

HOME connection

ST Unit: Modern Day Idols, Lesson 2

D6 Family Theme:

HONORING GOD WITH OUR TREASURE

Objectives:

Know: We are to worship and honor God before investing in our own pleasure and comfort.

Think: Seeking God first is more important to me than material possessions.

Do: Seek God and His kingdom first and avoid getting caught up in the desire for material possessions.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Colossians 3:1-5; 1 John 2:15-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Luke 12:13-34; Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Very few things tell more about us than how we spend our money. These passages show how we can seek God and His kingdom first, and keep from getting caught up in an unhealthy desire for material things.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Make the pursuit of God your highest goal, trusting Him to provide your daily needs. Thank God for always meeting your family's needs. Pray that you and your family will be able to give some of what God has given you to help glorify and advance His kingdom.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: This week your children learned about honoring God with their treasure. God has given us many things in this life to enjoy, like our toys, food, clothes, and cars. It is easy for us to spend money on the things that bring us pleasure and comfort, but as Christians, we need to store up our treasures in Heaven. Remind your children that everything we have comes from God, so we need to give it back to Him. Have your children go into their rooms and pick out a few of their favorite toys. Talk with them about how God wants them to have those toys, but they should never come before serving Him. You could even have them pick a few toys to give away.

Option 2: Write or display Matthew 6:21 on a marker board or screen. Ask your family the following:

- *What did Jesus mean when He said our treasure will be where our heart is? (We invest our money in the things we love most; to find out what people really care about, "follow the money," etc.)*
- *What are some things people in our culture really care about based on their spending? (Housing; entertainment; food; clothing; hobbies; investments; charities; vehicles; etc.)*
- *What checking or charge account entries might indicate that a person cares deeply about the Lord and His work here on earth? (Giving to a local church; gifts to missions; gifts to other Christian ministries; gifts to the homeless and hungry; gifts to those who have suffered a natural disaster; etc.)*

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned that Elijah told King Ahab to bring his false prophets to Mount Carmel, and build an altar and place a bull on it. King Ahab was to pray to his god to set the wood on fire. He prayed and prayed, but nothing happened because Baal is not the one, true God. **God Hears When I Pray** because He is the only true God.



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE

Today your student learned the importance of honoring God with his or her treasure. He or she learned from Daniel's example of how God takes care of those who put Him first. We are to be obedient to give to God, but also to be thankful in our giving.



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens discussed the importance of making the pursuit of God the highest priority in our lives. This will help us to keep the rest of our priorities in line. Remind him or her that everything we have comes from God and we can trust Him to meet our needs. Ask your teen about examples he or she sees in the major arenas of our society (entertainers, sports, politics, etc.) where materialism and money are praised as the top priority.



YOUNG
ADULT

The group members discussed the topic of materialism and were encouraged to use money wisely for God's glory, avoiding an unhealthy desire for earthly possessions.



ADULT

Group members were reminded that very few things tell more about people than how they spend their money. They were also challenged to see how they can seek God and His kingdom first, and keep from getting caught up in an unhealthy desire for material things.