



God Gives You Money – Use it to Help Others

Main Point: I can use my allowance to help others.

Supplies: (prepare in advance)

- Two large envelopes. Write on one: “Good Gifts from God” and on the other: “How I Will Spend the Money God Gives Me.”
- Allowance money -- 10 coins or bills, depending on how much you want to give your child as allowance and how often they will receive it. (We recommend it be weekly.)
- Five smaller envelopes. Write on one: “Money – a gift from God for (your child's name).” Put allowance in this envelope and place it inside the larger “Good Gifts from God” envelope.
- On each of the four remaining smaller envelopes, write one of the following: Church, Savings, Gifts, and Spending. Put these four envelopes into the “How I Will Spend the Money God Gives Me” envelope.

Warm-Up Question to Get Things Started:

Have each family member tell what is one of the best gifts he/she has ever received.

Bible Reading:

Ask your child to help you read the following verse. Use your finger to point at the words as you read and let your child read the words: world, Son, life.

“God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” – John 3:16 (**God’s Word to the Nations**)

Learning Activity 1 – Gifts God Gives:

Parent: The very best gift anyone ever received was the gift of Jesus. Because Jesus died for us, we will live forever with God. Every day he is with us, and someday, we will be with him forever in heaven!

Is Jesus the only gift God gave us? Let’s see how the Bible answers that question...

Every good present and every perfect gift comes from above, from the Father who made the sun, moon, and stars.”– James 1:17a (**God’s Word to the Nations**)

The Bible says that everything good in the world comes from God!

Bring out the first large envelope titled “Good Gifts from God,” some slips of paper or 3x5 cards, and one or more pencils, markers, crayons, or pens.

Write or draw on the slips of paper or cards some good gifts that come from God. These could include food, pets, cars, house, TV, video games, family, friends, etc. Then put them in the envelope.

Say a prayer thanking God for some of the gifts written down, and for others that come to mind as you pray.

Then say: There is a very special gift from God that I/we put in this envelope before we started. **Have your child reach into the large envelope and bring out the smaller envelope with money in it.**

Parent: I wonder what is in this envelope? It says, "Money – a gift from God for ____." Do you suppose there is money in here for you? **Have your child open the envelope and count out the coins or bills inside.**

One of God's wonderful gifts to us is money. We can use money to buy what we need and want, and we can use it to help others as well. God gives (your mom and) me money and then expects me/us to give some to you and train you how to use it. From now on, you will receive an allowance every ____.

Learning Activity 2 – How We Can Use God's Gift of Money:

Parent: What do you think you should do with this money? The Bible tells us we should set aside our offering for God first, before we spend anything else. When we do that, it's like saying, "God, – you are #1 in my heart." Do you think that would make God happy?

Bring out the second large envelope labeled "How I Will Spend the Money God Gives Me". Have your child retrieve the four envelopes inside. Talk with your child about how much they will put in each envelope. Consider using the following proportions: 10% Church (the Biblical "tithe"), 10% Savings, 10% Gifts, and 70% Spending. Help your child see that when God is first with his/her money, there is still much left over for spending.

Tell your child how often he/she will receive an allowance and help him/her set up a pattern for giving regularly at church.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for the money he gives us. Pray for any specific Sunday school offering projects and for people in need in your community or around the world.