

<b>Week 3 – Offering My Time</b>	
Memory Verse: Psalm 24:1 <i>The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.</i>	Key Idea: I offer my time to help God's plan.
Key Question: How do I best use my time to serve God and others?	Answer: When we think about what we can give to God, we may think about our money and spiritual gifts. But we might not think about giving God our time. The minutes in our day are just as important as the dollars in our wallet. God wants to be our first priority on our calendar. He asks us to use our time wisely and in a way that honors Him.

<b>Connect</b>	<u>Icebreaker Question:</u> What is something, besides sleep, that you spend a lot of time on? Why?
	<p><u>Modeling Clay Activity</u> *can use playdoh</p> <p><b>Give:</b> each child a portion of modeling clay, setting aside some for yourself.</p> <p><b>Say:</b> I want you to build anything you want for God.</p> <p><b>Ask:</b> If you were building something for God, would you work hard? (yes) If you were building something for God, would you give up and quit? (no)</p> <p><b>Allow</b> the children to build with the clay for a few minutes while you continue to explain how important it is to build something for God.</p> <p><b>Make</b> a small building yourself so you can tear it down later in the lesson.</p> <p><b>Allow</b> the children time to show the class what they built.</p> <p><b>Say:</b> Today we are going to learn about how important it is to give our time to God. We give God our time when we make choices that please Him.</p> <p><b>Say:</b> Every day we are helping to build God's kingdom. Sometimes buildings start to fall down as they get older, or they get knocked down. What do you think will happen if I knock down part of my building?</p> <p><b>Tear down</b> a portion of the clay building you built.</p> <p><b>Say:</b> Oh, no! This building is ruined! What should we do? But guess what? God's kingdom can never be ruined or destroyed. It will never fall over because God is in charge of it, and He is very strong and powerful. God's kingdom will last forever.</p> <p><b>Ask:</b> Did you know that God wants you to help build His great big kingdom?</p> <p><b>Begin</b> putting the clay formation back together.</p> <p><b>Explain:</b> We build God's kingdom when we love one another, when we forgive people who hurt us, and when we are helpful and put other</p>

	<p>people first. There are so many ways to build God’s kingdom and to share his love with the world. Can you think of some more ways to show God’s love? (Take responses)</p> <p><b>Say:</b> Today we’ll learn about a man who worked very hard and offered his time to build something beautiful for God.</p> <p><b>Review:</b> Today we have learned that every day we are building our lives for God. We can offer our time to God and do the best job possible.</p>
	<p><u>Prayer:</u> God, Please help us to use our time wisely. Help us to make good choices, to love people, and to do things that make you happy. Amen.</p>
	<p><u>Worship:</u> on Media Shout</p>
<b>Explain</b>	<p>First rotation may want to share from the top introduction box of the lesson plan in order to set the stage for the lesson.</p> <p><u>Introduction:</u></p> <p><b>Tell:</b> The children that they will be learning more about offering their time to God.</p> <p><b>Say:</b> Every day we are building our lives for God. If we want the life we build to please God, we must offer our time to God and make good choices.</p> <p><b>Say:</b> We’ll also learn about a man in the Bible named Haggai who had an important job of building something special for God.</p>
	<p>Read:</p>
	<p><b>Read Chapter 18, “Offering my Time” from the <i>Believe Storybook Bible</i> (pg. 150-157).</b></p>
	<p>Review:</p>
	<p><u>Review Haggai</u></p> <p><b>Ask:</b> When the people returned to their city, what did they find? (They found that the city had been destroyed)</p> <p><b>Ask:</b> What did the people begin to do? (They began to rebuild the temple)</p> <p><b>Ask:</b> What happened after a while? (They got tired and stopped and instead built their own houses)</p> <p><b>Ask:</b> What message did Haggai send to the people? (He told them God wanted them to use their time wisely so they could build something wonderful for God)</p> <p><u>Review Jesus in the Temple</u></p> <p><b>Ask:</b> When Jesus went missing as a boy, where did Mary &amp; Joseph find him? (At the temple)</p> <p><b>Ask:</b> Why was Jesus there? (He wanted to be in His Father’s house and hear about God, His Father)</p> <p><b>Ask:</b> Was Jesus using His time wisely? (Yes)</p>
	<p>Pray:</p>

	<p>God, help us to use our time wisely. Help us to make good choices, to love people, and to do things that make you happy. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Apply</b></p>	<p><u>Jesus Has Time for Me Hourglass</u>  <b>Needed:</b> small empty plastic drink bottles (two per child); duct tape; Sharpie markers; stickers, craft sand  <b>Teacher prep:</b> collect drink/water bottles ahead of time to make sure you have enough. Take labels off bottles. 8oz. water bottles are ideal.  <b>Say:</b> Today we have learned about using our time wisely.  In ancient times before people had clocks, they would use something called an hourglass to help them tell how much time had passed. Today we're going to make our own hourglass.  <b>Give:</b> each child two plastic bottles, stickers and permanent markers.  <b>Instruct:</b> the children to decorate one bottle with the words "Jesus has time for me" and the other bottle to say, "Do I have time for Jesus?" They can also add stickers.  <b>Assist:</b> the children with filling one bottle with sand about ¼ to ½ full.  <b>Instruct:</b> the children to attach the other bottle upside down onto the opening of the bottle with sand so that when taped, the bottles can be flipped over like an hourglass.  <b>Tape</b> the bottles tightly to each other.  <b>Say:</b> This is a visual picture of our time. This bottle can be a reminder that time is valuable and that God desires for us to spend time with him. As you see how much time you spend doing other activities, remember that some of your time should be spent with God as well.</p>
	<p>Snack</p>