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Small Steward—Big Blessings

Biblical Stewardship Lessons for and with Children

(You are invited to share these lessons with children in Sunday school openings, classroom devotions, children's worship lessons, or other church settings. They can also be used in the home for family devotions. Each month a Biblical "small steward" will share a "big blessing" as a Spirit-blessed example of stewardship. The "Notes to Family" can be detached and sent home with the children.)

Text: 2 Chronicles 34:1-21

The eight year olds in our lives may be stewards of their math book, ball glove, video game, or other routine possessions. Eight year old King Josiah was steward of a whole kingdom. The grandfather and father of the boy king had both been unfaithful to the God of Israel. 2 Chronicles 34:2 compliments Josiah, "He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father." King Josiah removed the idols and repaired the temple. God's Word was again found in the temple. Reading again of God's will for His people, Josiah led the nation in repentance and worship of the true God again.

Reading God's Word, Josiah and the people heard again of God's promises of a Savior. God would send the perfect King who was the fulfillment of God's Word. King Jesus would make us possible for all of us to be in the Kingdom of God forever.

The children in our church and the children in our family, most likely won't be anointed kings and won't be stewards of vast treasures. God asks all of us to be faithful managers of the things He has given us. He may even challenge us to be steward leaders in our school, team, family, and other places. We can be bold in looking for idols that keep us away from God. We can find and share the truth of God's Word with others.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund celebrates the kids in the kingdom of God. The Young Investors Club is a way for children to lead the way in providing resources to build churches and schools around the world. While learning the truths of God's Word, Y.I. Club members can also learn how to save money for the day to day kingdom treasures. Just \$25 can open a Y.I. Club account.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to be faithful to you like King Josiah. Help me to be bold in sharing and living the truths of your Word. Thank you for all that You have given me. Help to share, save and spend wisely. Amen.

Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family

Learn more about King Josiah in 2 Kings 22-23. If Josiah were to take down idols today, what would he remove? Why is it important for the family to know and follow the truth of God's Word? What amazing things for God have you seen 8 year olds (or other children) do? Why is it hard to stand up for the truth of God's Word at any age? Children can do amazing things in the kingdom of God. As children participate in the LCEF Young Investors' Club, they are an important partner in the church sharing the truth of King Jesus. Learn more about Young Investors' Club and other LCEF opportunities at www.lcef.org.