



## *4-Week Series*

### FEATURED CURRICULUM

## *Children's Lesson Handouts*

### Church Instructions and Overview

These Children's Lesson Handouts are designed to support the corresponding sermon outline topics presented by the pastor during the Road to Financial Freedom sermon series. When used during children's group time before or after the pastor's sermon, these lessons will reinforce what is being taught during the churchwide service.

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MEMORY VERSE

"We adore you as being in control of everything."

1 Chronicles 29:11 (TLB)

## God's Great Earth

Once there was no earth. No sky, no sun, no trees, no animals, no water, no land, no people. Nothing. Close your eyes and imagine that nothing exists.

Then God said, "Let there be light." Step by step, one day at a time, God created everything that exists. On the last day of creation, God made people. They were His special creation – He made them much more like Himself than anything else He created. He did this for three reasons:

1. He wanted to LOVE them.
2. He wanted THEM to love Him.
3. He wanted them to TAKE CARE of His creation.

God knew people might forget about Him and stop loving Him. He also knew a lot of bad things would happen if they did. He told them to worship only Him and He would take care of them, giving them everything they needed.

Every week, the people would take a small part of what they earned and give it to God. They did this to thank Him for all He did for them. It also helped them remember that He alone created and owned everything.

Life was great this way! God loved people and they loved Him. They gladly took care of the beautiful earth He created for them to enjoy!



- 1) How would you describe God's plan?
- 2) How did God show love for the people He created?
- 3) How did people show love for God?
- 4) Would you like to live this way? Why or why not?
- 5) Do you think most people today are living this way? Is it still possible?

**Connections!**

God created everything and, because of that, everything belongs to Him. And God wants us to help Him take care of His creation. In the puzzle below, draw a line from Column "A" to the conclusion that best completes the sentence in Column "B."

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

I help keep God's world beautiful...

... when I obey His commands.

I demonstrate responsibility...

... when I throw away trash.

God created everything...

... to fully worship Him.

On the last day of creation...

... when I take care of my belongings.

Ten percent of my income...

... is called a "tithe."

I show God my love for Him...

... God made people.

Everything I call my own...

... and everything belongs to God.

God wants each of us...

... really belongs to God

**CIRCLE THE CORRECT RESPONSE IN EACH SENTENCE BELOW. . .**

God created \_\_\_\_\_. (one thing / most things / everything / a few things)

God created the world in 6 \_\_\_\_\_. (weeks / years / months / days)

\_\_\_\_\_ belongs to God. (my games / my money / my things / all of these)

God asks \_\_\_\_\_ to take care of His creation. (some of us / all of us / nobody)

## 2 PARTS TO THE STORY...



Everything you own, your games, your clothes, your belongings – all of it – belongs to God. God allows you to take care of His things here on earth just as He did for the first people He created.

There are two things to remember when it comes to your possessions: "God's Part" and "Your Part."

GOD'S PART – Remember our memory verse?

"We adore you as being in control of everything" (1 Chronicles 29:11, TLB).

\_\_\_\_\_ is in control of everything. This means \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to God. And, God can give us everything we \_\_\_\_\_, just as He promised.

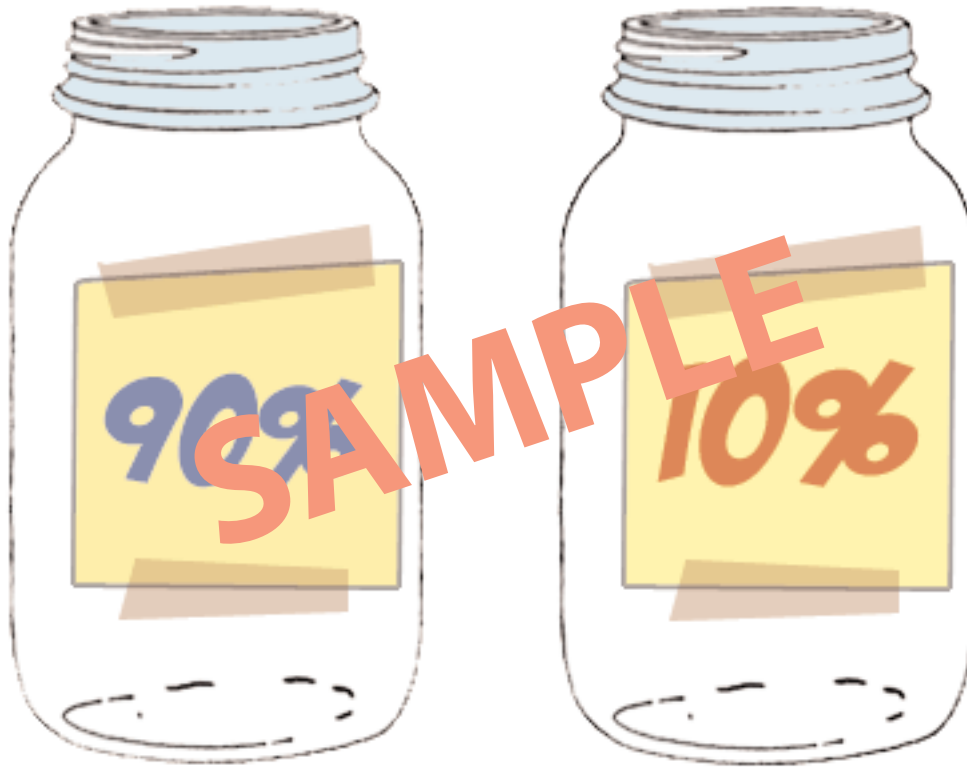
YOUR PART – read this verse from the Bible...

"A manager must be faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2, NLT).

I am a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's things. Being \_\_\_\_\_ means treating them with care.

God is in charge of everything – it **all** belongs to Him.  
God gives **me** the **responsibility** to **take care** of His belongings.

## In-Class Activity



### God's Part and Your Part

We have learned that God owns EVERYTHING – including our money. God is so loving, He allows us to take CARE of His things. We say “thank you” by regularly giving a part back to Him. And when we do, it helps us remember that He is the owner.

This week, you will make two “Money Jars” (see above). One jar says “90%” and the other jar says “10%.” Take these home, and each day your parents will give you ten pennies. Put 9 pennies into the 90% jar. God has allowed your parents to give those to you so you can decide how they should be used. You might want to spend some and save some. Then count how many pennies are in the 10% jar. Those you can give in church as an offering.