



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

15th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 25 (Year C) – Readings: Jer 8:18—9:1; Ps 79:1-9; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 16:1-13

Here is an **Anglican Sunday School Lesson Plan** for **young children** (ages 4–8) based on the **Revised Common Lectionary** readings for the *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 20 (Year C)*:

Theme:

God Cares for Everyone & Wants Us to Be Trustworthy

Main Scripture Focus:

Luke 16:1-13 – The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Lesson Overview

- **Opening Prayer**
 - **Welcome & Circle Time**
 - **Bible Story Time**
 - **Discussion & Object Lesson**
 - **Craft Activity**
 - **Memory Verse**
 - **Closing Prayer**
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Scripture Summaries (Kid-Friendly Language)

Luke 16:1-13 – Jesus' Story about a Manager

Jesus told a story about a man who was in charge of someone else's money. He wasn't being honest, and when he was going to lose his job, he made some quick deals with people to try to

make friends. Jesus says we should be wise with what we have and always try to do the right thing—even with little things—because God wants us to be faithful.

Key Idea: God wants us to be honest and trustworthy.

Other Readings (Simplified Ideas for Young Kids)

- **Jeremiah 8:18—9:1** – Jeremiah feels very sad because people are far from God. He wishes they would turn back.
 - **Psalms 79:1–9** – The people are sad because bad things have happened. They ask God to forgive them and help them.
 - **1 Timothy 2:1–7** – Paul says we should pray for everyone, even leaders, because God wants all people to know Him.
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Lesson Focus for Kids:

- **God wants us to make good choices.**
 - **Being honest and kind makes God happy.**
 - **We can pray for others and ask God to help us do what is right.**
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Opening Prayer (Simple for Kids)

"Dear God, thank you for today. Help us learn to be honest and to do what's right. Teach us to be kind, wise, and helpful. Amen."

Welcome & Circle Time (5–10 min)

- Sing a simple welcome song ("This Is the Day" or "Jesus Loves Me").
 - Ask: "What does it mean to tell the truth?" or "Have you ever helped take care of something special for someone?"
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Bible Story Time (Luke 16:1-13)

Tell or act out the story using simple props (coins, toy money, bags labeled "money," puppets).
Use phrases like:

- "Jesus told a story..."
 - "The manager didn't take care of the money the right way..."
 - "Jesus says we should be careful with little things and big things, and always be honest!"
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Object Lesson & Discussion

Item Needed: A jar of buttons or toy coins.

- Give each child 5–10 pieces and ask them to share or take care of them.
 - Ask: "Would God be happy if we took care of what we were given?"
 - Talk about how even when no one is watching, God sees and wants us to do the right thing.
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Craft Activity (15–20 min)

Craft: "Trustworthy Hands"

- Trace each child's hand on paper.
 - Write or draw ways to be honest or trustworthy on each finger (e.g., "Tell the truth," "Help others," "Take care of toys," etc.).
 - Decorate with stickers or markers.
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Memory Verse

Luke 16:10a – "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."

Repeat it together with motions:

- "Whoever is faithful" (hands praying)
 - "in a very little" (hold fingers close)
 - "is faithful also in much" (arms wide)
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Closing Prayer

"Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help us to be faithful and honest every day. Help us take care of what you give us. Amen."



Optional Songs

- "This Little Light of Mine"
 - "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"
 - "God Is So Good"
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Take-Home Page (Optional)

- Summary of today's lesson
 - Memory verse
 - A coloring sheet about being honest or helping others
 - Parent tip: Ask your child how they can be trustworthy this week
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God Cares for Everyone and Wants Us to Be Trustworthy

Jesus Wants Me to Help Others



We serve Heavenly
Father and Jesus
Christ by serving
people around us.