

LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 180
Grade Level: 4-6

Date: _____
 Title: Which Prince Should be King?/The Unjust Steward
 Text/Story: Luke: 16:1-13
 Main idea: We must make use of the good things God entrusted to us; we will give an account of this one day.
 Key Verse: 1 Cor. 4:2

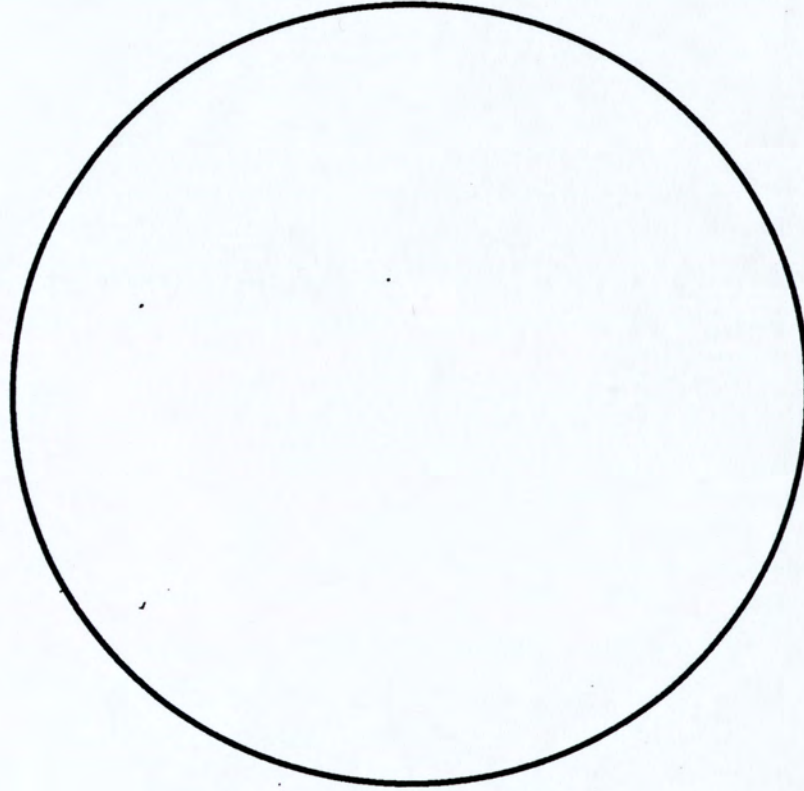
Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide each student with a sheet of blank paper and a pencil • Divide the class up into pairs • Ask students to fold their paper into quarters, unfold the paper and write their partner's name in the centre of the page • Have them write a caption for each quarter of their page: Home, School, Church, Other • Each student will interview his/her partner and ask what they are expected to do at home, school, church and other places (e.g., doing chores at home, being a monitor at school, etc.) • Allow 8-10 minutes; discuss their findings and write some of them down on chart paper or chalkboard • Use the discussion to introduce the thought of stewardship and how we are accountable to God for the things He called us to do
	Lesson Luke 16:1-13 "Whom Are You Serving?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Luke 16:1-8 together and discuss/explain the parable; students should understand that unlike the unjust steward, we cannot serve two masters: it's either serving God or Satan • On the chalkboard, chart paper or overhead projector reproduce the diagram on the worksheet "Whom Are You Serving?" • As a class discuss and list down in each circle the tasks that God expects us to do (e.g., be honest in the workplace/school, be in church on Sundays, tell others about Him, etc.) and those that Satan wants us to do (e.g., make excuses for everything, do anything but go to church on Sundays; lie to get your way or get ahead of others etc.) • Have students copy the chart on their own papers
	Post-Lesson Role-Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the class into pairs and provide each pair with a role-play situation from the sheet "Role-Play" • Ask each group to act out the situation twice: once to show good stewardship and then show bad stewardship • Have them present their role-play situations to the class if time permits

Whom Are You Serving?

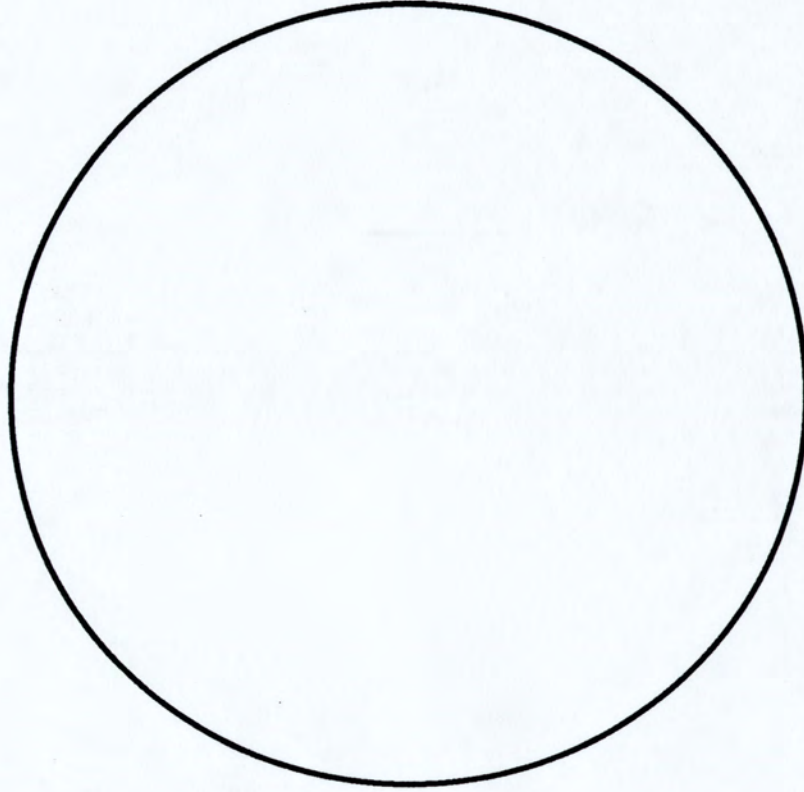
(Luke 16:1-13)



GOD



Satan



ROLE-PLAY



<p>In the washroom at the mall you and your friend find a bag of purchases that someone had obviously left by accident. In the bag you find some Nintendo game cartridges and game books.</p>	<p>For Social Studies project at school, you and your partner are writing a report on Japan. Your partner tells you to copy down paragraph after paragraph of information to save time. You know your teacher's instructions were to write the report in your own words.</p>	<p>You had volunteered to help baby-sit some children at church on Saturday while their parents worked on church cleaning and repairs. One of your friends calls you up Thursday night to ask you to go skiing on Saturday.</p>
<p>It's your turn to take out the garbage again. You had forgotten to do it while you chatted on the phone with your buddy. The next day your dad asks you about it and you feel like making an excuse.</p>	<p>You and your friend are looking at some CDs. Your saved the money to pay for one CD but you want another. You'd have enough if you use the allowance money your mother just gave you. But you know you haven't paid tithe on it. Your friend is trying to think up of ways you can get around it.</p>	<p>You and some classmates are talking in science about where man came from. A few of them say we evolved from apes. A few didn't know. One of them asks you what you thought.</p>

Don't Be An Unjust Steward

The Key Verse for this lesson tells us , “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2).

Sometimes, rewording a sentence helps a person to understand it better. Fill in the following incomplete verse with one *synonym* (a word that has the same meaning) for each missing word. There are three synonyms after each of the words on the list below.

	SYNONYMS	KEY VERSE
<i>Required:</i>	necessary, essential, needed	“Moreover it is _____ in
<i>Stewards:</i>	caretakers, agents, representatives	_____, that a man be
<i>Faithful:</i>	true, loyal, trustworthy	found _____.”

MERCY

JUSTICE

LOVE

OBEDIENCE

HUMILITY

Christians are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Underline the three things in the following verse, Micah 6:8, which tell us what God requires of those who call themselves Christians.

“What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” — Micah 6:8

A Faithful Steward

In the story of the unjust steward, the steward's immediate concern was money. By his actions he confirmed his employers suspicion that he was unfaithful. There are many areas, other than money, where we are expected to remain faithful. God gives us each a measure of responsibility, and He knows exactly what we are able do with that responsibility. At what point in time is He going to require an answer for what we've done with what He has given to us?

What do you think will matter most at that time — the work we've done for his kingdom or the work we've done for our own earthly comfort, convenience and attention?

In what order would you rate the following privileges for service in Gods work?

- Prayer Warrior _____
- Pastor _____
- Preacher _____
- Music Soloist _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Janitor _____
- Secretary _____
- Sunday School Bus Driver _____
- Usher _____
- Missionary _____
- Witness _____



What would happen if the responsibility you listed as #1 was not faithfully taken care of?
