

Lesson 36: Why is vigorous Christian stewardship essential to the church life and work?

Presentation of the Lord

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021

General Concept: A vigorous Christian stewardship is essential to our church's life and work because it manifests our affirmation and response to God as the Creator in whose will and power all things have come into being.

Biblical References: Psalms 139:13-16, Psalms 127:3

Age Level Concepts

- God is the Creator and Source of all things.
- We thank God for all that we have.
- We give back to God with thanksgiving.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Tell that God is the Creator and Source of all things
- Realize that God created them
- Thank God for the gift of life and of all things

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]) song chart, offering plate or basket, prepare posters of the Declaration of Principles

Biblical Background

Psalm 127

Children are very important in the Bible. Children are important members of any family and are considered created by God; are gifts or blessing from God. Women who have many children were considered blessed.

The Psalmist tells of God's intimate knowledge of each of us. God knew us even before we were born, or when we were being formed in our mother's womb. God cared for us while we were growing there in secret. (Psalms 139:13-16) This portion of the Scriptures is quite exciting to children especially for those have seen pregnant women and newborn babies. God knows each of us intimately. Indeed, God sees us and even knows our thoughts. There is nothing can we hide from God.

Our most appropriate response to God as Creator of all things we receive and entrusted to us is to become

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Announcements and/or Birthday Greetings

Opening Song/s ”I’m Alive, Alert, Awake”
I’m Alive, Alert, Awake, Enthusiastic (2x)
I’m alive, alert, awake, awake, alert, alive.
I’m alive, alert, awake, enthusiastic.

 “Walking with Jesus”
Walking with Jesus, walking every day, walking all the way.
 Walking with Jesus, walking with Jesus alone.
 Walking in the sunshine, walking in the shadow,
 Walking every day, walking all the way.
 Walking with Jesus, walking with Jesus alone.

Opening Prayer
 “Eternal God, we give you thanks for this day. We thank you for bringing us together
 to once again learn more about Your word. Amen.”

Getting Ready

GUEST SPEAKER. (You may invite a doctor, nurse or midwife)
The invited doctor, nurse or midwife will explain the cycle of a human being. Use the pictures as visual-aid.

Let the class have sharing on the things they learned from the invited doctor, nurse or midwife.

Teach A Song ”God Made Every Part of Me” Children Praise God, 188
 God made every part of me and I belong to Him
 I’ll use my voice to sing for Him, use my hands to work for Him.
 Use my eyes to see His world, use my ear to Hear his word.
 God made every part of me and I belong to Him.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Read the text aloud. Let the children listen carefully. Explain further using the biblical background.

- a. Children are very important in the Bible. Children are important members in any family and are considered created by God; are gifts or blessing from God. Women who have many children were considered blessed.

- b. The Psalmist tells of God’s intimate knowledge of each of us. God knew us even before we were born, or when we were being formed in our mother’s womb. God cared for us while we were growing there in secret.

Lessons Learned

Explain the following statement.

1. God made me wonderful!

2. God created all things!
3. I thank and praise God in return!

Applying the Lessons Learned

A Thanksgiving Birthday Party.

We will have a birthday party for us today. We are celebrating God's love, who made boys and girls special.

Read Psalm 139:13-39, this tells us that God created us. God created us wonderfully. Do you think you are wonderfully made? Let us thank God and say how thankful we are for creating us.

Make a birthday party hat written on is the memory verse. "Children are a gift from the Lord.... Psalm 127:3b

Continue the celebration and give each child a big leaf or a paper shaped as a leaf written on it is "God created me."

Closing Worship

Offertory

Closing Hymn "God Made Every Part of Me"

Closing Prayer (Encourage each child to say a short prayer. For example, "Thank you God for creating me. Thank you God for making me healthy. Thank you Lord for making me good boy. Thank you Lord for making me good girl.")

Lesson 37: What is tithing?

Transfiguration Sunday

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021

General Concept: *Tithing is an expression of faith and an acknowledgement of God's faithfulness and generosity.*

Biblical References: Malachi 3:10; Numbers 18:21-24

Age Level Concepts

- Our church teaches us how to give
- We give our offering

Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, the learners should be able to:

- Know and understand that our church teach us how to give

- Feel the joy in giving their tithe
- Participate in the giving of tithes

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]) song chart, offering plate or basket, prepare posters of the Declaration of Principles, envelopes for offering

Biblical Background

Malachi 3:10

Tithe is for the Lord, it is not ours. The nine parts are for our consumption. God commands us to give tithes which means one-tenth of whatever we receive from our labor- be it one-tenth of one's salary, or one tenth of the fruits of the land or one tenth of one's income from business or one tenth of all that we receive. Rich or poor can give tithes.

Numbers 18:21-24

In the Old Testament, the tribe of Levites (in which Aaron came from) did not inherit lands, for they served in the Tent of Meeting (later in the temple). For food, they relied largely on offerings (tithes) from other tribes. Thus the physical survival of "full-time ministers" depended on how faithful the other Israelites were.

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Greeting Time

Announcements and/or Birthday Greetings

Opening Song "God, We Do Thank You" children Praise God, 158

God, we do thank you for our lives,
For each good year which come and goes
For all the blessings we receive,
That give us joy as each day we live.

God, we do thank you for our lives,
For each good year which comes and goes,
For all the challenges we meet,
Even the daily hardships we greet.

God, we thank you for our lives,
For each good year which comes and goes,
Your love and mercy make us sure,
To live each day with your love to share.

"Thank You" Children Praise God, 157

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything.

Opening Prayer

Gather the children in a circle. Tell that each learner may complete the prayer, “Thank you God for giving me _____.”

Getting Ready

“BRING ME”

1. Ask the learners to bring you something that helps them in their learning. For example: a book, a Bible, a chalk, a paper a pencil, a pledge card, a tithe card, etc.
2. Give a star to the pupil who is able to bring the requested thing.
3. Ask the following:
 - a. Why do we need to study and learn?
 - b. How do you feel when you go to school, to church? Why?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

“The Share of The Levites”

(Based on Numbers 18:21-24)

The Lord said, “I have given to the Levites every tithe that the people of Israel present to me. This is in payment for their service in taking care of the Tent of my presence.

The other Israelites must no longer approach the Tent and in this way bring on themselves the penalty of death.

From now on only the Levites will take care of the Tent and bear the full responsibility for it. This is a permanent rule that applies also to your descendants. The Levites shall have no permanent property in Israel, because I have given to them as their possession the tithe which the Israelites present to me as a special contribution.

Ask the following questions:

1. Whose tribe did not receive inheritance in their land?
2. What specific duty is assigned or given to the Levites?
3. What kind of inheritance did the Levites receive?
4. From whom did the tithes come from?
5. Today, can you identify those who are working in the “Tent of Meeting” or the Church?
6. How should these people be supported?
7. What can you say about tithe? Is it big or small? Do you think you can give it too?

Lessons Learned

Explain the following statements to the learners:

- Tithing is not optional for the people of God, it is mandatory. God commands each of the follower to give a tenth of all that he/she receives. Tithes are used for the ministry of the Church, as well as support the minister and his/her family. Not giving of tithes is tantamount to stealing from God. (Malachi 3:8-9)
- Even the poorest among the poor can give his/her tithe to the Lord.
- Poverty is not a hindrance to tithing, as exemplified in the story of the widow who put in two very small copper coins in the Temple's treasury (Luke 21:1-4). For Jesus, the widow, poor as she was, has given more that the rich ones she gave all that she had.
- When the heart is joyful, we can give even more that the tithe. Children are encouraged while still young to develop and to understand that giving is an act of worship. We can teach the children to save a part of their money for offering to the church.
- Tithe means when someone has 20 pesos, s/he has to give 2 pesos as the tenth part of what s/he received.

Applying the Lessons Learned

1. Let the children memorize Malachi 3:10. "Bring the whole amount of your tithes to the Temple..."

2. COVENANTING WITH GOD

Give each child a tithe/pledge envelope. Guide them in filling up the envelope. Remind them every Sunday to offer to God the amount they promise to give. As much as possible, encourage them to do tithing.

Closing Worship

Offertory

Closing Hymn "I'm Giving, I'm Giving" Children Praise God, 112
I'm giving, I'm giving because I love Jesus
I'm giving, I'm giving because I love him

(Continue singing the song, as you call on the children to give their offerings)

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for teaching us to give our tithe. Bless our promise to give part of what we have to you. Amen!

Lesson 38: What do we mean by “giving our time” to the Lord?

First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021

General Concept: *Giving our time to the Lord is an expression of giving our life to God.*

Biblical References: Matthew 6:33

Age Level Concepts

- We go to church every Sunday.
- We give time to join in the church activities.
- We love to go to church.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Explain why Sunday is a time for the Lord
- Firmly say that they love to go to church every Sunday

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]) song chart, offering plate or basket, prepare posters of the Declaration of Principles

Biblical Background

Matthew 6:33

People can choose what to set their hearts on. They can go all out for money and material things, or for God and spiritual things. But not for both. Everyone must decide on what priorities one should make. Those who put God first can rest assured that God knows all their needs and will not fail to supply them. They can be free from worry. So people can seek first the kingdom of God and all the things needed shall be added unto them.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Announcements and/or Birthday Greetings

Opening Song/s “I Was Glad”

I was glad when they said unto me
Let us go to the house of the Lord. (2X)

“Come to Sunday School”
Come to Sunday School, come to Sunday School,
Every Sunday morning, come to Sunday School.

Bring your Bible too, bring your Bible too,
Every Sunday morning, bring your Bible too.

Bring your friends with you, bring your friends with you,

Every Sunday morning, bring your friends with you.

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And his righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Hallelu, Halleluia

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, we are so glad to have come in this place to praise You. Thank you for the many things we received and that you have done for us. Thank you for making us see Your care and love for us through family, friends at school and church. Amen!

Getting Ready

Chuga Praise. (Any name mentioned in the song will lead the group into action. Another person will be called and he/she will do another action for the group to follow.)

Sundalo ako ni Jesus,
Sundalo ako ni Jesus lumalaban sa mali,
Di pahuhuli magpakailan man,
Hawakan mo siya, durugin mo pa at kembotan mo pa,
H’wag pahuhuli, magpakailanman.

Sundan, sundan nyo ako (3X)
Ikaw naman dito.

Let them share why they why they go to church every Sunday. Allow them to share their answers.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Have someone read the biblical text. Learners may be led to memorize the key verse.

Explain briefly the following:

- “Sunday- the first day of the week observed as Rest day by most Christian groups. Paul urges the Corinthian church “Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God had prospered him.
- One of the Ten Commandments is to keep the Sabbath day holy. The Hebrew were told not to work on that day. For us Christians, Sunday is designated as a very important day because it is God’s day. We go to church to worship and serve God and to celebrate with our fellow believers. It is also a time for the people to refrain from working and focus their mind and spirit on God.

Ask the following questions.

- What do you and your family usually do on Sundays?
- Where do you prefer to go on Sunday: in the Church? Or in the malls/beach?
- Why is it important for Christians to go to Church on Sundays?

Lessons Learned

The UCCP like all Christians treasure Sunday as our Sabbath day because it is a time to rest as God rested after creation (Genesis 1). God wants us to rest from our labor to give time for ourselves to rest, to renew our strength and to give time to our God and other people for fellowship.

Applying the Lessons Learned

Teach the memory verse.

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:33

Print the color sheet and give each learner a copy. Let them draw their family going to church. Tell them to write their names in the upper left of the paper. Let them write, “We Love to Go to Church!”



Closing Worship

Offertory

Closing Hymn “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

And his righteousness

And all this things shall be added unto you

Hallelu, Halleluia

Closing Prayer

Lord, we love to give time to pray, sing songs and listen to stories about You. We gladly go to church every Sunday to give our time to You with family and friends. May you continue to bless us and keep us safe. Amen

Lesson 39: What do we mean by “giving our talents/gifts” to the Lord?

Membership Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

General Concept: *Giving our talents/gifts means offering our abilities and skills for the life and work of the church.*

Biblical References: Acts 4:32-37, 2 Corinthians 9:7

Age Level Concepts

- God gives us talents to share
- We use our talents for the church and for God

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Tell that God gives their talents
- Showcase the talents they have that can be useful to the church.
- Thank God because of their talents

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]) song chart, offering plate or basket, flash cards showing different talents/abilities/skills

Biblical Background

Acts 4: 32-37

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles went on to teach about Jesus and the love of God for all people. Peter was the central person involved in starting the church in Jerusalem. They healed the sick, casted out demons, and continued teaching the people. Many people believed them and were converted to Christianity. These people gave their possessions for all members to use and support the work of the apostles.

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Greeting Time

Announcements and/or Birthday Greetings

Opening Song/s “O What a Mighty God we Serve”

O what a mighty God we serve (4X)

O let us sing and praise the Lord (4X)

...shout.....dance

“Every Single Cell” Children Praise God,186

Every single cell in my body is happy

Every single cell in my body is well.

Every single cell in my body is happy,

Every single cell in my body is well.

Thank you God, I feel so good

Every single cell in my body is well.

thank you God, I feel so good.

Opening Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for gathering us again this Sunday. Thank you for the opportunity to study and learn your word again. Give us wisdom and eagerness to listen to our teacher. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Getting Ready

Learning a New Song.

“Hear Ye the Master’s Call”

Hear ye the Master’s call “Give Me thy Best”

For, be it great or small, that is his test

Do then the best you can, not for reward

Not for the praise of man, but for the Lord.

Every work for Jesus will be blest

But He Asks from every one his best

Our talents may be few, these may be small

But unto him is due our best, our all.

Tagalog: “Buong makakaya ang Ibigay”

Cebuano “Kutob sa Maabot Magbuhat ka”

“Bahagi Ka, Bahagi Ako” Children Praise God,66

Bawat isa ay biniyayaan ng iba’t ibang kakayahan,

Para sa kapaligiran na kailangang alagaan.

Bahagi ka at bahagi ako ng pag-unlad at pagbabago nito,

Magsamasama’t magkaisa, magtulungan para sa bayan.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Tell the story.

“The Believers Share Their Possessions”

Acts 4: 32-37

The apostles continued to preach and teach about Jesus. Many people were amazed at their eagerness. Many believed and decided to become followers of Jesus. They gather together and cared for each other. They shared everything they had. The apostles continued to preached about Jesus Christ being risen from the dead. God poured rich blessings unto them.

There were no needy persons among them. From time to time those who owned lands and houses would sell them, bring the money received from the sale, and turned it over to the apostles. And the money was distributed according to the needs of the people.

Ask the following questions:

1. Why do you think the people gave their possessions to the apostle?
2. What were the needs of the people in those times? How about the apostles?
3. Why there is a need to give to the church?
4. If you don't have money, what else can you give?

Lessons Learned

Explain the following statement.

- While offering our services and time are ways of giving to the church, materials things are much needed to support the activities inside and outside the church in its mission.
- Talents, skills and abilities can be an offering to the Lord. God gave us talents like singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, acting, drawing, reciting poem, fixing things, creating something from scraps, reciting memory verse and painting.
- All of these are gifts and we are to offer it to show our thanks by using it for the work of the church and for God.

Applying the Lessons Learned

MEMORY VERSE. Teach the memory verse found in 2 Corinthians 9:7 “... for God loves the one who gives gladly.”

“KNOW IT! SHOW IT!”

- Post on the blackboard the flashcards (pictures/categories) of different talents/abilities like singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, storytelling and playing the piano/guitar/violin or reciting poem.
- Ask the children to choose and write their names under the talents/abilities that they think they have.
- Call the children by group according to the talent they chose. Together as a group, they may demonstrate their chosen abilities/talents.
- Say after the show: “As children, we also have talents and abilities that makes us special in the eyes of God. God has given us talents/abilities. All we need to do is to develop it and use it for the glory of God.

Closing Worship

Offertory

Closing Hymn

“Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant humble and meek
 Lord let me lift up those who are weak
 And may the prayer of my heart always be
 Make me a servant, make me a servant
 Make me a servant today.

Closing Prayer

Dear God we thank you for the talents, abilities, love, care and guidance. Please help us every day to use our given talents for your kingdom and glory. Amen.

Lesson 40: What do we mean by “giving our possession” to the Lord?

International Women’s Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

General Concept: Giving of possession to the Lord means sharing our resources for the life and work of the church as expression of our faithful stewardship

Biblical References: *I Kings 17: 7-16*

Age Level Concepts

- Our church teaches us to share what we have to others
- We share what we have to others with joy

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Recall the story about a widow in the Bible
- Name things they can share like the widow in the story
- Promise to share whatever they have to others

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]) song chart, offering plate or basket, prepare posters of the Declaration of Principles, one piece of bread

Biblical Background

Elijah was a prophet. He prophesied during the time of King Ahab of Israel. King Ahab did not believe Elijah's prophesies about the drought to come as punishment for King Ahab's sinfulness. Instead he got angry with Elijah and wanted to kill him. So the Lord commanded Elijah to go away and hide in Zarepath.

Zarephath was Baal's home territory and seemed to be the wrong place to hide. The drought there was just as severe as the other places. But a miraculous event happened between Elijah and the poor widows family. With the last piece of the widow's source of survival, Elijah was fed as well as the widow. The woman despite the threat of hunger, offered the very thing left for her and her son to survive. This story showed that God's power was greater than Baal's even in Baal's territory. the story also tells us that faith, not nationality was the basis for the woman's generosity and the basis for God's blessing. The healing of the widow's son confirmed her faith God and was evident of God's presence even in dangerous times.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Announcements and/or Birthday Greetings

Opening Song "I will Share" Children Praise God,109

I will share with others, I will share with others
Pleasing God in all I do that will make me happy too.

I'll be kind to others, I'll be kind to others
Pleasing God in all I do that will make me happy too.

"I'm Giving. I'm Giving" Children Praise God,112
I'm giving, I'm giving because I love Jesus,
I'm giving, I'm giving because I love Him.

Opening Prayer

We praise you dear Lord for bringing us safely to Sunday school. Help us to learn to live out your way every day. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Getting Ready

Let them review the fast lesson. You may ask questions about the previous lesson.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Present a piece of bread. Say to the children, “Do you know that because of this one piece of bread that a woman shared to a hungry man, she never experienced hunger anymore? Let’s listen to the story of this woman who shared her last and only bread to the hungry.

“A POOR WOMAN SHARED HER BREAD”

(based on I Kings 17:1-14)

The land was already very dry, and there was no more food around. Elijah, the messenger of the Lord, started to feel hungry. God told him, “Go to a little village. You will find a poor widow there. She will give you food.”

But how can the poor widow give food? Elijah obeyed what God told him to do. He knew that God’s words were true.

Elijah went to the little village. He found the poor widow. She was picking up sticks. “Give me something to eat.” Elijah asked.

“I have only little flour,” the woman told him. “I can only bake some bread for me and my son. That is all we have. We will have no food after that and we will die of hunger.”

But even then, the poor woman shared her food to Elijah. Elijah was very happy. God was also very happy watching the woman who did not hesitate to share food to the hungry.

“God will give you plenty of food,” Elijah told the woman.

And God did. Each day the woman took flour from her jar. And the woman made more bread. Each day there was always enough flour to make bread for herself and her son. They never went hungry since that day.

After the story-telling, ask the following questions:

1. What was Elijah’s problem?
2. Where did God tell him to go so he will have food to eat and place to stay?
3. Who helped him when he reached Zarepath?
4. Was God happy with what the poor widow did?
5. Are you willing to do the same as the widow did?

Lessons Learned

Explain the following statement to the learners:

- Giving is a proof of our faith. The more we have faith in God, the more we are able to give. For out of abundance of our heart, there is that desire to share whatever we have especially if it is for the various works of the church.
- Giving does not depend on how much or how little we have. Giving depends on our gratitude and faith in God.

Applying the Lessons Learned

Teach the memory verse. "A generous man.....will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9

Snack Time. Divide the group into three- Elijah's group, Widow's group, and the Son's group. Give to the widow's group all the food provided for snacks for the day. The Widow's group will distribute the food to the Son's group and Elijah's group. After which they will eat together. Pray before eating.

Creative Activity.After the snack time, provide each child with a paper plate. Tell each one to color the word SHARE and draw in the center what he/she can share to others.

Closing Worship

Offertory

Closing Hymn "Give, Said the Little Stream" Children Praise God,90

"Give,"said the little stream, "Give, oh give, give oh give",

"Give,"said the little stream, as it hurried down the hill;

"I'm small, I know but wherever I go, the fields grow greener still"

Singing, singing all the day, "Give away, oh give away"

Singing, singing all the day, "Give, oh, give away."

Closing Prayer (the facilitator may lead the children a closing prayer)