

App Store

LARGE GROUP LESSON

BOTTOM LINE:

When we are faithful with a little, God will trust us with more.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will choose one small thing they will do to help or encourage others this week.

KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 25:14-30, The Faithful Servants

INTRO:

Candy Crush is a time stealer. It's one of those games that hooks you and sucks you in so deep, you don't even realize how long you play it. Once you get into a game of Candy Crush, you may not look up for a long time. You may not even realize how long you've played until that moment when your device finally runs out of battery!

Like many of the most addictive app games, Candy Crush is a very simple game. A number of pieces of candy appear on a large playing board. Your job is to flip two pieces of candy at a time in order to match up similar candies on the board. When you get enough pieces lined up, those pieces vanish, causing other pieces of candy to drop down and take their place. The more matches you make, the more points you score, the closer you come to winning the game.

Of course you can't just go flipping candy pieces at random hoping to win. You have to have a strategy. Candy Crush only gives you so many chances to flip game pieces before the game ends. If you waste all those moves, the game will be over quickly. If you're careful, you can win, one smart move at a time.

Candy Crush teaches us that if we are careful in the little things, we can win big in the end. Jesus taught us a similar lesson. When we are faithful with the little things in life, God will trust us with bigger things.

READ MATTHEW 25:14-30

MAIN POINT:

The rich man in this parable put his servants to the test. He gave each of them a small sum of money, and he wanted to see what they would do with it. Two of the men took the money and made more money with it.

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Because they were faithful with that little amount, they were trusted with much more! But the third man squandered his opportunity. He did nothing, and he was left with nothing.

Jesus wants us to know that when we are faithful with the little things, he will bless us with more. But Jesus isn't asking us to invest gold coins. He's asking us to invest ourselves. Jesus wants to see us do the little things to love others, and when we do, he will bless us with the chance to do more.

Jesus is looking for boys and girls, men and women, to share his message with the world. God can do great things in your lives, but it all starts with us doing the small things.

DRIVE IT HOME:

God has called many people to do big things in His name. The pastors who lead churches, the worship leaders who lead us in song, the children's pastors, youth leaders, and others who work hard preparing programs like this every week have been trusted with a big task.

There are others doing great things in Jesus' name as well. There are missionaries traveling around the world. There are Christian musicians and filmmakers, reaching out to others through their creative talents to spread God's love. If we asked them I'm sure they'd all tell us the same thing: they got where they are because they were faithful with the little things.

Being faithful with the little things starts with... little things. We can show God we are faithful by giving money from our allowance. If your parents give you two dollars a week, try tithing and giving 20 cents a week to the church.

Another little thing we can do is be a friend to the kids who need one. If you see someone at school who is in need of a friend, then stop what you're doing and be that friend. Talk to them. Pray for them. Listen to them, and let them know they are loved.

We can also do little things at home to help Mom and Dad. I don't mean the chores we have to do; I mean the little things we don't have to do. Find a job that needs to be done, and do it. Go the extra mile, and do it really well. That's a great way to be faithful in the small things.

God can do great things in your lives. Maybe some of you will be pastors. Maybe some will be missionaries. Maybe the next great gospel singer is in this room right now. It all starts with the little things. Be faithful in those little things, and God will trust you with so much more!

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CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Teach us be faithful with what you've given us.

In Jesus' name,

Amen