

Everything Belongs to God

Stewardship, Lesson 1

Talk About It:

- Have you ever borrowed something from someone – maybe a toy or book, or a library book? How did you feel about taking care of what belonged to someone else?
 - How would you want someone else to feel about taking care of something that belongs to you?
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Read About It:

In the Old Testament book of 1 Chronicles, we learn about how the people of God brought gifts for building a new temple for God. They wanted to give to God in this way and it made them very happy. They rejoiced and praised God, led by King David.

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13:

10 David praised the Lord in front of the whole community. He said,
"Lord, we give you praise.
You are the God of our father Israel.
We give you praise for ever and ever.

11 Lord, you are great and powerful.
Glory, majesty and beauty belong to you.
Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you.
Lord, the kingdom belongs to you.
You are honored as the one who rules over all.

12 Wealth and honor come from you.
You are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power.
You can give honor and strength to everyone.

13 Our God, we give you thanks.
We praise your glorious name.

The people praised God because they knew everything they had came from God. All of their riches, wealth, and belongings were gifts from God. All that we have and all that we are, are gifts from God. We can praise God, too, because God has given us life and breath, love and grace, and the awesome gift of Jesus!

Sing About It:

Praise God with this fun song on YouTube: [Every Move I Make](#)
(Dance-A-Long with Lyrics, by CJ and Friends)

Think About It:

- Look back at today's Bible passage. What does it tell us about who owns everything? (check out verse 11)
- If everything belongs to God, then it's almost like we are borrowing things from God.
- How should we feel about taking care of the things God owns that we get to enjoy? Things like:

Toys	Food	Friends
Clothes	Money	Family
Books	Our bodies	The earth

Taking care of things that belong to someone else is called **stewardship**. A **steward** is a person who takes care of what belongs to other people. We are stewards of everything God has given us. To be a good steward, we take good care of those things and use them with care and wisdom.

Make It:

Decorate the Psalm 24:1 craft sheet. Color or paint the seas blue, then glue small squares of green paper to the land. Display your finished artwork where it can help you remember that everything belongs to God.

Do It:

When we understand that everything belongs to God, it helps us not be so selfish or scream "MINE!" when we are asked to share. Since everything belongs to God, we can think about sharing *God's* stuff with our family and friends.

Share something that is yours with someone else. Here are some ideas:

- Share your favorite LEGO set with your sibling
 - Share half of your cookie with a grown-up
 - Share of yourself by helping with chores or doing something kind for someone
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Pray About It:

Thank God for all the wonderful things He has given you and ask God to help you take good care of those things.

Memorize It:

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