

Children's Sermon

God-lived life #4

Luke 16:1-15



(Show a \$10, \$1)

Let's say that I give you \$10 and tell you to buy me a loaf of bread and, while you're at it, get yourself a candy bar. Then bring me the change. Would that sound fair?

What if I said: "Here is \$10. Give me \$1, then go get me a loaf of bread and yourself a candy bar and *you* can keep everything that's left." That sounds even better, right?

I know that we grown-ups like to think that we make our own money—we earn it. Maybe you like to think that any money you have you deserved. But here's the thing: When we grown-ups go to work for our money—we can only do that because God gave us the health and opportunity to have that job. And yet, we convince ourselves that it's ours.

You know better, right? Who really owns everything? Who made everything? God. It's all his. But look at how great God is. He gives it to us to use while we're alive here. He tells us to first give some to him and then use the rest of it for what really matters. And that's what we're going to be talking about today. *What really matters?* Is it being rich and having a bunch of money? While that may be nice, that runs out. When we die, we suddenly have nothing. Today, God tells us to use all our money and stuff on things that last—like His Word and sharing it—and people—every person you meet lives forever—but where they live depends on whether they know Jesus. How cool is it that God lets us use our stuff to help people and make friends as we help them and then we can tell them about what really lasts? In other words, we're using our stuff for what is really important. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.