

## Activity: Money Master



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TRAINING

Teaching Goal: Don't allow money to become a barrier between you and God.

Scripture: Luke 16:13 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

I Peter 4:7-10 Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Materials: Dollar Bill  
Large paper clip and small, regular size, paper clip

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and Discussion

- ✓ Words that are written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. DISCUSSION: **There is nothing wrong with money. However, what we do with money and the importance we place on money can be good or bad.** Invite volunteer to read Luke 16:13. **What would it look like if money was your master?** *Listen to answers. Buying more stuff for ourselves but not giving to help the poor. Allowing the making of money to become more important than spending time learning about God and following His will. Allowing material things to become more important than people.* **What would it look like if God was your master?** *Listen to answers. Give to the poor, to missionaries, to church and to others in need. Make learning about God and following God a higher priority than work and school. Recognize that every dollar we have belongs to God and he is trusting us to be good stewards with His money: the type of videos we rent; the type of books we buy; what we eat and drink; etc.* **God warns us that we cannot serve both money and God. We will have to choose.**

B. ACTIVITY: Fold a dollar bill in a Z-shape so that it makes three equal sections. **This dollar bill represents our money and material possessions.** Take the large paper clip and clip it over the top, front of the open end and one fold. **This larger clip represents God. Everything we have, money and possessions, comes from God.**



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Invite a volunteer to read Psalm 24:1. Take the smaller paper clip and clip it over the top, back open end and one fold. **This smaller clip represents us. God wants us to be good managers of the money he gives us.** Invite a volunteer to read I Peter 4:7-10.

Point at the big clip. **If this clip represents God... Point at the small clip. ...And this clip represents us, what is between us and God?** *Listen to answers while pointing at the money between the clips.* **This is what Luke warned us about! Do not let money come between you and God!** Pull gently on the two ends of the dollar bill. When the dollar bill straightens out, the clips will be joined together, separate from the dollar. **See how we are together with God when money does not get in the way? We still have the money to serve others and meet our needs but it no longer separates us from God.**

V. Memorize

**God is our only master,  
Worshiping money brings disaster.**

VI. Close in Prayer

VII. Pass it on

Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.