



Using My Time, My Talents, My Treasure for the Lord's Work

Showing

God cares about the way I spend **mytime** – Have clubbers give you activities that they do throughout the week. Add them to the large calendar page in front of the class. You will refer back to this calendar during “Telling” time.

God wants me to use **mytalent and gifts** to honor Him – Show the items you brought that demonstrate talents and gifts. Examples of talents are cooking utensils, musical instruments, photos, books, drawings and a football. For gifts, consider a photo of your preacher, music director and so forth. Be creative and keep in mind some of the talents and gifts visible within your church body.

God wants me to use **mytreasure** (money) wisely – Hand out 10 Awana bucks [or whatever amount you decide] per clubber. Tell them to place them in their Bible (or handbook) until later when further instructions will be given.

Telling

God cares about the way I spend **mytime** – Using the large calendar up front, go over the activities shared. Some of them we all do – like sleeping, eating, school or work and so forth. Others may be unique to an individual, like music lessons, ballet, archery and so forth. This calendar shows us how we use our time, doesn't it? Any surprises? Did church, Awana, Sunday school, family devotional time, studying Bible verses, mission service projects, and so forth, get mentioned? If so, where do they fall in comparison to all the activities mentioned ... same amount of time allotted? Encourage the clubbers to think about how they “spend” their time. Also stress that it is really not **mytime**, it is the Lord's time given to me to use. We all have the same amount of time to spend each day, so let's maximize its use. Have clubber read Ephesians 5:15-16a.

Scripture

- Ephesians 5:15-16a, 1 Peter 4:10, Hebrews 13:5

Getting It Ready

- Calendar page enlarged for class to see
- Blank calendar pages – one per clubber
- Photos, pictures, objects that show talents and gifts
- Awana bucks/shares
- Play money in \$1 increments [most dollar stores have them]
- Piggy bank
- Offering plate
- Items needed for games chosen – such as pillow, ball, toothbrush, schoolbook, plate, Bible
- Optional: Various stickers for use on calendar

God wants me to use **my talent and gifts** to honor Him – Talents are abilities we have to do certain things well. On the other hand, gifts are things that God gives believers to serve others. Each of us is a unique and special creation of God. God has uniquely equipped us to impact our world. God had a plan when He created us. Therefore, God desires to use both our talents and gifts to fulfill His plan as well as honor Him. Remember everything belongs to Him – He is creator and owner of everything! Allow Him to use your talents and gifts for your good and His glory. You can be part of God’s plan now.

Some of you shared wonderful talents and gifts that you have been given. Let’s think about how they can be used for the Lord. Anyone want to share? (This would be a great place to highlight the one or two clubbers who were chosen to share their talent or gift.) Where could you use that talent or gift? Can it be used only at church? Why or why not? Encourage them all to “spend” their talents and gifts in service for the Lord. Encourage them also to spend time improving and using their talents and gifts for the Lord. Have a clubber read 1 Peter 4:10.

God wants me to use **my treasure** (money) wisely – Is money good? Bad? Let’s play a game to see if money is good or bad. Have the clubbers put their thumbs up if the example is how God would want us to spend our (His) money. If not, have them put their thumbs down.

- Give money to help someone in need.
- Buy a \$100 pair of jeans.
- Buy food to give to a needy family.
- Spend money on candy when given to you for church.
- Give to missions.
- Buy \$100 name brand sneakers.
- Buy toys for shelter.
- Buy school supplies for a back-to-school ministry.



Have a clubber read Hebrews 13:5.

What does the Bible say about money? The “love” of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Money can accomplish good or bad depending on how it is used. One great thing to use money for is doing God’s work. Go to awana.org/everychild for great ways your money can help children around the world. Money can purchase a lot of things, but it cannot buy the most important thing. Who can tell me what that is?

That’s right! It is to be saved from our sins and given the gift of eternal life. The cost of our sins is great but the gift of salvation is free! No better deal around!



Challenging

God cares about the way I spend **mytime** – Hand out the blank calendar page to each clubber. Allow them time now or during Handbook Time to fill in what this next month looks like for them. Give them stickers to add in Bible time (Bible), showing love to others (heart), and so forth. Help them learn that how they use their time is important to God.

God wants me to use **mytalent and gifts** to honor Him – Have clubbers list on the back of their calendar three things that they do well or love to do. Next to each thing, place a way that they could use that talent for the Lord. For example: Love to cook – make cookies for church shut-ins. Love to play baseball – invite baseball team member to Awana.

God wants me to use **mytreasure** (money) wisely – Have them take out the Awana bucks you gave them earlier. Have them share how they would like to spend them. Make a list on the board. See if any thought about giving any of the money to missions. Encourage them to tithe (10%) a portion of the Awana bucks given to them to help the Missions offering being taken this month.

God has given us so much, may we give Him our time, our talent and our treasure in His service for His glory! As a child of God, serve Him now! Be part of His plan now!