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## STEWARDSHIP



Have you ever heard the word stewardship before?

Yes                      No

What do you think it means?

Stewardship is caring for, using and sharing the gifts God has given us. All Christians are to be good stewards. God has given us a big responsibility to take care of all the things he has given us. Being a good steward is our chance to say thank you to God.

Did you know the word “steward” is nearly a thousand years old? The word came from two words: “sty” and “ward”. Originally, a steward was someone who took care of the pigsty. You may think that sounds like a dirty job. It probably was, but pigs were important for food. So, the steward had a big responsibility.

We also know the steward didn’t own the pigs. Someone else owned the pigs but the steward took care of the pigs. We must remember that we do not own the wonderful things God has given us. However, God has asked us to take care of the wonderful things.

Another word for steward is manager.

“Each one, as a good manager of God’s different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God.” **1 Peter 4:10**



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## Activities

What are some special gifts you have received from God?

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How do you take care of these gifts?

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What can you do to be a good steward?

Sean (2nd grade) - feed the birds

Kathleen (2nd grade) - go to church with my friend

Jeff (4th grade)- take care of the church

Austin (4th grade) - pray

Brad (kindergarten)- put money in the offering

Andrew (5th grade) - help someone who is hurt

Circle the right answer.

A tithe is 10% of what you have received.

True                      False



The answer is true. For example, if you get \$1, a tithe would be 10 cents. If you received \$10, a tithe would be \$1. Tithing is an important part of stewardship.

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