



Small Group Guide: Olders (Sept. 3 & 7)

Pre-Activity: Coloring Sheet

Unit One:	God Provides Blessings "Promises"
The Point & Callback:	LT says: God Students say: Blesses Us!
Bible Skills:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open the Bible to the Table of Contents.2. Put the first five books on the bookshelf. (Genesis-Deuteronomy) The first five books of the Bible are all written by Moses. They are called the Books of the Pentateuch/Law.3. Put the next 12 books on the bookshelf. (Joshua-Esther) These are 12 history books which follow the story of Israel.4. Put the next five books on the shelf. (Job-Song of Solomon) These five books are poetical books relating to Israel's spiritual life. They are called the books of Poetry.5. Put the next five books on the shelf. (Isaiah-Daniel) These five books are the teachings of the major prophets. Called "Major" because of their longer length.6. Lastly, put the next 12 books on the shelf. (Hosea-Malachi) These are the teachings of the "Minor" prophets. <p>The major and minor prophets were written as teachings and calls to repentance by prophets chosen by God.</p>

Memory Verse:	<p>"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace."</p> <p>Numbers 6:24-26</p>
SOAP: Scripture	SGG reads Genesis 1:1 – 2:4 to the students.
Observation Questions	<p>Talk about stewardship.</p> <p>A steward is a person who manages something but does not own it. For example, Chick-Fil-A. There is a manager who takes care of the store for the owner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What would happen if the manager did not take good care of the store? (fired, laid off, written up, etc.) <p>How we use our things, and our lives, is called stewardship. We are like managers. We manage our lives and our things. We don't get "fired" if we misuse our things, but we do usually have consequences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Can you think of times you have misused your things, time or yourselves? What were the consequences? <p>Tell the students: God wants the best for you, and God knows that you will be happier if you make good choices with your things, time, and self. God wants us to practice good stewardship. But how do we know if we are being good stewards?</p> <p>Jesus, he gave us a simple rule:</p> <p>Love God and love others.</p>

	The more we practice God's love for us and others the better stewards we will be!
Application	God created each of us in his image. This makes us all special in His eyes. Which means ... we should also see others as God sees them. So ... that means we are to treat "everyone" with love and respect.
Activity	Icebreaker Games: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Storytelling – is a game where you start a story with a sentence and each person adds a sentence to continue the story. 2. Superhero Alter Ego – ask students if they were a superhero, what would their power be and their name? 3. Fun Fact – you will have each student write a fun fact about themselves on a pos-it. SGG will collect the post its and read aloud. Students will guess which fact goes with which student. HAVE FUN!
Prayer	Creator God, you have made everything! Help us be good stewards of your world. Help us treat everyone with love and respect so they see you in us. Amen.