

Ideas for Use at Home

Sharing Focus



For Parents/Grandparents

Moonjar Save-Share-Spend Bank

Nurture stewardship as a way of life with this inexpensive, very easy to use home kit. A colorful, three-section bank and at-home discussion/activity guide (cleverly disguised as a savings passbook!) is available for only \$5.95. Learn more about Moonjar banks at www.moonjar.com or call toll-free 1-888-323-0001. Can also be found at most educational learning shops.

For Couples

Plagued by thoughts of materialism and over-consumption? Check out the *Affluenza* "Diagnostic" Quiz as a couple and together compare your scores, thoughts and reactions. See web site www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza/ "Treatments" and "Follow-Up" care also available at site as well as additional informative reading and resources.

For Extended Families Across the Miles

Keep connected across both miles and generations with a family service project. Consider creating a cooperative quilt to donate to a charity or fundraiser. Check out the *Quiltmaker's Giftbox* which features Jeff Brumbeaus' award winning picture book *The Quiltmaker's Gift*, fabric and instructions for creating an individual quilt square as well as assembly instructions for a useable quilt. Invite each family unit to customize a square to then be collected and combined to assemble an entire quilt. Better yet, gather the entire family together for a reunion and an old-fashioned quilting bee! Take plenty of pictures before donating the finished quilt to a worthy cause.



Read More About "Sharing"

Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier (ISBN 0689824602, Hardcover; Simon & Schuster, 2001) For many children in our country, attending school is routine and they may take educational opportunities for granted, unaware there are many children throughout the world who are as not as fortunate. Great lead into the Diocesan sponsored mission school building project in the Dominican Republic.

The Gift by Bishop Robert Morneau (ISBN 0809166739, Hardcover; Paulist Press, 2000) Beautifully written picture book for all ages – wonderful discussion starter on stewardship themes. A timeless lesson about sacrifice and gratitude readers will carry in their hearts forever.

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau (ISBN 0439309107, Hardcover; Scholastic, 2001) Award winning heartwarming folktale based on the power our possessions can hold over us – bound to generate conversations and family sharing on a variety of stewardship values.