

**SAY
WHAAAAT?**



**Learning From Things You Can
Hardly Believe Jesus Said**



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“Say Whaaaat?” - LESSON 1

“Don’t Store Up Treasure On Earth”

Main Focus:

Money and possessions should never be our main focus



Power Verse:

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

– Matthew 6:21



Watt’s Up:

“I’m Gonna Store Up Treasure In Heaven!”

LEADER’S INFO

Online ads, magazine blurbs, and TV commercials teach us to always be looking to buy the latest hot items. “Buy one inflatable lawn gnome now, get one for half price.”

The world says, “Get get get!” God says, “Give Give Give!” God wants us to use our money and possessions to build His Kingdom, not make ourselves rich. If we love our money and possessions more than God, we will find nothing but trouble for ourselves.

In this lesson, through the story of The Rich Young Ruler, the children will learn all about how we don’t need to store up treasures on Earth. We must store up treasure in Heaven.



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Ashton & Xander



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“Tammy Twist”



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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Tammy Twist” *(Tammy is a precocious and energetic girl that loves tongue twisters. She wears bright colors and also consumes massive amounts of candy, giving her wild mood swings.)*

TAMMY: *(skips out onto the stage, holding a MASSIVE lollipop)* Gooooooooooooooooood MORNING my miniscule munchkins!

Leader: Wow, that’s the biggest lollipop I’ve ever seen!

TAMMY: This ludicrously large lollipop located in my left limb?

Leader: Um...I guess so, yeah. Who are you, and why are you talking like that?

TAMMY: My name is Tammy Twist, and tongue twisters are truly TERRIFIC! Say that five times fast.

Leader: Why?

TAMMY: *(yells in a deep voice)* JUST DO IT!! *(gnaws on the lollipop for a second, giggles and goes back to normal voice)* Sorry. I just really love tongue twisters and it would make me ever so happy to hear one.

Leader: Alright, I’ll give it a try. *(attempts to say “Tongue twisters are truly terrific” five times fast)*

TAMMY: *(giggles and twirls around)* YAAAAAY! Tongue Twisters truly take me to a terrific place of twirly twinkling *(pauses, thinking hard)* twirly twinkling *(pauses again)* Oh, what else starts with the letter “T”?

Leader: Uh...Termites?

TAMMY: *(yells in deep voice)* PERFECT!!! *(gnaws on lollipop, giggles and goes back to normal)* Twirly Twinkling Termites! Oh what a great tongue twister!

Leader: Why do you keep yelling like that?

TAMMY: *(deep voice again)* LIKE WHAT?!?! *(gnaws on lollipop)*

Leader: Like THAT! It’s kind of creepy!

TAMMY: *(giggles)* Sorry! My aunt Gretchen says I eat too much sugar. If I don’t eat any after a while, I go a little loopy. Ooh! Loopy! That’s a good word! Loony Loopy Lizards Listen to Lounge Music, Loony Loopy Lizards listen to Lounge Music, Loony Loopy Lizards listen to Lounge Music! *(laughs)* Oh my, that’s a fun one!

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CHARACTER SKIT *(continued)*

Leader: *(reaches for the lollipop)* I think you’ve had enough sugar.

TAMMY: *(pulls the lollipop away, hisses at the leader like a cat)*

Leader: Never mind! Man, it sounds to me like that lollipop is a real treasure of yours. Too bad it’s not going to last.

TAMMY: My lollipop won’t last? What do you mean my lollipop won’t last?

Leader: Well, I mean it’s a LOLLIPOP. It’s not meant to last. In fact, nothing on this planet is meant to last. That’s why we’re teaching the kids about storing their treasures in Heaven.

TAMMY: Say whaaaat?

Leader: Yeah! You know, like Jesus told us! We’re supposed to put God FIRST in our money and possessions! If it weren’t for God, we wouldn’t have this stuff in the first place, so it’s kind of His already, know what I mean?

TAMMY: *(slowly looks at the lollipop as if understanding, then cocks her head confused)* God wants to lick my lollipop?

Leader: *(laughs)* No. What I mean is, we can’t let the stuff we have OWN our heart! Our heart should belong to God. If God has your heart, He’ll also have your stuff.

TAMMY: But what if God breaks my stuff? I mean, He has really big hands and He may CRUSH IT!

Leader: God’s not going to break your stuff, I promise. Just obey Him and He’ll take care of it. If you obey, you WILL be blessed!

TAMMY: *(thinks for a moment)* I guess I can do that! *(looks at the lollipop)* I think I’ll get God a new lollipop though. This one’s all...sticky. OOH! Sticky! Sticky Stephen’s Stomach’s Sick! Try that one five times!

Leader: *(tries saying “Sticky Stephen’s Stomach’s Sick” five times fast)*

TAMMY: *(deep voice)* FASTER!!

Leader: *(tries faster)*

TAMMY: *(back to normal, giggling and clapping)* Yay! That was so much fun. Well, I’ve got to go. I’ll see you later! Until next time, this is Tammy Twist Telling you...TOODLE-OO! *(skips offstage as her theme music plays)*



GAME ON!

“Mad Da\$h For CASH”

Items Needed For Game:

Large oversized “play” money bills of different denominations; table; stopwatch

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Preparation:

Choose three boys and three girls to compete in this fast-paced game. Place all the “play” money face down on the table and place the table on the other side of the room.

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How To Play:

This is a relay race. When you say “Go”, start the stopwatch as the players begin to run, one at a time, across the room to the table. Without looking at the face side, the players grab one bill from the table and run back to tag the next person in line. This continues for one minute. Then, count how much money the teams have accumulated. The team with the most money wins!

After The Game, Say:

“Kids, a lot of people live their lives the same way we played this game. They constantly chase after possessions and money to get as much of both as they can. They think lots of money will make them happy. They are ‘storing up treasures on Earth’ by loving money so much. Today, we are going to learn that is NOT the way to live.”



Bible Story

“Rich Young Ruler”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Matthew 19:19-29; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Matthew, chapter 19. There was a young man (*show pic*) who approached Jesus and asked Him, “What must I do to receive eternal life?” He obviously was ready to put his faith in God. Jesus answered him (*show pic*), “Obey the commandments.”



The young man didn’t miss a beat. He responded to Jesus (*show pic*), “I’ve done this ever since I was a little boy. What else must I do?” You see, this young man knew that there must be more to it than just keeping a list of rules. He had been doing this all of his life, yet he still felt empty inside.



Jesus knew this young man had kept the commandments in the scriptures, but He also knew that there was something this young man loved very much - TOO much, in fact. You see, this young man is known in the Bible as the “Rich Young Ruler.” He had a LOT of money. He LOVED his money. So, you can imagine his reaction when Jesus made his next statement.



(*show pic*) Jesus said, “Sell all you have and give it to the poor.” WOW! Jesus told this young man to sell EVERYTHING he owns and give that money to the poor. That’s huge! Do you know what the young man did? How do you think he responded?



The Bible says that (*show pic*) the young man walked away sad because he loved his money and possessions too much. It’s not that Jesus really wanted him to be poor. Jesus just wanted him to be willing to put God ahead of his money. The sad thing is, because he loved his money so much, he ended up losing out on being Jesus’ disciple - and he missed out on eternal life.

In your lesson today, you are going to learn that when you love money, possessions, power, and popularity, it will destroy your relationship with God. You’re going to learn how to store up treasures in Heaven!



Call To Action

“Don’t Store Up Treasure On Earth”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; a red heart (cut out from poster board); a wad of money; the DVD (the video titled “Say Whaaat? Music Video”)

Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Don’t Store Up Treasure On Earth”; cue the video titled “Say Whaaat? Music Video”

The Message: (title slide)



In this series, we are learning from all of the sayings of Jesus that made everyone around Him say, “Say Whaaat?” To help set the mood, I want you to watch this awesome music video by Skittles. (play the “Say Whaaat?” music video)

(hold up the money) Money is very important in our lives. You need money to pay bills, to buy food, to put gas in your car, to do just about anything. A lot of people put their entire life’s focus and energy on getting as much money as they possibly can. They will work long hours, sacrifice relationships, even steal from others in order to get more and more money and stuff.

Although money and possessions are important, they should never be the #1 most important thing in our lives. GOD should always be #1. If we put money before God, it becomes an idol. That is sin. If we are going to expect God to bless our lives, then we have to OBEY Him when it comes to what He teaches us about dealing with our money and possessions.

I Must Put God First In My Money & Possessions (slide)



God made everything. He made you. He made me. He gave us life. He also gave us the strength and the abilities we have that help us make money. If God created me, and everything I have is a result of the gift of life He gave me, then it only makes sense that everything I have I received from God. Right?

You see, the Bible teaches that all things were created by God and belong to God. He chooses to give those things to His children. We must realize that everything we have belongs to God. We can’t say, “This is MY money!” We can’t say, “This is MY stuff!” Everything we have we received from Him. He is just letting us use it while we are here on Earth.

I hear so many people say, “Well, I will use my money to pay my bills, buy important stuff for me, and if I have some money left over, then I will give that to God. If not, then oh well.” The Bible teaches us that we are to give God 10% of all the money we make. That’s called the tithe. We can’t give God leftovers. We have to put Him FIRST in our money and possessions.

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Call To Action (Continued)

You say, “Well, I am pretty sure I do that. I am pretty sure I put God first in my money and possessions. How do I know if I do or not?” Well, I am glad you asked. It’s like this...

If God Has My Heart, He’ll Also Have My “Stuff” (slide)



Today, our Power Verse teaches us why we need to be careful not to allow money and STUFF to become too important in our lives. Let me explain it this way. (Every time you see a **red** word, hold up the **heart**. When you see a **green** word, hold up the **money**)

There is an interesting connection between these two things – your **heart** and your **treasure** (or your money). If you want to know where **this** is, take a look at where **this** is going. If you want to know where your **heart** is, you just look at where you spend your **money**. If you **love** video games, your **money** will go towards video games. If you **love** candy, you will spend a lot of **treasure** on candy.

You can say, “But, I don’t love STUFF more than God.” Then, just look at the last time you got some **money** for your birthday. How easy was it for you to spend **this** on toys for yourself? Pretty easy! You know why? Because you **love** toys. That’s where your **heart** is, so you have no problem putting your **treasure** there. NOW, think how hard it might have been for you to give that same **money** in a church offering instead. It might have been harder, it might have been easier. Why? Because wherever **this** is then **this** will follow. Make sense? That’s how you know if you are storing up treasures on Earth - OR in Heaven.

There’s a really good reason why Jesus encouraged us to store up treasure in Heaven. Stuff on Earth doesn’t last. When your life is over, you can’t take any of that with you. But, whatever you have given toward God’s work will last forever. Whatever you have given to build God’s Kingdom is what will last forever!

You don’t ever have to worry, “Well, if I give God my tithe, I may not have enough money to get what I need.” Never forget...

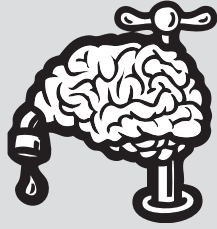
If I Obey, I Will Be Blessed (slide)



If we honor God by putting Him first, recognizing that He owns everything we have anyway, then He will make sure our lives are taken care of. Now, that doesn’t mean that we can pay our tithe then make a Christmas Wish List of all the things we want God to give us. But, it does mean if we put God first before money, then He will make sure our needs are met. If we store up treasure in Heaven, God will bless us big-time!

ALTAR RESPONSE: (play soft music)

Pray that the kids will never choose to put money before God. Have them stand if they have decided to say, “I Will Store Up Treasure In Heaven!” Then, challenge them to bring money for the offering next week.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the DVD

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “I’m Gonna Store Up Treasure In Heaven!”

2. What were the names of the hosts of our Intro Video?

Answer: Ashton and Xander

3. What do we call the young man who came to Jesus in our Bible Story?

Answer: Rich Young Ruler

4. What did the young man ask Jesus?

Answer: What must I do to get eternal life?

5. How did the Rich Young Ruler respond when Jesus told him to sell his stuff?

Answer: He walked away sad

6. Jesus told us to, “Store up treasure in _____.”

Answer: Heaven

7. According to our lesson today, “I Must Put God _____ In My Money & Possessions.”

Answer: First

8. According to our lesson today, “If God Has My _____, He Will Also Have My Stuff.”

Answer: Heart

9. According to our lesson today, “If I Obey, I Will Be _____.”

Answer: Blessed

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Matthew 6:21

Small Group Experience

LESSON 1 - “Don’t Store Up Treasure On Earth”



Watt’s Up:

“I’m Gonna Store Up Treasure In Heaven!”



Power Verse:

“Whatever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

- Matthew 6:21

SUPPLY LIST:

* Bible Story Pictures (*provided; print one set*)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the Bible story pictures. Once small group begins, divide the kids into four groups. Give each group one of the pictures. Tell the groups to review their picture and discuss that part of the story together. Allow them a few minutes to complete this task then have each group present their picture and part of the story to the rest of the group. Continue on this way until the story is complete.

Say - “I don’t know who you followed to small group time, but I am so glad that you are here! Today is all about following. In fact, I have a few instructions for you to follow right now. I am dividing you all into four groups. Each group will receive one picture from our Bible Story. Take a few minutes and look over the picture with your group and discuss it together.”

-Allow time for the groups to complete this task-

Say - “Now that you have reviewed your pictures we will take turns allowing each group to share about their picture and part of the story.”

Ask - Who has the picture from the beginning of our story? Please share your part of the story.

-Allow the group time to share, help fill in any gaps as needed-

Ask - Who has the second picture? Please share your part of the story.

-Allow the group time to share, help fill in any gaps as needed-

Ask - Who has the third picture? Please share your part of the story.

-Allow the group time to share, help fill in any gaps as needed-

Ask - Who has the final picture from our story? Please share your part of the story.

-Allow the group time to share, help fill in any gaps as needed-

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Say - “Thank you for talking through the story with me. It didn’t have a very happy ending, but sometimes the choices we make aren’t the right ones. Those wrong choices can affect our lives in such a negative way. The Rich Young Ruler definitely made the wrong choice.”

Ask - How do you think the Rich Young Ruler felt when Jesus told him to, “Sell all you have and give it to the poor?”

Ask - Why do you think he chose to walk away from Jesus?

Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

- * “Heart” Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- * Cotton Balls (several per kid)
- * Styrofoam bowl or cup (one per team)
- * Plastic straws (one per kid)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print and cut the “Heart” Print Piece and write the word “STUFF” on the Styrofoam bowl or cup. Once activity time begins, divide the group into teams. Line each team up single file and tape the heart print piece to the wall or a chair several feet away from each team line. Fill the bowl or cup with at least two cotton balls per kid and give each kid a straw. The object of the game is to use the straw to suck up a cotton ball from the STUFF cup. The player will then race to their team heart and let the suction go which will drop their cotton ball. That player will then race back and the next player in line will continue on the same way. Set the time for whatever works best for your group. The group with the most stuff by their heart at the end wins! This can be played multiple rounds as time allows and is a fun way to reinforce the concept of, “Your treasure (or stuff) follows your heart!”

Say - “When you give your heart to God, your stuff should follow. Each of your teams has some stuff that is being stubborn and needs a little encouragement to get on the right path. Line up single file with your team. I am taping your team heart across from each of your lines. In the front of your team line, I am placing your STUFF and giving each of you a straw. I bet you might be wondering why? Well, that straw is what you are going to use to get your STUFF to your heart. One at a time players will use the straw to suction up one cotton ball. Don’t let the suction go! If your cotton ball drops, you must start over. Race to drop the cotton ball in front of the heart and then race to the back of your team line. The next player will take their turn and your team will continue on this way until I call TIME! The team with the most stuff following their heart for God wins!”

-Play the game, this can be played multiple rounds as time allows-

Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

- * “Lead On” Print Piece (provided; print one per kid)
- * Pencils, crayons, or markers

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group, print and cut the “Lead On” Print Pieces. Once group sharing begins, give each kid a print piece and something to write with.

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Say - “Talking about our stuff can be a touchy subject. There are people who really don’t like being told what to do with their stuff. There are some people who really don’t like being asked to give up their stuff. There are some people who don’t like being asked to share their stuff. Stuff is more important to those people than almost anything else. Our power verse says, “Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

Ask - What does that mean to you?

-Allow kids time to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

Say - “Great answers! This verse is telling us that what we LOVE the most is what we GIVE to the most.”

Ask - What do you think happens to our stuff if we don’t love God the most?

-Allow kids time to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - What do you think happens to our stuff when we do love God the most? Write your answers in the box on your page.

-Allow kids time to write their answers-

Ask - Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

-Allow kids time to answer, discuss their thoughts with the group-

Say - “God freely gives us everything we have. When we love him the most, our heart follows after God and HIS plans. That includes everything that we have! When our heart follows God, so will our STUFF. When our stuff follows God, it is called storing up treasures in heaven.”

Ask - Would you rather have Earthly treasure or Heavenly treasure?

-Allow kids time to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

Say - “Earthly treasure will eventually pass away. Earthly treasure doesn’t last. Heavenly treasure will last forever! Nothing and no one can take away what we store away in God’s kingdom.”

Prayer Time

Say - “Let’s pray and thank God for everything He has given us and that He will help us to be diligent about storing up treasure in heaven!” (PRAY)

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Closing

Say - “The Rich Young Ruler thought he was ready to follow Jesus until he learned the cost. The cost was too high. He wasn’t willing to let his love for the stuff of this Earth go so that he could gain an awesome Heavenly treasure. His story is very sad. There is no happy ending for this Bible story. These stories are in the Bible as a reminder for you and me. They are a warning for our hearts and minds. We must be fully committed to following Jesus. When we fully give Him our hearts, that also means that we love Him more than anything we have. We fully give Him our hearts and our stuff! The great news is that when we fully give over control of our stuff to God we finally begin storing up treasure in heaven! I am proud of you guys. Thank you for coming today. I will see you next time!”



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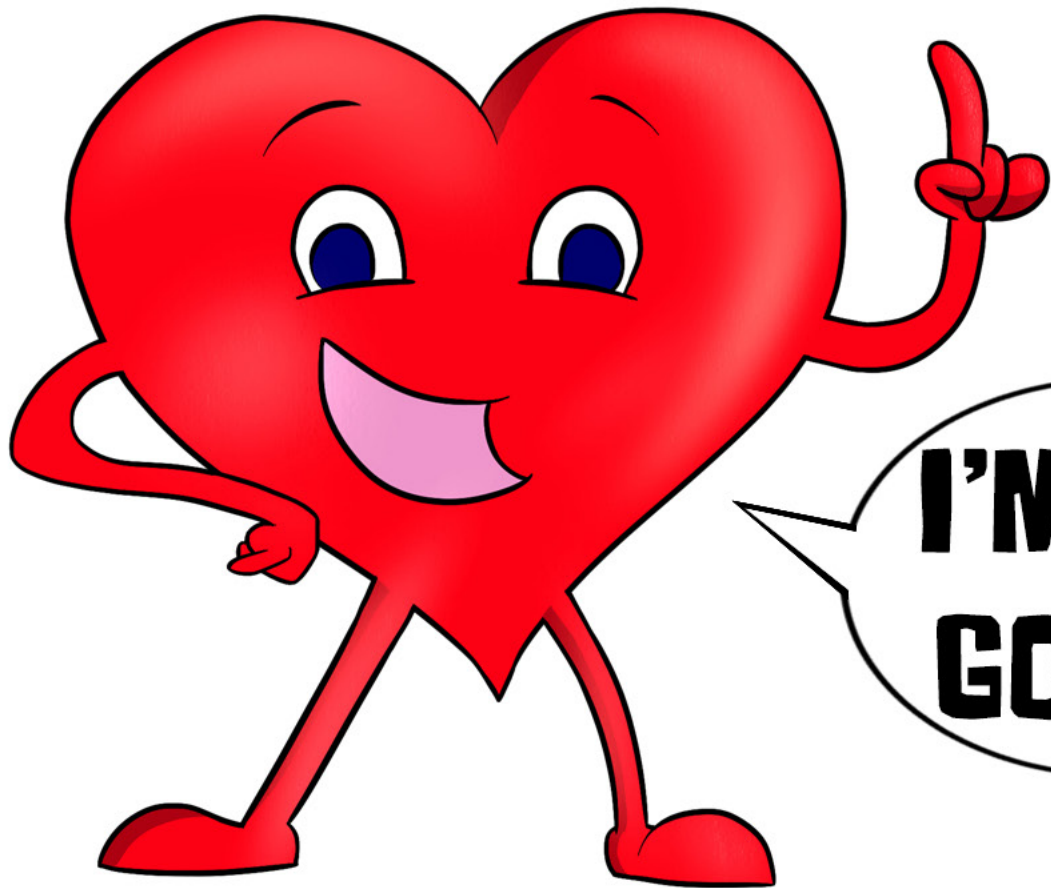
A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a man with dark hair, wearing a tan hard hat and a blue jacket over a green shirt, is shown from the chest up. He is looking upwards with an open mouth, as if speaking or reacting. On the right, a man with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a yellow tunic and a red sash, is shown from the chest up. He is looking down at the first man with a serious expression. The background consists of a blue sky with stylized white clouds and green bushes. A speech bubble originates from the man in the hard hat.

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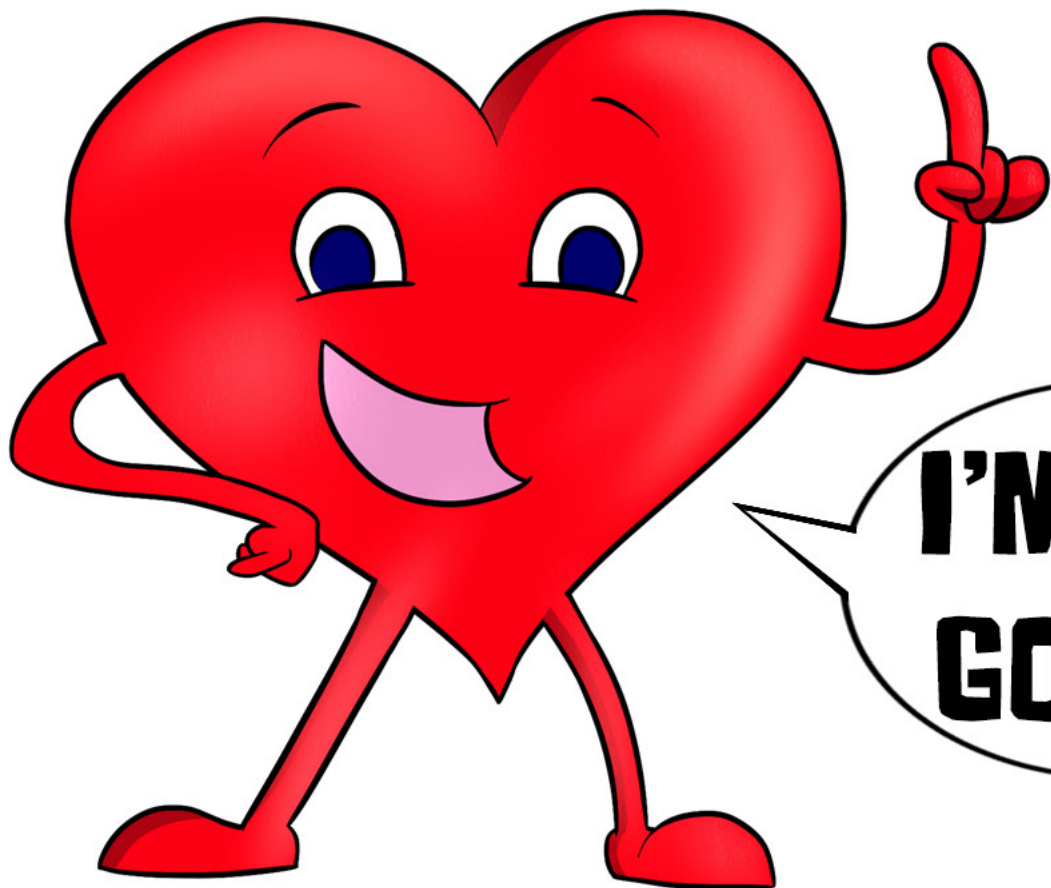
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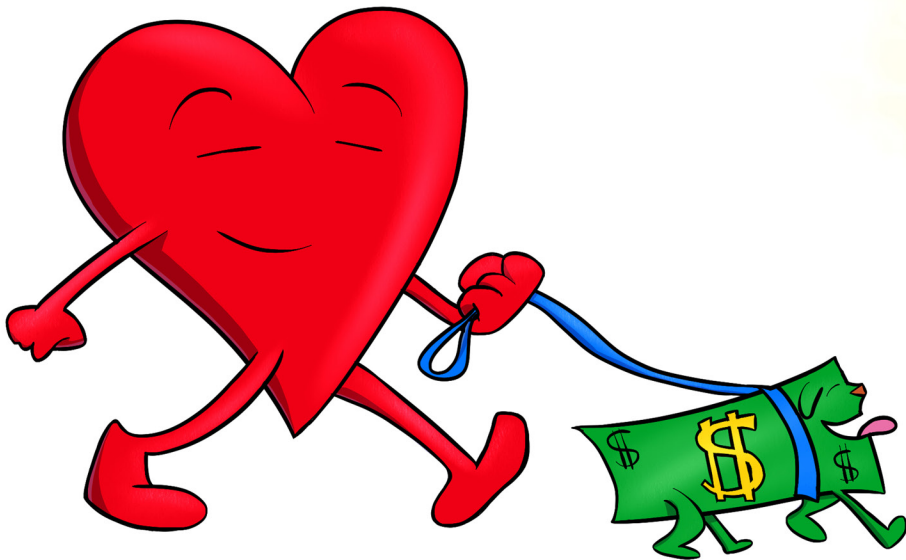




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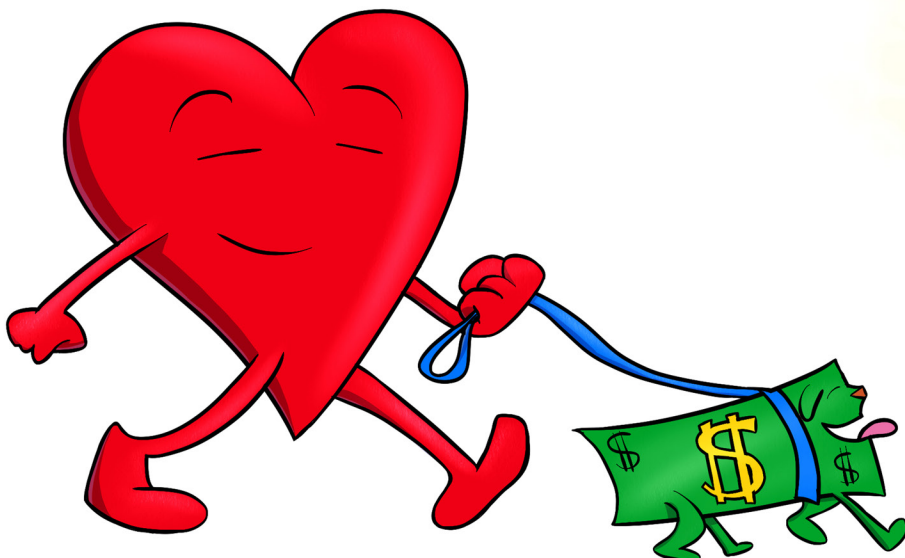
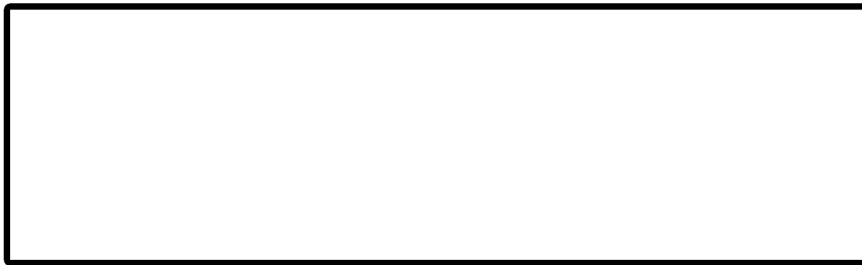


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Family Devotion

“Don’t Store Up Treasure On Earth”



Watt’s Up:

“I’m Gonna Store Up Treasure In Heaven!”



Power Verse:

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This week we began a new series, “Say What?” The kids learned an important lesson about the things they value and find important. Nothing in life is more important than Jesus!

Start the lesson by Reading *Matthew 19:16-30*

Ask:

- What did Jesus tell the man in the story he must do with his possessions?
- How did this make the man feel?
- What did Jesus tell his disciples about someone who is rich?

Say:

It’s easy to want “stuff” but Jesus was teaching His disciples that the more things we have the harder it can be to give up everything and follow Him. Jesus never wants us to make money or things more important than Him!

Ask:

- What is your favorite toy or game to play with?
- What if Jesus asked you to give that up or give it away to the poor, could you do it? Would it be hard for you?

Say:

Jesus may not ask you to give away your favorite toy, or all your money, but He doesn’t want anything to be more important than Him. Jesus should be number one in our lives. He is the most important, and if we obey Him, we will be blessed!

Activity:

As a family, make a list, chart, or just plan how individually or as a group you can work to make Jesus more important than your stuff or just number #1 in your life.

Pray:

Pray for your children this week to make Jesus the most important part of their lives.