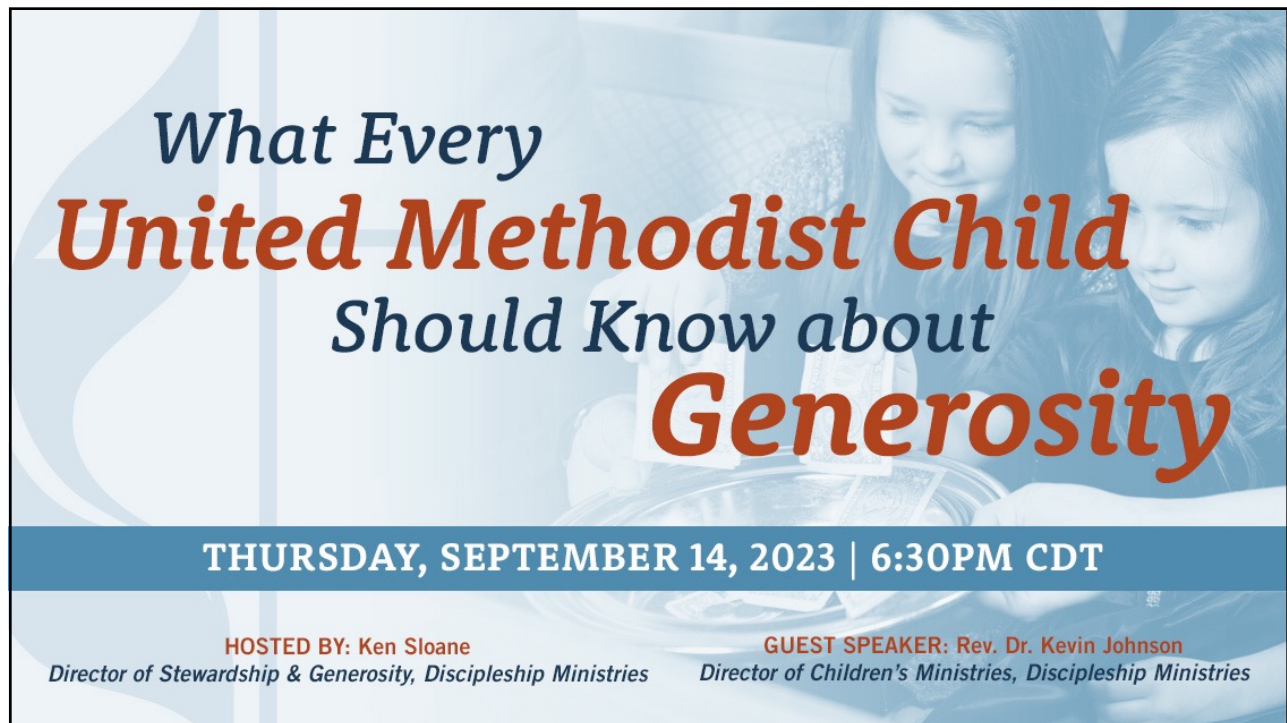




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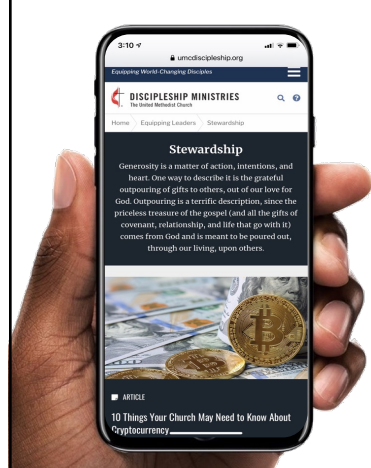
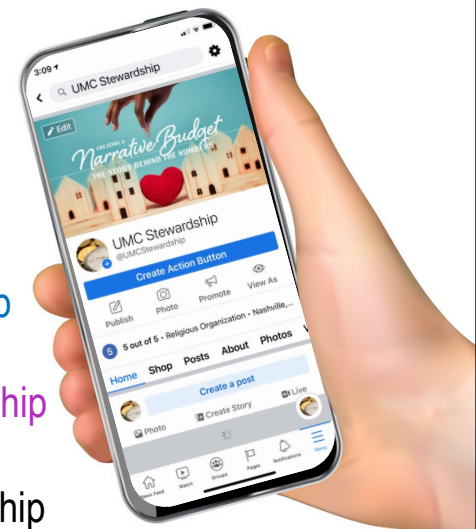
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WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE?



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THE CHALLENGES TODAY...



- Do kids see the money?
- Shifting to cashless world.

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2023 LENTEN COIN CALENDAR!

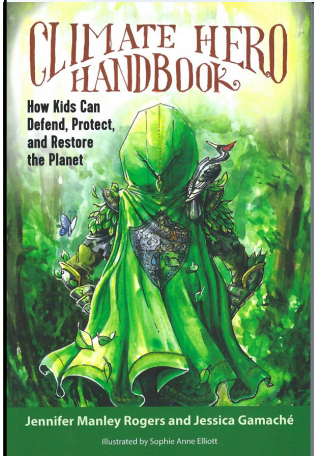
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			1 A coin for every type of bread.	2 A coin for every jar of jelly.	3 A coin for every bottle of salad dressing.	4 A coin for every jar of peanut butter.
5 Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those who have no food this day.	6 A coin for every ball cap or hat.	7 A coin for every pair of shoes.	8 A coin for every pair of jeans or pants.	9 A coin for every coat.	10 A coin for every t-shirt.	11 A coin for every sweatshirt.
12 Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.	13 A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment.	14 A coin for every electronic video game.	15 A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc.).	16 A coin for every television.	17 A coin for every doll or stuffed animal.	18 A coin for every board or card game.
19 Pray today, thanking God for how you can enjoy entertainment in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.	20 A coin for every box of band-aids.	21 A coin for every bottle of vitamins.	22 A coin for every box of tissues.	23 A coin for every bottle of hand sanitizer.	24 A coin for every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.	25 A coin for every cough drop in your house.
26 Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.	27 A coin for every room in your home.	28 A coin for every electrical outlet in your home.	29 A coin for every chair in your home.	30 A coin for every desk (virtual work/school) in your home.	31 A coin for every bathroom.	

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BROADER VIEW OF STEWARDSHIP



- “CLIMATE HERO HANDBOOK”
- Jennifer Manley Rogers & Jessica Gamache
- Camping Ministries excellent opportunities
 - Children to learn about being stewards of creation

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EFFECTIVE CHILDRENS' SERMONS



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“LET THE CHILDREN GIVE”

- Delia Halverson, author
- Discipleship Ministries (2007)
- Still available (upperroombooks.org)
- Set targets: What children should know.



LET THE CHILDREN GIVE

TIME, TALENTS,
LOVE, AND
MONEY

DELIA HALVERSON

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VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (TODDLERS) WILL:

- Learn about the world in which we live in order to appreciate God's gift of the earth.
- Build appreciation of themselves as a foundation for understanding how they can care for (be stewards of) God's world and God's people.

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VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (TODDLERS) WILL:

- Learn to put their possessions away and care for them as God's stewards and be called stewards when they act in this manner.
- Grow as we praise them for their positive stewardship actions.

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CHILDREN AGES THREE TO SIX WILL:

- Enjoy songs, stories, and games about caring for the earth and for those around us.
- Hear the word "steward" used in reference to those who care for the world and all that is in it.

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CHILDREN AGES THREE TO SIX WILL:

- Know persons who care for (are stewards of) various parts of our world.
- Develop group skills that lead to a sense of being stewards and caring for others.
- Grow in pride in the church family and recognize ways that the church acts as god's steward, caring for the world and helping the people of the world.

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CHILDREN AGES THREE TO SIX WILL:

- Appreciate the talents and abilities that God has given them.
- Find simple ways to use their abilities to act as stewards and be affirmed in those actions.
- Recognize that we come together to worship and study and then go out to be god's stewards.

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CHILDREN IN GRADES ONE TO THREE WILL:

- Learn how their actions affect the earth and other people and learn to accept responsibility for their own actions.
- Enjoy expanded experiences with songs, games, and stories about caring for the earth and the people.

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CHILDREN IN GRADES ONE TO THREE WILL:

- Learn to manage (be stewards of) their time.
- Learn that money is a gift from God and belongs to God.
- Recognize money as the product of ways we use our God-given talents.

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CHILDREN IN GRADES ONE TO THREE WILL:

- See different ways money functions in the church, learning how we need money for classroom supplies, cleaning materials, salaries, mission giving, etc.
- Expand understanding of acts of stewardship toward the world and others outside the church and develop ways to express those acts.

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CHILDREN IN GRADES FOUR TO SIX CAN:

- distinguish between independence and interdependence, recognizing that we are all dependent on the earth and interdependent among each other.
- recognize our responsibilities as a church member to act as a steward through prayers, presence, gifts, and service.
- develop specific talents to use as stewards.

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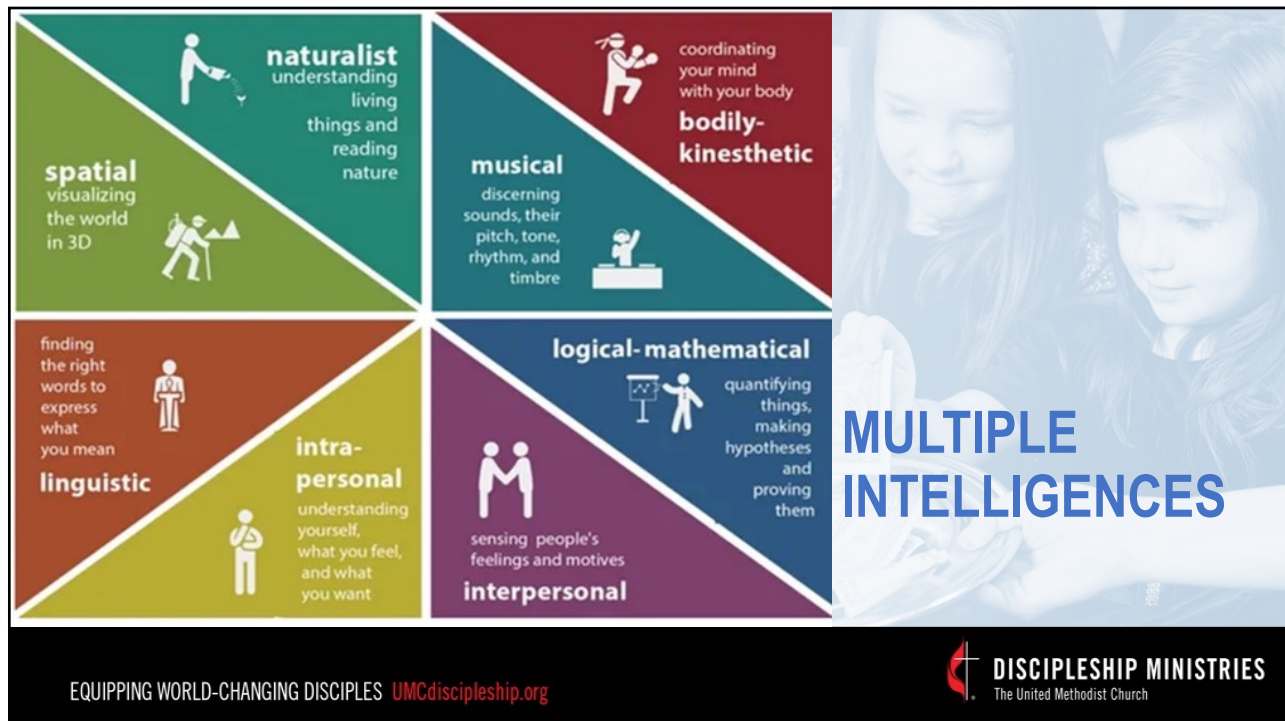
CHILDREN IN GRADES FOUR TO SIX CAN:

- relate facts about the earth to the way we follow God's instructions to care for the earth and all that is in it.
- research and initiate conversations in order to find out about steward ship themselves.
- become aware of and carry out ways to practice stewardship through special projects and in everyday life.

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