

## Riverside Young Vineyard Session Plan

Date: 19th May 2019

### Theme: Commitment Sunday - Giving

#### Leaders Notes:

There are some general principles related to giving that are helpful to bear in mind as we teach children about giving:

- It is an act of thankfulness & trust in Jesus.
- We give from what we have, e.g. their pocket money (as opposed to parents giving children a coin to put in).
- We want to think about how much of our money we want to save, how much we want to spend and how much we want to give.
- Other ways children can give:
  1. Their time and abilities. They can help their parents, they can help others.
  2. Themselves (commitment to Jesus)
- While we can teach about giving in Young Vineyard, children can really only put this into practice with the help of their family or carers.

<b>Worship</b> 	
<b>Story</b> 	Act out the story of the talents from Matthew 25:14-30- you may want to make some bags of money to make it easier for the children to visualise.
<b>Game</b>	<b>Older Groups</b> <b>You will need:</b> Lots of pennies- approx. 10 or 12 per child (Leaders bring this in yourselves please.) Small bags- one per child <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Hand each child a small bag containing about a dozen pennies.</li><li>· Tell them: In this game, you're going to go around and give your pennies away, one by one. When someone gives you a penny, you must give that person two pennies in return. Let's see what happens.</li><li>· Play for a few minutes, then call time and ask what happened. See who has the most and who has the least pennies. What did the person with the most do to get the most? (<i>He had to give the most away</i>)</li></ul> <b>Younger groups</b>

	<p>Sit in a circle. Find an object that has a purpose (pen/ broom/ food/ cup/ etc) from around the room and show it to everyone (you may want to bring in some items and hide them around the room). Ask them what it does/ what is it used for? How can I use it to help someone else? How can I use it to be kind to someone?</p> <p>You could ask a child to go and hunt for an object, talk about it and then ask another child to hunt for a different object. When everyone has had a go, get some money out of your wallet and go through the same questions.</p>
<p><b>Teaching/ Discussion</b></p>	<p>Recap the story (Matthew 25:14-30) using the following questions...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This story is a parable. What is a parable? <i>A made-up story that teaches us something</i></li> <li>2. Who does the master represent? <i>God</i></li> <li>3. Who do the servants represent? <i>All humans.</i></li> <li>4. What did each servant do with the money?</li> <li>5. Which servants were the master pleased with and why?</li> <li>6. Why was the master unhappy with the third servant?</li> <li>7. Just like the master gave his servants his money, what has God given us? <i>Money, time, gifts, skills, energy...</i></li> <li>8. What does this story tell us about what God wants us to do with what He has given us? <i>(He doesn't just want us to hide it or hold onto it. He wants us to be clever and use it to advance His kingdom even more.)</i></li> </ol> <p>Giving our money back to God is a really important thing to do when we are Christians. A lot of us do this by tithing. Tithing is when we give 10% of what we earn back to God. E.G. If I earn £100 in one week, I would give £10 of it to God and I would keep doing that everytime I earned money. God has given us so much and everything we have comes from Him. It would be rude and disrespectful if we held onto it all for ourselves.</p> <p><b>How our Church gives:</b> People give to the church in different ways. i.e. financially, donating to Storehouse, serving on teams (putting up chairs, serving coffee, leading in Young Vineyard), etc...</p> <p><b>When people give money to church, where does it go?</b></p> <p>The money helps us to run everything in church. This includes the building and equipment that we need as well as putting on all the different ministries</p> <p>We also donate a lot of money to charity including Storehouse which helps to provide food, clothing and other items to people who need it.</p> <p><b>YV giving tins</b></p> <p>In Young Vineyard, every group has a giving tin in their room. This should</p>

	<p>be put out every week for children to put money in. Please show this to them and encourage/remind them to bring in a little money each week as their tithe. Or they may choose to bring in some food for foodbank which they can put on the trolley at the back of the auditorium.</p> <p>Today in the adult service, they are also learning about giving and in a bit we are going to join them so we can all give to God together.</p> <p><b><i>The children will come into the adult service at the end to participate in the giving bit – so please allow time for the activity so they have something they can put in the offering.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Craft/ Activity</b></p>	<p>Ask the children to find a space in the room away from anyone else. Then put a pot of pens and the below 'cheque' printouts in the middle of the room.</p> <p>Then read 2 Corinthians 9:7 <i>“Each one should give, then, what he has decided in his heart to give. He should not give if it makes him sad. And he should not give if he thinks he is forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily.”</i></p> <p>Ask all the children to close their eyes and think about everything that God has given them. Ask them to think about what they could give back to God or how they could use what He has given them to help others. This could be a % of their pocket money, it could be volunteering on a team, buying some food to give to foodbank or sorting through some of their clothes to give to storehouse.</p> <p>When they have thought of something, they can get up and get a pen and a cheque. Then they can write on there what they want to give back to God. Ask them to really think hard and don't just write anything- it has to be something that is achievable for them- that they really can do (we don't want it to be a false promise). They can write in the bit that says 'pay to the order of' what they want to give.</p> <p><b>Please remember everyone has a choice what they give or even if they give anything. We have free will to make our own choices and we should never feel forced by anyone. If there are some that don't want to give anything then please let them know that this is ok as it says in the 2 Corinthians verse.</b></p> <p>Once everyone has finished, close with a prayer- Thank God for everything He has given us, Ask Him to use what we are offering.</p>
<p><b>Chat &amp; Catch/ Response</b></p>	<p>Our response will be going down altogether to the auditorium and joining in with the adult service to take part in the offering. Ask the children to hold onto their cheque and they can put that in the offering buckets to represent what they are going to give to God. You will be told when to come down to the service but please make sure they have all their coats/items with them</p>

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