

“The Mirror Game”

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. A mirror no smaller than 6 x 6 inches
2. Index cards with different scripture verses written on them, from Luke 16:1-13, a parable told by Jesus about the power of salvation. (see pg. 2)

WHAT TO DO:

Bring in a mirror no smaller than 6 x 6 inches. Prop it up with some books at the edge of the table so that it doesn't move or wiggle. Have one child at a time come in front of the mirror. Hold an index card with a scripture verse up to the mirror so that it appears backward to the child. Ask him to read it.

Each child who can read his/her verse without any mistakes is a winner! And the child who reads their verse the fastest is the “grand prize” winner! An assistant can time.

Ask children how it felt reading the scriptures backwards in the mirror? “Strange” or “difficult” is the typical reply.

TEACH:

And yet the scriptures stay the same whether they're shown backwards or frontwards. Sometimes on our bad days, it's hard to feel God and figure out what He's saying to us. And yet, He's always the same – He always loves us, whether we're feeling good or bad, whether we're having difficulty “reading him” or not!

This is the same for us when we look at ourselves in the mirror. Sometimes we feel good about what we see in the mirror, and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we are happy about the way we have treated others, and sometimes we don't. But it's always *us* looking back at us in the mirror.

We are all responsible to God for all of our works and deeds. We are also responsible for utilizing the gifts He has given us. The way we live our lives is a direct reflection of just this. We should all be prepared, for one day we will be called to give an accounting of ourselves to God.

Each day that we look at ourselves in the mirror we should ask God to help us to always do good, treat others with kindness, be honest, and live by His Word.

Luke 16:1-13 Scripture Verses

1 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.

2 So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

3 “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—

4 I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

5 “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

6 “ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

7 “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

8 “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

10 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”