

Stewardship Ideas for Children

“A steward is a person who takes care of something belonging to someone else. As Christians, we believe that everything we have comes from God. God has asked us to take care of what he has given us and to use it wisely” (Elizabeth Johnson).

How can you show thanks for all the gifts God has given you? Here are a few examples of how you can share your Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Time

Think of the ways you can use your time to help others.

- Take care of your younger brother or sister
- Talk with your grandparents
- Visit a sick friend
- Help a friend with homework
- Do your chores around the house

Talent

Think of the ways you can share your gifts or talents with others.

- If you are a good reader, you can read to your younger brother or sister, at a child care center, or to an elderly person in a nursing home.
- If you like to cook, you can bake cookies for holiday dinners for those in need.
- If you like to draw, you can teach others to draw or you can make posters and signs for parish programs.
- If you like to sing, you can join the children’s choir at church.
- If you make friends easily, you can find lonely children and make them feel good.
- If you like to be outdoors, you can help a disabled or elderly neighbor with yard work.

Treasure

Even though you might not have much money, you do have a treasure. Think of the ways you can share your treasure with others.

- Save a little of your allowance or money you make doing chores and add this to what your family is sharing with those in need.
- Donate some of your favorite books to a local childcare center or a shelter for homeless families.
- Donate clothes to children who are poor or live in a shelter for homeless families.
- Recycle your family’s newspapers, magazines, cans, and bottles to help protect the earth.
- Collect food from your family and neighborhood to give to food banks and soup kitchens.