



Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages 10-12

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Lesson 12

Stay on Track

You cannot serve both God and Money.

Matthew 6:24

From the time our kids were little we were intentional in keeping our lives simple and not running after all the activities available. We keep birthdays and Christmases simple and inexpensive with few gifts. We emphasize thinking about others and what we can do for them. As our kids have grown older, they are exposed to more stuff, especially electronics, clothes, accessories. We talk about whether things are needs or wants. Things that are wants are extras and privileges. We openly discuss that we don't have money to spend on some things because we've chosen to spend on other things. And we get into conversations with other families about material possessions so they can see that nobody has everything. It's all about choices to control our desires and accumulation of things and learning to be content. These are decisions our kids will have to make all their lives. Start now to emphasize the important.

Try This:

Part of our night time routine is to reflect on our day and God's goodness to us. We look around at all the ways God has provided for us and thank Him for each one. We think not just about the things we have, but the relationships with people in our family, at church, in our neighborhood, at school. **Being grateful for the abundance we have can keep us from craving for more.**