



NAD Stewardship Sermon Outline  
Stewardship Sabbath, November 5, 2016

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

"Good Sharers"

**Premise:** Stewardship means to take care of something one does not own. *Everything* belongs to God, and we are stewards, or managers, of all of His stuff!

From teaching toddlers to pick up toys to involving preteens in mission projects, we can train our children to understand that everything belongs to God, and that He has given us the privilege of taking care of it for Him. Teaching and training children to be responsible stewards begins in the nursery and continues throughout their lives.

To that end, you can divide your kids into three groups and make a point of saying that you brought some of YOUR goodies today. And that you want to "share." Hand out the best goodies/snacks/trinkets to Group One, a few of the second-best goodies to some of the kids in Group Two, and nothing to Group Three. Invite them to eat/enjoy/play with YOUR things that you have given to them.

Leave time for the impact to sink in. Then, **discuss:**

**How did you feel when you got the best? Second best? Nothing?**

**Did you earn your reward? Or was it your fault you got second best or nothing?**

**How is this like it is in our world?** (Seek concrete examples such as in school, the Neighborhood, or international settings.)

**What would God be saying to us about this situation?**

**SAY: In our families, homes and lives, it's the same thing. Jesus has given us and our parents all kinds of good stuff: special talents, money, friends, toys, time each day to rest and play and work. We get to decide all the fun ways we can be good stewards, or good sharers, of the stuff, time, and abilities that God has given us.**

**How can you start today with the things you have in your hand?** Ask for ideas, such as giving away half, or asking for more to share with their friends, or giving up what they have and enjoying watching someone else feel good, etc.

If time permits, ask them how it felt to “give away” and how it felt to “get” something shared?

**SAY:** Which is better: When only some of us have good stuff, or when *all* of us share in the good things?

Challenge them to think of ways they can do ONE thing this week to share/give/bless someone else. Giving is not all about money. Giving involves sharing your things, your time, your talents. Remind them that one reason Jesus gives us things and asks us to share or give is that it feels good and it blesses us to give. He loves giving to us, and He knows we will also love giving to others!