongs to God.”**

HOST: “That’s right! The sun, the stars, the oceans, and the land—everything, including the earth—belongs to God. Let’s pray and thank God for creating all those amazing things we get to enjoy every single day!”

Pray

HOST: “God, thank You for the earth and all the amazing things You created for us to enjoy. We know that since everything belongs to You, the Earth is yours, too. Help us to take care of the earth not just so we can enjoy it longer, but because it’s Yours, and we want to show You how much we love You. We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.”

CG: *Play Outro Video*

HOST: “Everything we have—our money, our things, our time—are only ours because God has allowed us to have them. He trusted us with what we have and get to enjoy. That means we should take care of our things, use them wisely, and even use them to help others. We should take care of what we have and share when we’re able. And when we do that, you never know what might happen. For example, check out our memory verse for this month.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“It’s Luke 16:10a: *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much,”* Luke 16:10a (NIV).

“When you take good care of what God has given you—when you use it wisely—then you’re showing God that you can be trusted. And when that happens, God may allow you bigger opportunities for more responsibility in the future.

“Now it’s time for you crazy kids to head back to Small Group and talk more about how you can take care of what you have because everything belongs to God. Have so much fun together! See you next week! Bye, everyone!”