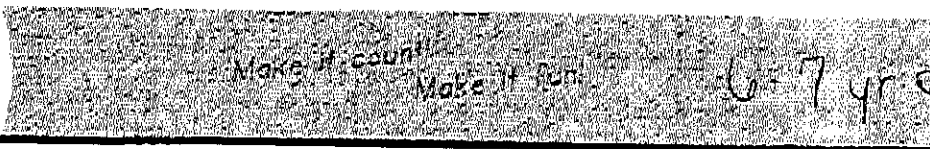




**Kid's Sunday School Place**



*"God's Warnings" in the Bible*  
**Beware of Covetousness**

by Mike

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
~~2008~~ January

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**LESSON OBJECTIVE**

After completing this lesson, children will have an understanding of the dangers of covetousness and how it can destroy or damage our ability to serve God.

**Topics:**

Coveting, Greed, Self Control

**AS KIDS ARRIVE ( 10 minutes )**

**Dangers of Covetousness (Puzzle)** [Click Here](#)

(included)

**OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES ( 5 minutes )** [Further info? Click Here](#)

**MEMORY WORK ( 12 minutes )**

**"Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain." Psalm 119:36 NIV**

For ideas on memorizing this verse, visit our memorization teaching aids. [Click here](#)

**CLASS EXERCISES (8 minutes)**

**Who is on the Throne? (Object Talk)** [Click Here](#)

optional, sheet is included

**SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION ( 20 minutes )**

**Introduction:**

Covetousness will destroy our happiness by obstructing our ability to be used by God. Selfish endeavors have no godly importance and produce no lasting results.

**Read Matthew 19:16-22 (The Rich Young Man)**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. The rich young man appeared to keep the commandments, but what sin kept him from following Jesus? (Covetousness, he was extremely materialistic)

2. What does materialistic mean? A desire for wealth and material possessions with little interest in ethical or spiritual matters)

3. Why did the rich young man go away sad? (Because he had great wealth and would not give up his possessions to follow Jesus.)

**Read Matthew 26:14-16 & Matthew 27:1-5 (Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus)**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How much money did Judas Iscariot get for betraying Jesus? (30 silver coins)

2. Did Judas Iscariot live happily ever after once he received the 30 silver coins? (No, he was filled with remorse.)

**Read Luke 12:16-21 (The Rich Fool )**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did the rich man in the parable have to do because he had so much material wealth? (*Tear down his barns and build bigger ones, so that he could store all his goods*)
2. What was the rich man's life philosophy? (*I have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink and be merry*)
3. Why did God call the man a fool? (*Because that night the man would die and he had not given any thought to his spiritual condition, all the man thought about was his material wealth.*)

**CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)**

**Precious Gift of Time (Object Talk)** [Click Here](#)

**ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)**

**Sweet Deserts (Activity)** [Click Here](#)

**APPLICATION ( 4 minutes)**

**Covetousness will destroy our happiness (Ananias & Sapphira)**

Greed - An overwhelming desire to have more of something such as money, than is actually needed.  
Materialism - Devotion to material wealth & possessions at the expense of spiritual or ethical values.

**Covetousness will obstruct our ability to be used by God. (Judas)**

Enslaves our hearts towards selfish gain.  
Loss of Godly perspective, life is wasted on the meaningless.

**Covetousness reduces or extinguishes our heavenly harvest. (Rich Young Man)**

When we become enthralled with the things of man, we fail to seek the things of God.  
We reap what we sow. Selfish endeavors produce no lasting rewards.

**NEXT WEEK**

~~Search back and work to find out if too much self esteem can be dangerous.~~

**CLOSING PRAYER ( 2 minutes)** Further info? [Click Here](#)

**TAKE HOME PAGE (Included)**

At the end of class, give a copy of the "Take Home Sheet" and a copy of the activity "Scales of Time" to each child. Instruct the children to work on the activity with their parents.

Take Home Sheet. [Click here for NIV or KJV](#)

[Click Here for "Scales of Time" worksheet.](#)



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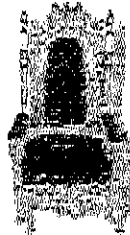
## Who is on the Throne?

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*While many things compete of our time, nothing should come before God.*

### Materials:

Chair  
Several empty boxes with lids



### Topics:

Choices, Greed, Idols,  
Priorities, Honor God

### Duration:

Approximately 8 minutes

### Target Age:

Grades 1 2 3 4 5 6

### Preparation:

Obtain 10 or more empty boxes

### What you will do:

Place the empty chair in front of the glass.

### What you will say:

Ask the children to name some of their favorite things. As each child answers, Write their answer on a piece of paper, place the paper in a box and place the box the chair. Use a lot of expression and variety as you place the different boxes on the chair. Remember some items are heavier, some are smaller and some may tend to move a round a bit. Once several children have named their favorite things, explain that the chair is starting to get full.

Now tell the children to pretend that the chair is not a chair but that is really a throne. Ask the children who sits on thrones? More than likely, they will respond kings. Next ask the kids who our king is and they should respond Jesus. Ask the children "Would there be room on this throne for Jesus with all this other stuff in the way?" No, of course not, dump all the boxes off the chair an onto the floor.

This could easily be the case in many of our lives; we may have let many other things crowd Jesus off the throne of our lives. While it is okay to enjoy these things and none of these items was bad or evil, we should never allow them to have first place in our lives, which is reserved for God and God alone.