



## Bulletin Board Ideas for the 12 Gardens of Stewardship

### Garden of Money

**Perspective: Making Good Decisions**

**Grades 3 - 5**

*Everything we have is a gift from God, even the money we earn. God wants to bless us with good things and its okay to spend some of our money on things that we want as long as we understand the difference between our wants and our needs and share with those who are truly needy. As in all things, the decisions we make regarding money should be a reflection of our faith.*

#### Project

- Title the bulletin board; Stewardship of Money – Making Good Decisions
- Subtitle with a scripture quote, such as suggested below.
- Create three sections; one each for 'Wants', 'Needs', and 'Offerings'
- Have the students draw or collect pictures from magazines, websites, clip art, etc. of items that would fit into each of the three categories.
- Option: Divide class into three groups and assign responsibility of one category per group.
- Place applicable drawings/photos/pictures in each section.

#### Suggested Quotes

*"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' . . . Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Mt 6: 31-3*

*"Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God - the rest will be given." Mother Teresa*

*"We must not make the pursuit of money the goal of our lives, nor close our hearts to the needs of the poor". Amos 8:4-7*

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did to the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it to me." Mt 25:40*





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#### **Perspective: Anti-materialism**

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*"What do you possess that you have not received?" 1 Cor 4:7*

*Everything we have is a gift from God. Even the money we earn from working hard is a blessing from God. We should not place as much importance on money - and the things it can buy - than we do on 'seeking God and His righteousness.'*

*What are the most valuable things in our lives? Do they always cost money?*

#### Project

- Divide the bulletin board into two halves and title; What Has Greatest Value?
- Have the students draw pictures or bring in photos of their loved ones – pets, too! Collect photos, magazine cut-outs or student drawings of tangible material items, such as flat screen TVs, cell phones, jewelry, fancy cars, expensive toys, video games, etc.
- Also collect photos, magazine cut-outs or student drawings of less tangible concepts, such as a family going to church or a child praying (seeking God), an athlete in action (strength and good health), children playing together (friendship), a beautiful ocean/garden/forest scene (nature), etc.
- Have the students place the pictures/drawings onto the appropriate half of the bulletin board; More Valuable & Less Valuable.

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*"Happiness consists not in having much, but in being content with what you have."*

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