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Small Stewards—Big Blessings

Biblical Stewardship Lessons for and with Children

("Small Stewards" lessons can be shared with children in Sunday school openings, classroom devotions, children's worship messages, or other congregational settings. The lessons may also be used for family devotions or table talks. "Notes to Family" offers family applications and explorations.)

Text: Exodus 2:1-10 (The Child Moses)

The baby hidden in the bulrushes of the Nile River is discovered by the Egyptian princess and named "Moses" meaning "I drew him out of the water." (vs. 10) God's plan was for Moses to be drawn out of the water to be part of God's plan to rescue Israel from hundreds of years of slavery. Moses would be God's chosen leader to bring His people from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Like Moses we were drawn out of the water. God drew us out of the waters of baptism. The Apostle Paul explains that through baptism we were drawn onto the cross and into and out of the tomb. (Romans 6:3-4) We were baptized for new life in Christ. We were drawn out of the water of baptism for life as stewards.

God's word to us is, "I drew him/her out of the water." God drew us out of the water to live as His children worshipping and serving Him. God drew us out of the water to obey our parents, help our friends, and do our homework. God drew us out of the water to take care of His creation. God drew us out of the water to use our money to send missionaries throughout the world and to share the Good News of Jesus by supporting our churches.

When Moses was a child God already had a special plan in mind. Moses' journey would include being an Egyptian prince, a desert shepherd, and finally a leader of God's people. Who knows what special plans God has in mind for his children. Lutheran Church Extension Fund celebrates that children make a Kingdom difference. The Y.I. (Young Investors) Club members become important mission leaders as their investments help build churches and schools. Ask your pastor or Y.I. Club coordinator for more information or visit www.lcef.org.

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for drawing Moses out of the waters of the Nile River to serve as your leader. Thank you, Jesus, for drawing me out of the water of baptism to serve as your steward.

Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Note to Family

Did the little boy Moses understand God's plan for Him? Was it a good plan? Do we always understand God's plans for us? Are they good plans? When did God draw you out of the water of baptism? What difference does our baptism make in being part of God's plan?

We don't know all of God's plans for us. However with our parents' help we can make plans as to how we use our money. We should plan on sharing with others especially first of all giving to our church or Sunday school. We should plan on saving some money for college or other things way into the future. We might even make some plans to use some of our money to buy something special. An LCEF Young Investor Club account can help us with all those plans.