

Elementary Child Devotion

How we take care of our money is very important. We do not want to be selfish or careless with our money, but we want to use it to serve God. We want to be faithful to God in the way we use our money, and we also want to use our money to bless other people.

We give some of our money back to the church because...

- (1) God tells us to.**
- (2) God rewards us for it.**
- (3) It helps others.**

Read and discuss the following verses. Talk to your child about the importance of tithing from any small income or allowance they may receive. Talk to them about the importance of being generous even beyond their tithe.

Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

To help explain this concept, do the following activity with your child:

Get out several different sized measuring cups and a dry baking good, such as sugar or flour. Let your child try out the different sized scoops, pouring into a bowl. Ask them which size scoop they would like to receive if someone were giving it to them, a small one or a large one. Then ask which size scoop they would like to give away. Remind them of the verse and how God promises to use the same size “scoop” with us that we choose to use with others. So we honor God when we choose to be generous. When we give generously, we show God that we believe He will take care of us generously.

We begin by giving our tithe, a 10th of our income. We also go above and beyond our tithe by giving generously as God places it on our hearts.

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