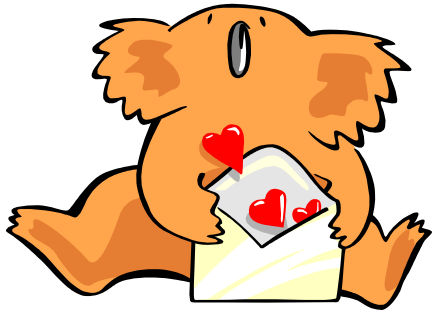


**Stewart Bear says:**

Together we  
make a difference!

### What are we teaching our children about stewardship?

<p>♥ Plan an envelope program just for children.</p>	<p>Introduce children to the concept of giving back to God. Part of the work of God is to support the life and work of the parish. Tell them stories of giving and sharing.</p>
<p>♥ Get children and families involved in a stewardship program.</p>	<p>Invite them to create or choose envelopes, promote giving with poster contests, making banks and classroom offering boxes.</p>
<p>♥ Have an expectation that children will share.</p>	<p>Offer opportunities for parish and outreach projects such as parish fundraising efforts and events such as harvest dinner and summer picnic—donating prizes and holding a rummage sale of toys.</p>
<p>♥ Help children save with a Four-Bank system.</p>	<p>A spending bank for money to be used soon; A saving bank for money to be used later; An investing bank for money that will grow with interest A bank for donating money to help others.</p>
<p>♥ Teach children the value of money and generous giving.</p>	<p>For instance: money doesn't automatically come from ATM machines or winning the lottery; a budget is important for wise distribution of money. Our gifts to God come first, before we spend on ourselves.</p>
<p>♥ Encourage all families and parish members to be generous with the yearly giving campaign.</p>	<p>Ask families to witness how parents and children are involved in giving in the parish; help children with their own giving goal when parents are making their pledges.</p>
<p>♥ Celebrate when children share generously.</p>	<p>Turn giving into an event—at each Mass invite children to bring up their envelopes, when a project is completed, share the news, post total amounts shared in the bulletin or newsletter.</p>



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Here are some resources for children as stewards...

## Web Sites:

- ♥ [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org)
- ♥ <http://www.americanchurch.com/children.htm>
- ♥ <http://www.cathedralstewardship.com/index.asp>
- ♥ <http://www.christianedwarehouse.com>
- ♥ <http://www.gbod.org/children/articles/stewardship-category.html>
- ♥ [www.kids.gov/k-village.htm](http://www.kids.gov/k-village.htm) (The Mint: Ideas for Young Kids: Giving to Help Others)
- ♥ [http://www.sites4moms.com/sites/Readers\\_Recommend\\_For\\_Kids/more2.html](http://www.sites4moms.com/sites/Readers_Recommend_For_Kids/more2.html)
- ♥ [www.moneycentral.msn](http://www.moneycentral.msn) (search for the article entitled "7 Steps to Teach Your Kids the Mysteries of Money")
- ♥ <http://www.stewardshipli.org/games/games.html>