

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Memory Verses:

1 Timothy 1:18-19: Fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience.
1 Timothy 4:6: Be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** Today's lesson talks about sharing with others who have a need. Bring a collection box or piggy bank to collect offerings and tell the children the money they donate will be used for families in the church who need help. Keep the bank at the check-in table so the children can remind their parents about the money your classroom is collecting for needy church members. After several weeks, count the money with your students and present it to an elder or deacon to be used for a needy family. The collection box can be used throughout the rest of the year, but make it clear how the money will be spent for a need in the church (care fund, building fund, missionaries, snack foods, etc.).
- Don't Get Caught in the Trap!** Cut two holes (large enough to fit a child's arm) in opposite ends of a medium-sized box. Place an object in the box (paper money). A leader sits at one end of the box near the arm hole, and a child at the other. The child is to reach his hand in and grab the object before the leader can reach in from his side to grab the child's arm. The box is a trap. No one knows when he will get caught taking the object. "Today's Bible Adventure talks about being in love with money and things instead of being in love with God. The love of money is like a trap. We get caught doing things that don't show a love for God."
- 1 Timothy Story Review:** Place some of the colored story review pictures from any of the First Timothy lessons on the floor. Have a child stand five feet away behind a line drawn on the floor and toss a bean bag at a picture he might know something about. If his bean bag lands on any part of that picture, he tells the leader something about the story or who is in the picture. If his bean bag lands on a picture that he is uncertain about, ask for help from others waiting at that center to identify something from First Timothy.
- "Money, Money, Money!" Center:** Using the 1TIM05ECGF1 picture, color the two men with crayons and glue gold glitter or sequins to the bags of money. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul warns Timothy that some people love money more than God. They wanted to collect as much money as they could, but they didn't want to obey God or learn His Word. Which man in this picture loves money? Which one is reading God's words so he can know what pleases God?"
- Trucks and Blocks:** Provide dump trucks or train cars that can carry blocks. Talk about sharing the limited amount of blocks with others working at this center. "When we want all the blocks, it is called being greedy. God wants us to share what we have. Paul told Timothy to be rich in godliness instead of trying to be rich in money or 'blocks'."

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- "Counting Our Money" Center:** Make a "feelie" bag by putting a plastic margarine tub into a big, clean sock. Put one to five small things, such as large coins, inch cubes, or acorns, into the feelie bag. Don't tell the children how many are in there. Have one child reach in and try to figure out how many things there are. Let him guess and then count the things as he pulls them out. See what the child does if you surprise him with an empty bag one time. Say the word *none* or *zero* to tell how many there are when the bag is empty. "In today's Bible Adventure, we learn that some men love money more than they love God. They spend time feeling and counting their money like we are doing here today. What could we do instead with our money to please God?" (Share to help others)
 - Play Dough Contentment:** The leader greets each child as he comes to the table to play with the play dough. He arbitrarily gives each child a certain amount of dough to play with. Some get a large mound and some may only get a small circle. The leader explains that God wants us to be happy or content with what we have and not to look at what someone else has and want it. What can you do with what you have? If a child who has more play dough offers to share, the leader can encourage that. When a child leaves, the leader takes the dough back to redistribute to other children joining the center.
 - Chinese Handcuffs:** Set out several Chinese handcuffs and allow the children to experiment with them. How do their fingers become trapped in the tube? What is a trap? (Something that catches you and won't let you go) "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn about something that traps people just like these tubes trap our fingers. The trap in our lesson—loving money--takes people's hearts away from knowing and loving God."



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

- Color the **1TIM05ECGF1**, **1TIM05ECGF2**, **1TIM05ECGF3**, and **1TIM05ECGF4** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save them for possible review in 2 Timothy.
- "Five Little Monkeys" Finger Play:**

Five little monkeys	<i>(Hold up five fingers)</i>
Jumping on the bed,	<i>(Jump fingers on palm of other hand)</i>
One fell off	<i>(Hold up one finger)</i>
And bumped his head.	<i>(Rub head)</i>
They ran for the doctor,	<i>(Run fingers across other hand)</i>
And the doctor said,	
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"	<i>(Point and shake finger.)</i>
<i>(Continue with four, three, two, and one monkey.)</i>	
- Money Bags:** Before the Bible Adventure, show the children different purses and wallets that hold money. Where else do people keep money? (Bank, mattress, pocket, etc.) Tell the children to watch for the picture in the Bible Adventure that shows how one man carried his money.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Raise your fist in the air.) "Fight the good fight! Be a good minister of Christ Jesus. Do whatever it takes to obey God." Paul wrote these words to Timothy to encourage him to stay strong in obeying God.

(Show the review 1TIM03ECGF2 picture.) Paul wanted Timothy to train to be godly. Godliness is living God's right ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. Just as this person is building his muscles in this picture, we are to be building ourselves up in godliness. God wants us to be generous and willing to share.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF1 picture.) Paul told Timothy to be rich in godliness rather than trying to get rich from money. *(Point to the man with lots of money.)* There are men who don't want to love and obey God's Word. These men are greedy and love money more than God. They stir up arguments and fights between people who don't want God's ways.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF2 picture.) Oh, oh! This man has his foot caught in a trap! He was trying to get more money and didn't see that loving money is like a trap. He should have been content with what food and clothes God had given him. Greed and the love of money ruins and destroys people. It leads to all kinds of evil.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF3 picture.) Timothy and the church people at Ephesus were to spend their time on better things. Timothy was to teach the people in his church how to grow rich in godliness. He was to tell the people who had lots of money not to put their hope in money. Having a lot of money or things does not help people get to heaven.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF4 picture.) This family is generous and willing to share what they have with those who have a need. God richly gives us everything we need. He doesn't always give us everything we want. God wants us to enjoy and be content with what He gives us. Being content means being happy with what you have instead of wanting something else. Godliness with contentment pleases God. Godly leaders, like our elders and deacons, are rich in godliness and are not just trying to get rich with money. They are content with what God has given them.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for giving us everything we need. Help us to work hard at being rich in godliness and to be content with what we have. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show the review 1TIM01ECGF4 picture.) Paul wrote, "Fight the good fight, Timothy; be a good minister of Christ Jesus. Pursue godliness with all your heart. Do whatever it takes to obey God."

(Show the review 1TIM03ECGF2 picture.) Do you remember what Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy chapter 4 (4:7-8) about training to be godly? Godliness is living God's right ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. Godliness is obeying God and doing things His way instead of our own, selfish way.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF1 picture.) Paul tells Timothy in chapter six, "Be rich in godliness rather than trying to get rich from money. There are men who don't want to love and obey God's Word. These men are ungodly. These men love money more than God and they want more and more money. These people are greedy. Greedy people stir up arguments and cause more greed in people who don't want God's right, godly ways.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF2 picture.) "Oh, oh! This man has his foot caught in a trap! He was greedy for more money and didn't see that loving money is like a trap. Paul wrote, "Timothy, be content with what God gives you. Be content with simply having food to eat and clothes to wear. Don't be greedy and try to get rich like some people who love money too much. They wander off on all kinds of schemes to get more money, but loving money is like a trap. Greed and the love of money catches a person and won't let him go. Greed ruins and destroys people because it leads to all kinds of evil.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF3 picture.) "Spend your time, Timothy, on better things. Teach the people in your church to spend their time pursuing godliness, faith, love and gentleness rather than getting rich. Command those who are rich not to be arrogant or put their hope in money. Having a lot of money and buying a lot of things does not help us get to heaven or help us after we get there. If God is our treasure and we love His ways, then we will look forward to being with Him forever. We will want to be rich in godliness. That is much better than being rich in money.

(Show the 1TIM05ECGF4 picture.) "Tell the people who do have a lot of money to be rich in good deeds. This means they will be generous and willing to share what they have with those who have a need. God richly provides everything we need (not always everything we want) and He wants us to enjoy what He gives us. Godliness with contentment pleases God. Godly leaders are rich in godliness and do not love money more than they love God."

The letter "R" in the word "LEADER" stands for "Rich in Godliness." Godly leaders are rich in faith, love and gentleness. They are content with what God has given them. I want to be content, too, don't you?

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for the good things you give us to enjoy. Help us to try to be rich in godliness and to be content with what we have. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. Who did Paul write telling him, "Fight the good fight!"? (*Timothy*)
2. What are we supposed to be rich in—godliness or money? (*Godliness*)
3. Who richly gives us everything we need? (*God*)

Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

1. Does God want His people to be rich in godliness or rich in money? (*Godliness*)
2. What happens to the person who loves money more than God? (*Love of money traps people in all kinds of evil*)
3. What kinds of good deeds does God want His people to be rich in? (*God wants His people to be generous and willing to share with people who need help.*)
4. Is it important for leaders in the church to work hard at being godly? (*Yes. Say both Memory Verses.*)



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Tape the **Aim Questions** on play money or write them on 3" x 5" cards and put them in the "money bags" shown before the Bible Adventure. When asking for a question, call for the blue wallet, red purse, etc.
- Snack Suggestion:** The teacher will set an example of how and when to eat the snack. Serve two or three items so instructions can be given as what to take a bite of first—two bites of one thing, one bite of another. How long can the children stay with their "example"?
- Transition Idea:** Sing the first verse to "Following the Leader" when moving from one room to another. Who are the leaders of our church? (Elders)
- Memory Verse Review:** Provide a couple of toy microphones, and choose two people to stand in front of the class to lead the singing of the Memory Verse songs. Go through both Memory Verses a couple of times, choosing new leaders for each song.
- Money Pouch: (1TIM05ECGF5)** Materials needed: A 9" circle of vinyl backed material, 28-30" shoelace or yarn with one end taped to make a "needle," paper punch, GF5 circle cut from poster board, GF5 cutout coins, glue. Punch holes around the outside edge of the 9" vinyl circle at approximately 1 1/2" intervals. Center the GF5 poster board circle on the vinyl side of the material pouch and glue it down. Lace the shoelace through the holes. Tie the ends together. Put the GF5 coins in the pouch and draw the string closed!
- 1 Timothy Review Booklet: (1TIM05ECGF6 and 1TIM05ECGF7)** Copy the GF6 and GF7 pages on white paper, fold them in fourths, and tuck the GF7 folded page inside the GF6 folded page to make a booklet. Staple the left edge. As the children color their booklets and glue bits of fabric and colored construction paper to the pages, review the book of First Timothy. Sing "L-E-A-D-E-R" (see Song section) as the children work.
- "Ring Around the Bunny" Activity:** Play "Ring Around the Rosie" with a few changes. Choose one child to be a "bunny" and sit inside the circle of children. He is given some money to count. Say the following rhyme while walking in the circle with joined hands.
Ring around the bunny,
Pocket full of money,
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.
We all fall down!
Instead of saying "Ashes, ashes," count up to a number and then say, "All fall down." Surprise the children by counting to a low number one time and to a high number the next. Choose a new child to play the bunny each time.
- The Greed Game:** Collect as many small stuffed animals, bean bags or soft balls as possible. Spread them out on the floor. Have the children sit at one side of the room, divided into two teams. One child from each team will go out onto the floor and collect as many items as he can hold. He carries what he can back to his team. Each team counts the "money" the teammate was able to collect. Which team got more this round? Repeat as time and interest allows. Do you feel "greedy" as you try to carry as much as you can back to your team?

Bowling Center: Set up a mock bowling alley. For bowling pins, use any long, light paper tube (toilet paper or paper towel rolls will work fine). Use any type of ball, as long as it is large and heavy enough to knock over your pins. On the pins, write “greediness” and on the ball write “contentment.” Once you have set up the mock bowling alley, tell the children, “In today’s Bible Adventure, Paul told Timothy to be content with what God gives you. When we try to get more and more money, we are being greedy and not being content. As you roll the ball down the lane say, ‘We need to knock all the greediness out of our lives and be content.’” The children take turns knocking down the greediness pins.

Godliness Game Center: Play the game, “London Bridges Falling Down” by having two children stand opposite each other with their arms outstretched and their hands clasped to make a bridge between themselves. Have the remaining children walk under the “bridge” as you sing the London Bridges song replacing the words with, “Be rich in godliness, godliness, godliness. Be rich in godliness. Don’t let greediness trap you.” As you sing “trap you,” have the children who are making the bridge with their arms bring their clasped hands down around a child that is under them.

Songs:

Bible Themes Song (*tune: “Bible Songs for Preschool Children—2 Corinthians” tape*)
(Chorus)

We like to sing about the Bible themes.
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We like to sing about the Bible themes.
It helps us understand God’s Wo-ord.

First Thessalonians--commendation and caution
2 Thessalonians—comfort and correction
1 Timothy—leadership manual
(Repeat chorus)

1 Timothy 4:6 Memory Verse Song (*tune: “God Bless America”*)

Be a good minister of Christ Jesus,
Brought up in the truths of the fai-aith.
First Timothy four, six.

L-E-A-D-E-R (*tune: “M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E”*)

Jesus is the Head of the church, and elders lead His flock.
L-E-A-D-E-R—elders lead the church.
Elders are (“Church leaders!”).
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And fathers are the leaders of their homes (“through Christ!”).
God gave us this leader plan in the book First Timothy.
L-E-A-D-E-R—elders lead the church (“through Christ!”).

Following the Leader

Following the leader, the leader, the leader.
I’m following the leader wherever he may go.

Setting an example, example, example.
I’m setting an example in treating with respect.

Rich in godline-ess, godliness, godliness.
I’m rich in godline-ess,
Content as I can be.

Trust and Obey Chorus

Trust and obey,
For there’s no other way,
To be happy (content) in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Love of Money (tune: "Frere Jacques")

Love of money leads to trouble.
Guard your heart! Guard your heart!
Godliness is better. Godliness is better.
Be content. Be content.

Ungodliness Is Sin (tune: "Have Patience")

Ungodly, ungodly, ungodliness is si-in.
Ungodly, ungodly--don't do that wrong agai-ain. (substitute: "hurt that boy, say that word, be so mean")
Remember! Remember what Paul told Tim-o-thy,
That godliness is worth the work.
Heaven is what you win.

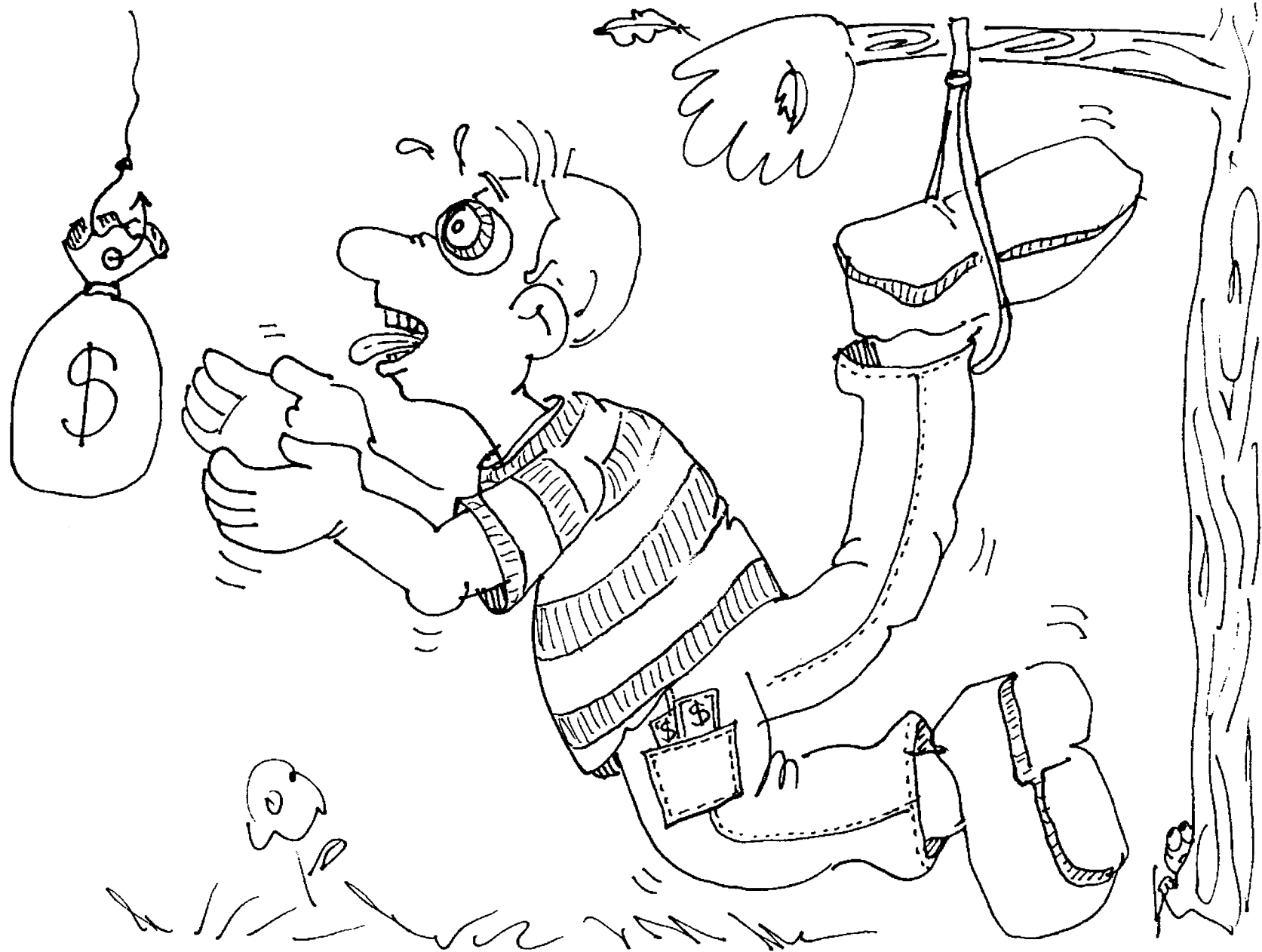


Took:

- Jesus' Parable about the Rich Farmer:** (*The Tell-Me Stories, Volume one—Parables Jesus Told*, Moody Press) Read the story of "The Foolish Farmer," page 5 (ask Marilyn for this book). This is an easy story for young children and shows the foolishness of trying to get rich in money rather than loving God. Talk about how the farmer did not think about God or thank Him for all of the good things He had given him. He was selfish and didn't share what he had. He was a foolish farmer who was rich in money, but not rich in godliness.
- Sharing with a Missionary Center:** Get a picture of a missionary the church supports. Attach the picture to a laundry basket or other large container. Tell the children the name of the missionary in the picture, where they live, and what they do. (You might want to use a world globe to show the children exactly where the missionary lives.) Then, as the children stand a few feet away and throw pennies or other coins into the container, explain to them that "God doesn't want us to love money more than we love God. He wants us to share the money we have with other people, like this missionary." Tell the children that all the money we collect in this container will go to help this missionary share Jesus with other people.
- 1 Timothy Weekly Review Mobile: (1TIM01ECGF10 and 1TIM05ECGF8)** Add the "R" to the 1 Timothy review mobile. Hang it with yarn from the sixth bottom hole on the GF10 page. Teach the children that the letter "R" stands for "rich in godliness." A leader works hard at loving godliness more than money. Sing or play the tape of "Following the Leader" as the children hold up their letter "R." Send the First Timothy Weekly Review Mobile home with the children this week. Review the book of First Timothy by looking at the pictures on the L-E-A-D-E-R letters hanging from the mobile.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (1TIM05ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and Memory Verses.



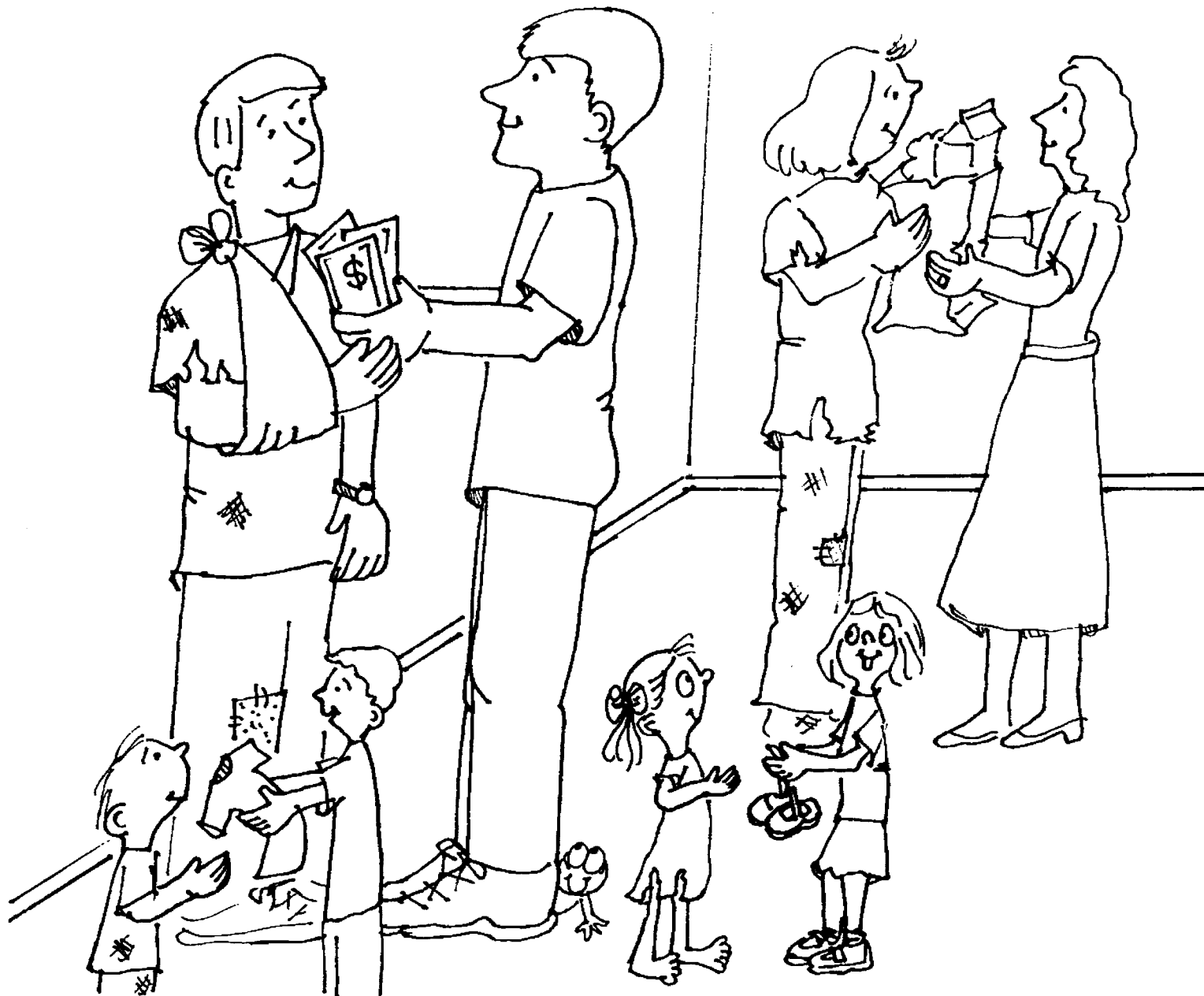
Greedy people love money more than God's Word.



Loving money is like a trap that leads to evil.



Godliness lasts forever; money doesn't.



God wants His people to be rich in good deeds.

God wants me to be rich in godliness.

Love

Generosity

Sharing

Kindness

Faithfulness

Caring

Gentleness

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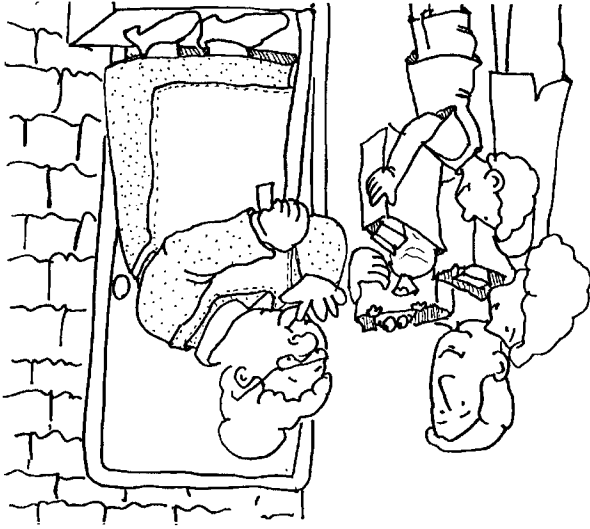
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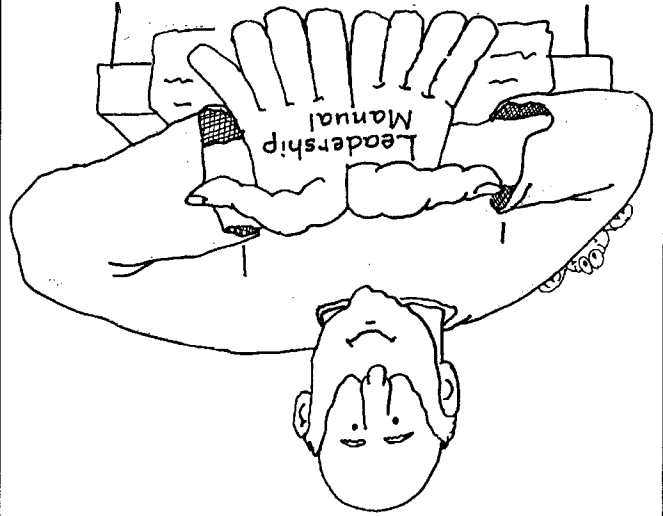
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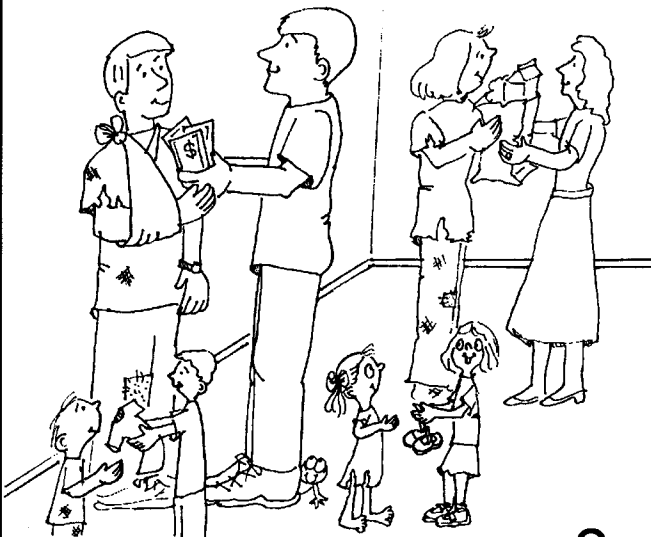
Elders are examples of caring for people in need.

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Paul's letter to Timothy was like a leadership manual for church leaders.

God wants His people to be rich in godliness.



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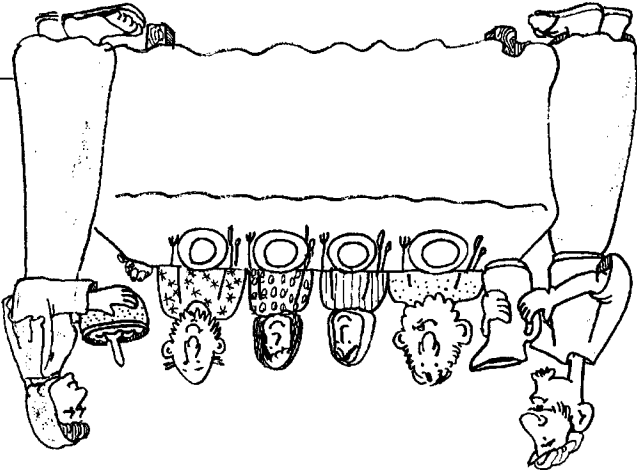
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Paul wrote his First Timothy letter to young Timothy.



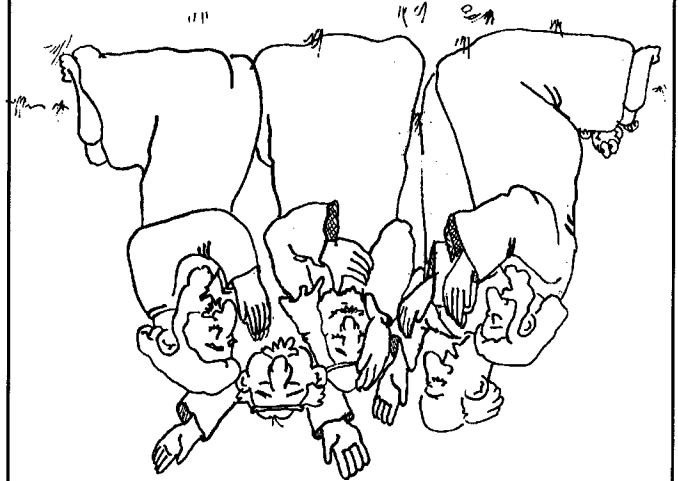
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Eager deacons serve with pure hearts and hands.

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Eager elders pray with pure hearts and hands.



Diligent leaders set a good example.

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Godly leaders teach God's Word.

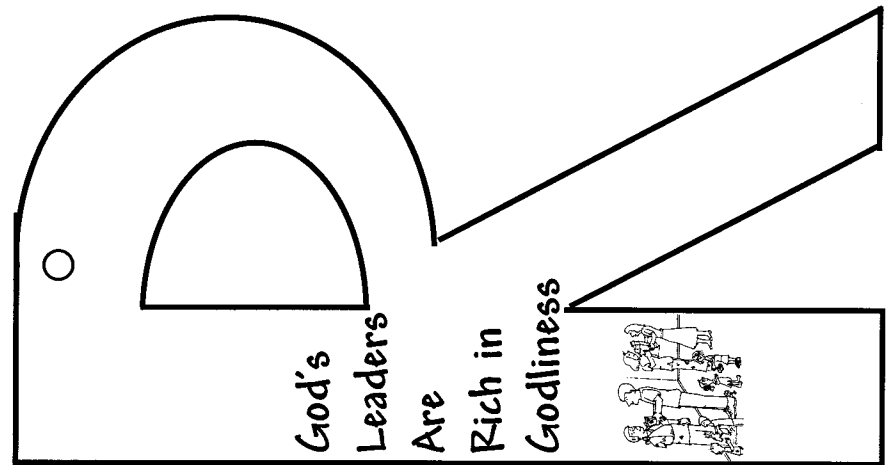
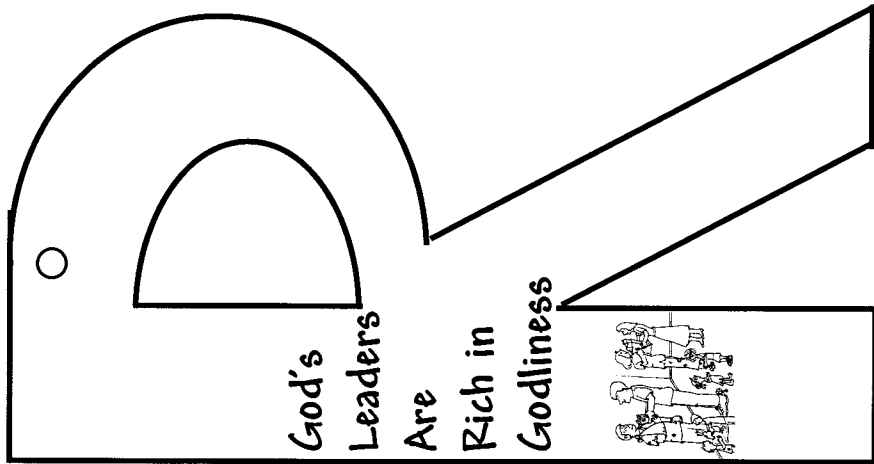


They don't let people teach made-up stories that are not true.

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1TIM05ECGF8



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1 Timothy Chapter 6



This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that Paul told Timothy to teach the people in the church to be rich in godliness rather than trying to get rich from money. We are to be content with what God gives us. There are men who don't want to love and obey God's Word; they are greedy and love money more than God. They stir up arguments and fights between people who don't want God's right ways. Loving money is like a trap. It will ruin a person because greed and the love of money lead to all kinds of evil. We are to spend our time learning about godliness--faith, love and gentleness--rather than getting rich with money. Godliness is being generous and willing to share what we have with those who have a need. Godliness with contentment pleases God.

1 Timothy Memory Verses

**Fight the good fight, holding on to faith
and a good conscience. 1 Timothy 1:18-19**

**Be a good minister of Christ Jesus,
brought up in the truths of the faith.
1 Timothy 4:6**

Be Content, not Greedy

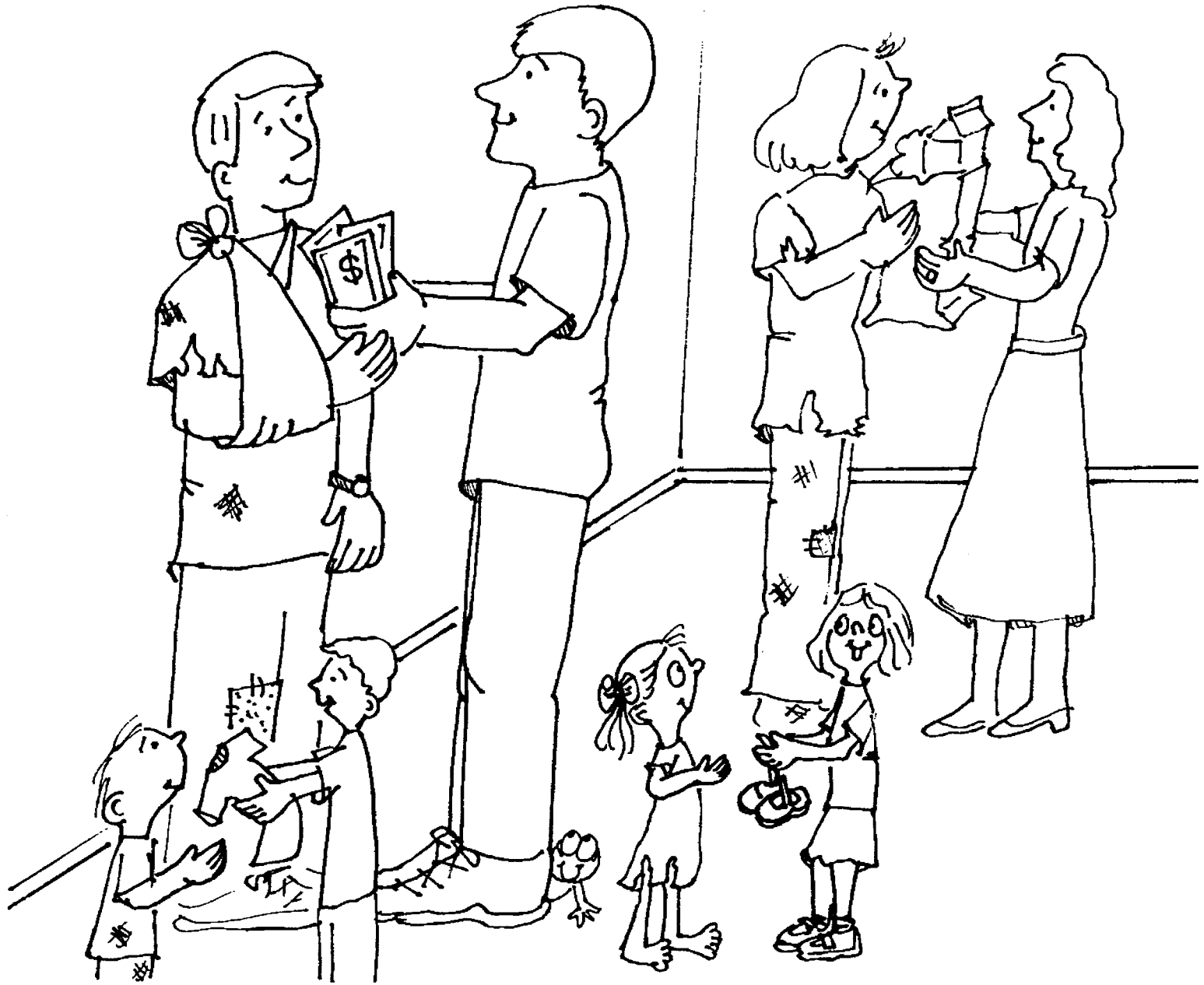


Teach your young children that not being thankful for or satisfied with what they have and always wanting more is called greed. It is a trap that leads to all kinds of wrong attitudes and actions. Talk as a family about greed. Let the children "feel" greed by offering treats on a plate that are very different in size and perhaps desirability. Observe the children's reactions and see if there was any greed or discontent coming from their faces or words. Sing the song below each time your child (and maybe you, too) shows greed or discontentment this week. Grab your child's leg and say, "Greed will trap you if you don't guard your heart!"

Being Greedy
(tune: "Frere Jacques")

Being greedy leads to trouble.
Guard your heart! Guard your heart!
Godliness is better. Godliness is better.
Be content. Be content.

* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



God wants His people to be rich in good deeds.