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GROWING FAITH & TALENT

Sunday School Curriculum ages 9 - 13

Five Lessons:

- What Does God Say About the Poor?
- How to Respond to People in Need
- Discovering Your Talents
- How to Use & Manage Resources Wisely
- Create Your Own Business

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LESSON 5: CREATING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

KEY LESSON:

Children can be creative and use their talents to honour God and help the poor.

SUPPLIES:

- Handout G, for each child
- Handout H, for each child
- Handout I, for each child
- Chalkboard or whiteboard
- Posters (or paper) and markers
- £5 loan for each student (this can be donated by the church or parents)

OVERVIEW:

Market Day is an opportunity for the children to use their God-given talents to serve others. Each child will be given a £5 loan from the church (or their parents) to create a small business (examples below) and will have the opportunity to sell their goods to church members and friends. Please note, if the child's parent cannot afford the amount of the loan a scholarship should be offered so no child is left out of Market Day.

The children will have one Sunday school class to brainstorm and start their small business. The rest of the work to complete their small business should be done at home.

Note: if two or three children want to work together to start a business, they can create their own "savings group" and combine their resources so that they will have a total of £10 or £15 to develop a joint business.

On Market Day, each child or group should have a stall space, such as a small table and a chair. Their completed advertisement poster, Handout I, cash box, and goods to be sold should be displayed on the table. When the market opens, church members and friends will have the opportunity to walk around the market and purchase goods sold by the children.

The proceeds raised from Market Day will be donated to Five Talents to establish Savings Groups which provide training and a safe place to access financial services to poor entrepreneurs around the world.

Contact Five Talents to let us know when your Market Day is, and if feasible, we'd love to send someone from Five Talents to join you. Email Five Talents at: info@fivetalents.org.uk

ACTIVITY: Prepare for Market Day (45-60 minutes)

1. Collect permission slips.
2. Ask the children what kind of small businesses are in their neighborhoods. Have a student volunteer write the list of businesses on the chalkboard or whiteboard.
Possible Answers: Restaurant, Lemonade Stand, Tutoring Center, Corner Shop
3. Tell the children that they will now make their own business plan and at the end of the class they will receive a £5 loan from the church (or their parents) to create their own small business for Market Day!

The proceeds earned from their small businesses will go to Five Talents, which teaches poor entrepreneurs around the world. These entrepreneurs use their talents to get out of poverty and serve others!

ACTIVITY: (Continued)

4. Review the ground rules of the loans:

- Each child will receive a £5 loan to be used for this small business.
- No additional money can be used to buy supplies.
- Everything used for their business must be bought – i.e., if you use a bottle of glue from your house, you'll need to pay your parents for it!
- Children can work alone or in groups of 2 or 3, combining their resources.
- Remind them to be creative and to think about using their unique talents!

(Student businesses in the past have included things like bookmarks, baked goods, dog treats, jewellery, candles, used toys, sundaes, and paintings. Other students have offered services such as nail painting, braiding, face painting, and making balloon animals.)

5. Pass out Handout G (My Business Plan) and Handout H (My Business Ledger).

6. Have the children take turns reading aloud the questions from Handout G. Answer any questions they may have. For example, they may need help thinking about who their competition or clients might be.

7. Refer to Handout H and explain that the “My Business Ledger” will help them keep track of how much money they have spent and what they have spent their money on. This is something real business owners use!

8. Spend the remainder of the time allowing the children to work individually on their business plans and to make a poster advertising their business to be hung in their market stall. Offer assistance when needed.

9. Pass out Handout I (Five Talents Market Day) and instruct the children to bring it with them next week, filled out, to put on their stall for Market Day.

10. Remind the children when Market Day will take place, what time they should arrive, and what to bring with them. Close in prayer and then pass out the £5 loan to each student at parent pick up.

MARKET DAY

Select a day for the children's market. In many churches, kids set up tables in the lobby to sell their products before or after church services. In other cases, teachers set up in their classrooms and invite parents to the market when they pick up their kids.

1. Each child or savings group should have a stall space in the market, such as a small table and a chair. Their poster and completed Handout I should go on the table so that their clients can learn a little more about their business and what they've been studying.

2. Give each child a cash box (this could be something as simple as a shoe box) to collect funds. As a facilitator, it may be helpful to have some change on hand. Customers can also write cheques to “Five Talents UK” to make purchases if they prefer.

3. Upon request, Five Talents would also be happy to send materials, photos and more information for you to set up.

4. If a child forgets or is unable to set up their business, you can give them other jobs to help run Market Day, such as being a greeter at the door, handing out Five Talents flyers, or thanking customers as they leave.

5. Before the children leave, congratulate them for all of their hard work, collect all of their cash boxes, and have them clean up their stalls. After Market Day, you can mail the proceeds of your sales to Five Talents. Five Talents will send your class an update to let you know how your Market Day funds were used and which entrepreneurs are being helped to start their own small businesses. Thank you for using Five Talents Growing Faith and Talent curriculum!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for using our Growing Faith & Talent Curriculum! You can post a cheque from your Market Day proceeds to the following address:

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