

What's Mine Is Yours

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Meeting needs by sharing what we have with one another.

Scripture: Acts 4:32

Memory Verse: Acts 4:32 - 'All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.'

The Children's Sermon

Christian stewardship is a big word, isn't it? But it's not too hard to understand. It means taking good care of everything God has given us and using it to help others. It's like if you have a toy that someone else would love to play with, you share it. Or if you have extra snacks and you see someone without, you offer some to them. That's being a good steward.

God loves it when we share and take care of His gifts. He doesn't just give us things for ourselves. He gives us things so we can share them. Imagine if everyone shared what they had. The world would be a happier place, right? That's what Christian stewardship is all about. Making the world happier by sharing what we have.

Now, you might wonder, "How can I practice Christian stewardship?" It's simple! Start by looking around you. Do you have toys, clothes, or books you don't use anymore? Maybe there's someone who would be really happy to have them. You can give those things away instead of keeping them in a box.

Christian stewardship also means taking care of the planet. God made the beautiful world around us, and He wants us to take care of it. That means not littering, recycling when we can, and being kind to animals. Every little bit helps. When we take care of the earth, we are showing God that we are thankful for His creation.

Another part of Christian stewardship is helping people. There are many ways to help. You can be kind to someone who is sad. You can help your parents at home without being asked. You can even join in activities that help people in need, like food drives or cleaning up a park. When you help others, you are showing God's love.

Remember, Christian stewardship isn't just for grown-ups. Kids can be great stewards too! Even small acts of kindness and sharing can make a big difference. It's about doing what you can, with what you have, where you are. God sees every good thing you do, and He is happy when you use His gifts to help others.

Let's talk about time. Time is also a gift from God. We can use our time to practice Christian stewardship too. Spending time with someone who is lonely, reading a book to a younger sibling, or helping out at home are all ways to use your time wisely. God loves it when we use our time to do good things and help others.

Money is something else we can use to practice Christian stewardship. If you get an allowance or money as a gift, you can save some to give to people who need it more than we do. There are many organizations and churches that help people in need. Giving even a little bit of your money can help a lot.

Practicing Christian stewardship is a way to say thank you to God for all the blessings He gives us. It's like a big, beautiful circle. God gives to us, we share with others, and

then God blesses us even more for sharing. And the best part? We make the world a better place, filled with love and kindness.

So, let's remember to be good stewards of everything God gives us. Let's share our things, take care of the planet, help people, use our time wisely, and give from our money. That's how we show God's love to the world. And that's what Christian stewardship is all about.

Isn't it wonderful to think about how we can make a difference? Every one of us, no matter how small, can practice Christian stewardship. Let's start today! What is one thing you can do to be a good steward? Keep that in mind as you go through your week. Remember, every little act of kindness and sharing makes the world a brighter place.

Prayer: Dear God, help us to remember to be good stewards of everything you give us. Show us ways to share, help, and love others just like Jesus did. Thank you for all our blessings. Amen.

Bible Memory Verse

Acts 4:32 - 'All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.'

You Will Need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors

- Markers or crayons
- Stickers (optional)
- Glue
- Photos of various items (toys, food, clothes, etc.)

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.
- Cut out the photos of items and ensure there are enough for each child to have several.

Do This:

1. Begin by explaining the memory verse to the children in simple terms, emphasizing the importance of sharing and being united. Use examples relevant to their experiences, like sharing toys or snacks.
2. Give each child a heart-shaped piece of construction paper and ask them to decorate it with markers, crayons, and stickers. This heart represents 'one in heart and mind' from the verse.
3. Once the hearts are decorated, present the photos of items to the children. Discuss how each item could be shared with others (e.g., toys with friends, food with those who are hungry). Then, have the children choose several photos and glue them onto their hearts, symbolizing their willingness to share what they have with others.
4. Conclude the activity by gathering the hearts and displaying them in the classroom or sending them home with the children as a reminder of the lesson on sharing and unity.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Toy food items or pictures of food
- Basket
- Blanket or large cloth to sit on

Get Ready:

- Spread the blanket on the floor as a sitting area.
- Place all the toy food items or pictures of food in the basket.

Do this:

1. Gather the children on the blanket and read a simplified version of Acts 4:32, emphasizing how the early Christians shared everything they had.
2. Show the basket of food and explain that this represents what we have that we can share with others.
3. Pass the basket around, allowing each child to take one item, then ask them to think of someone they would like to share that item with (it can be another child in the room or a hypothetical person). Encourage them to explain why they chose that person to share with.
4. After everyone has chosen an item and shared their thoughts, discuss how sharing makes us feel and how it helps others feel loved and cared for.

Snack Activity: Sharing Loaves and Fishes

You'll Need:

- Bread (preferably in the form of small rolls or buns)
- Fish-shaped crackers
- Plates

Get Ready: Make sure the bread is easily accessible for small hands, and the fish-shaped crackers are placed in a bowl.

Do this:

1. Tell the children the story of how Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish, emphasizing the theme of sharing what we have with others.
2. Give each child a small roll or bun (the 'loaf') and a handful of fish-shaped crackers. Explain that they will be making their own 'loaves and fishes' snack.
3. Encourage the children to take turns sharing the fish-shaped crackers with each other, placing some on their own plate and some on their neighbor's plate, to practice sharing and caring for one another.

Game Activity: Sharing Garden

You'll Need:

- A variety of colorful paper flowers (each with a Velcro patch on the back)
- A large green poster board (the garden)
- Velcro strips to attach to the poster board

Get Ready: Attach the Velcro strips to the poster board to create your 'garden'. Spread out the paper flowers around the room.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that the garden is looking very empty and needs beautiful flowers to grow. Each child will have a chance to pick a flower and 'plant' it in the garden by sticking it onto the Velcro strips.
2. After everyone has had a turn, notice together how much more beautiful the garden is because everyone shared their flowers.

3. Discuss how sharing what we have, like in Acts 4:32, makes our community a happier and more beautiful place, just like how sharing our flowers made the garden beautiful.

Craft Activity: Sharing Hearts

You'll Need:

- Construction paper in various colors
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks

Get Ready: Pre-cut the construction paper into heart shapes, ensuring there are enough for each child to have several.

Do this:

1. Tell the children the story from Acts 4:32, emphasizing how the early Christians shared everything they had with each other.
2. Explain that today, they will be sharing hearts to show how we can share our love and what we have with others.
3. Give each child a few heart shapes and ask them to decorate one heart with crayons or markers. Then, encourage them to trade their decorated hearts with their friends, teaching them the joy of giving and sharing.
4. As they trade hearts, remind them that sharing with others makes everyone happy, just like the early Christians.

Prayer Activity: Sharing Hearts Prayer

You'll Need:

- Colorful paper hearts (one per child)

- A large basket
- Markers

Get Ready: Before the class, write a simple need on each heart (e.g., 'love', 'food', 'clothes', 'friendship'). Make sure these needs can be understood by preschoolers. Place the basket in the middle of your activity area.

Do this:

1. Begin by telling the children that in Acts 4:32, people shared everything they had so no one was in need. Explain that sharing shows love.
2. Give each child a paper heart and let them choose a marker. Ask them to draw or write something they can share with others (it could be a toy, time, help, or a smile).
3. Once everyone is done, have the children come up one at a time to place their heart in the basket. As they do, lead them in a simple prayer, 'Dear God, help me to share my [what's on their heart] with others. Amen.' Encourage the group to repeat the prayer after each child places their heart in the basket.