# WHO PUT YOU IN CHARGE?





# THINK ABOUT IT AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR

1. During the early days of World War II, why do the residents of Great Britain take to calling it "the Phony War"? Why does the government cancel sporting events and close public gathering places?

2. What are air-raid drills? Why are the people of London "pretending" to be bombed?

3. Find the city of London on a world map. Why is the city in great danger after the Germans have invaded France and the Netherlands?

4. What kind of attacks is the British government expecting? What are some of the ways the people prepare for these attacks?

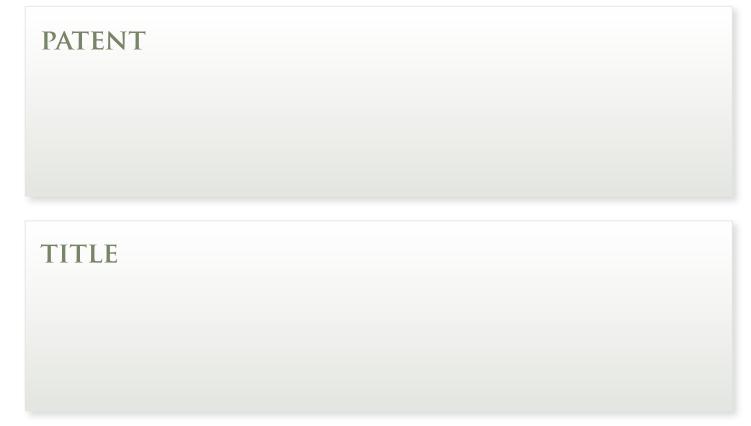
5. Winston Churchill promises that the British people will never surrender. Where does he say they will fight if necessary? What effect do you think his words have on Colin? Why?

6. Who is the enemy of all Christians? What are some of the ways he attacks God's children? Read Ephesians 6:13–18. How can you prepare yourself to withstand the enemy's attacks?

7. Why does Trevor bring Gunther home to stay with the family? Gunther served as a German pilot, but is he the family's enemy? Why or why not?

8. What happens in this part of the story that tells you the Edwards family understands that they are stewards and not owners of everything God has given them?

# WORDS TO KNOW



### ASSET

### WORDS TO KNOW

### **STEWARD**

**INVEST** 

ACCOUNTING

PUTTING GOD FIRST

# HIDE IT IN MY HEART

Write your favorite translation of the verse below and memorize it.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND EVERYTHING IN IT. The world and all its people belong to him.

PSALM 24:1, NLT

# WHO MADE THE MUFFIN?

Work with a parent to plan and make blueberry muffins. Take photos at each step of the process and paste them here. Where did the blueberries and other ingredients come from? Who mixed the batter? Who owns the muffins you made? Now consider these questions: Who made the universe? Where did the building blocks of the universe come from? Who or what is holding the universe together?



# I HAVE BEEN CALLED

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steward	title	Fifth Symphony	"The Boyhood of Raleigh"
Winston Churchill	asset	blueberry muffin	Parable of the Talents

# MAKE A NOTE OF IT SPOT THE STEWARD

What are some examples of stewards in everyday life? Who do you trust to take care of your family, your money, and your country? Have you ever had a job or responsibility that made you a steward over another person's property such as dog-walking or lawn care? Maybe you were hired as a babysitter to care for someone's children. What did this job require you to do? What did the property owners or the child's parents expect to find when they returned?



# MINI BOOK FROM HIS HANDS TO MINE

Find the instructions on page 201. Attach your finished mini book here.



# HIDE IT IN MY HEART

Write your favorite translation of the verse below and memorize it.

THEREFORE, GOD ELEVATED HIM TO THE PLACE OF HIGHEST HONOR AND GAVE HIM THE NAME ABOVE ALL OTHER NAMES.

Philippians 2:9, NLT

# MY PRAYER



# MAKE A NOTE OF IT TRANSFER OF TITLE

A "transfer of title" is a contract that transfers ownership of a piece of property from one person to another. In this contract, one person renounces, or gives up, any and all rights and claims to the property. Use the following to make a contract with God that renounces your claims of ownership and recognizes the one true Owner of all. Have it witnessed by a parent.

Transfer of Title

DATE:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE GOD AS THE TRUE OWNER OF ME, MY MONEY, MY POSSESSIONS, MY TIME, MY TALENTS, MY HOME, AND EVERYTHING ELSE I EVER IMAGINED BELONGED TO ME, INCLUDING MY FAMILY AND LOVED ONES. I PROMISE TO USE THESE THINGS TO BRING GLORY TO GOD'S NAME. FROM THIS TIME FORWARD, I WILL REMEMBER THAT THESE ASSETS ARE HIS TO DO WITH AS HE WISHES. I WILL DO MY BEST TO ASK HIM EACH DAY HOW HE WANTS ME TO USE HIS GIFTS TO FURTHER HIS KINGDOM.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSED \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAISE REPORT

# LIVING OUT LOUD



### **DO YOU REMEMBER?**

1. Why is it important to know that God created everything?

2. Name at least three Bible passages that tell us everything belongs to God.

3. What is a steward? What are some of the responsibilities of a steward within a large household?

4. Review Psalm 8:5–6. Why is an honor to be called God's steward?

5. How can studying the life of Jesus help you to become a good steward?

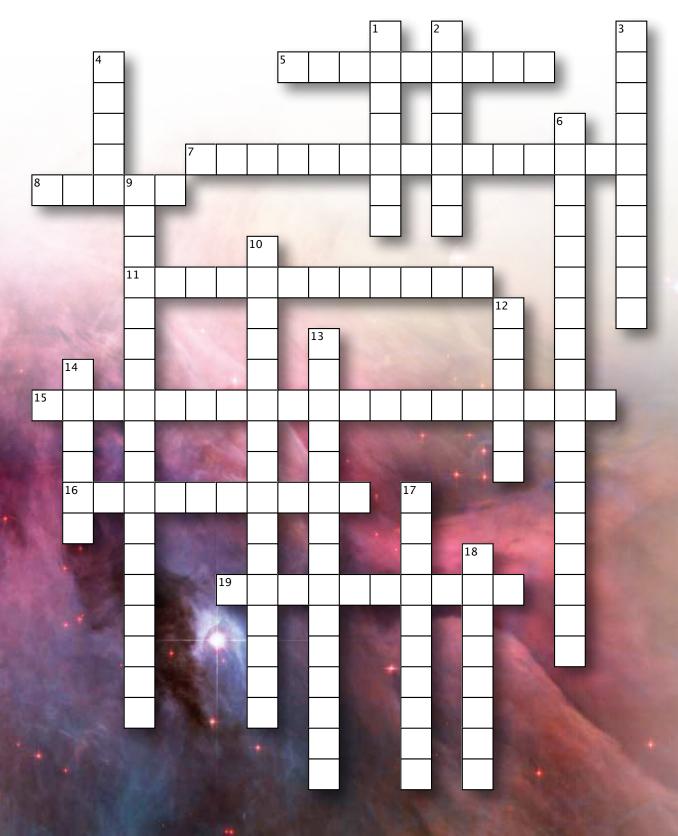
6. How can studying the Bible help you to become a good steward?

7. How can having the Holy Spirit living inside you help you to become a good steward?

8. How does life become simpler when you acknowledge that God owns all things, including your time, your money, your talents, your relationships, and your future?

Lesson 2

# GOD OWNS EVERYTHING



#### WORD LIST

title
asset
steward
accounting
putting God first
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John Everett Millais

Parable of the Talents Holy Spirit universe

#### ACROSS

- 5. Paul said this is "breathed out by God" and is "profitable" for showing us how to make good choices (2 Timothy 3:16, ESV)
- 7. These flew over London during World War II to keep enemy planes from flying low enough to accurately bomb their targets
- 8. Document that shows proof of ownership
- 11. World War II nickname for an air raid siren
- 15. Story told by Jesus in Matthew 25:14–30
- 16. "The earth is the Lord's, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1)
- 19. A full explanation of our actions as God's stewards

#### DOWN

- "Therefore, God elevated him to the place of \_\_\_\_\_\_ honor and gave him the name above all other names" (Philippians 2:9, NLT)
- 2. A person who rules over, or is in charge of, property that belongs to someone else
- 3. The Bible calls your body "the temple of God" because this person lives there (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- 4. A piece of property

- 6. He painted "The Boyhood of Raleigh"
- 9. The first four notes of his Fifth Symphony were used by the British to signify "victory"
- 10. The prime minister of Great Britain during World War II
- 12. A document that gives an inventor full control over his or her creation
- 13. Acknowledging God's right to rule over every area of our lives
- 14. "But you are a chosen people . . . that you may declare the praises of him who \_\_\_\_\_ you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9)
- 17. German for "lightning war"
- 18. God "upholds the \_\_\_\_\_ by the word of his power" (Hebrews 1:3, ESV)

# THE PARABLES OF JESUS THE TALENTS

1. Read the parable as told by Jesus in Matthew 25:14–30 and compare it to the story you've just read.

2. How does the master distribute his wealth among the servants? Why do you think he gives different amounts to each servant?

3. What is a talent in this parable? If you were the third servant, how would you feel about receiving only one talent when the other two receive more?

4. Do you ever envy or resent the possessions or talents of other Christians? Why or why not?

5. How does each of the servants use the wealth he is given?

6. Taking chances with other people's property is often frowned upon in this world, but the first and second servants in this parable decide they must take some risks if they are to wisely invest the money their master has entrusted to them. Read Ecclesiastes 11:1–6. What does Solomon say in this passage about taking risks? What are some ways we can take "risks" that honor God? What is gambling? What is the difference between a foolish risk and a responsible risk?

7. Why does the third servant bury the money he was given? Why is it important never to hide God's talents or keep them for ourselves? How can fear and lack of faith keep us from being good stewards of God's gifts to us?



8. Why is it important to understand what God is really like? What kind of relationship do you have with Him right now? How does this relationship affect your attitude and your actions? What can you do to strengthen your relationship with God?

## HOW DO YOU SEE IT?

Draw your favorite scene from the story "The Talents."



## FIND OUT MORE

### ACTIVITIES

• One of the ways you can serve others is to be ready to help in an emergency. Take an emergency first aid or CPR class. Work with your parents to develop a family preparedness plan. The first item on your list should be a safe place for everyone to meet. Make plans for how you can then go as a team to help your neighbors in the event of flood, fire, earthquake, or other disaster.

#### BOOKS

Winston Churchill by Simon Adams (ages 9 and up)
Winston Churchill by Fiona Reynoldson (ages 12 and up)
Winston Churchill: British Soldier, Writer, Statesman by Brenda Haugen (ages 12 and up)
Churchill and the British by John Bradley (ages 12 and up)
A Child's War: Growing Up on the Home Front by Mike Brown (ages 10 and up)
On the Home Front: Growing Up in Wartime England by Ann Stalcup (ages 11 and up)
Ludwig Van Beethoven by Mike Venezia (ages 6 and up)
How Do We Know God Is Really There? by Melissa Cain Travis

### SONGS

"We Are Called to Be God's People" by Thomas Jackson and Franz Joseph Haydn
"Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might" by John S. B. Monsell
"Onward Christian Soldiers" by Sabine Baring-Gould and Arthur Sullivan
"Whom Shall I Fear" by Chris Tomlin
"Symphony No. 5 in C minor" by Ludwig van Beethoven
"Ode to Joy" by Ludwig van Beethoven
"Beethoven's Wig" by Ludwig van Beethoven and Richard Perlmutter
"We Give Thee But Thine Own" by William W. How, Robert Schumann, and Lowell Mason
"Excellent" by Martha Munizzi and Michael Gungor