LJ & FAMILY · MINISTRY KIT · EPISODE 24

The Messy Room

A 20-minute lesson for Sunday school, VBS or midweek kids · Colossians 3:20 and Genesis 1:1–31

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AGES	4–10 (adaptations for 3–5 and 10–12 at the end)
YOU NEED	A screen for the episode · three labelled bins or boxes · a pile of toys or blocks · crayons · the coloring page
EPISODE	Ep 24, The Messy Room (3:52) · youtu.be/UmRV8hqs22I
MEMORY VERSE	"Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40
BIBLE STORY	God creates the world (Genesis 1:1–31)
THE ONE THING THEY TAKE HOME	Obeying our parents pleases God. God made everything in order, and we take care of what He gave us.

The class plan

MIN		WHAT HAPPENS
0–2	**Welcome**	Ask: "Has your room ever been really messy? Have you ever lost something you loved?" Let a few children answer.
2–6	**Watch**	Show Ep 24, The Messy Room (3:52).
6–10	**Talk**	Three questions below. Let them answer before you do.
10–13	**Bible**	Tell how God made the world good and in order (Genesis 1:1–31).
13–18	**Activity**	Play the "Everything Has a Home" cleanup race (below).
18–20	**Pray**	Close with the episode prayer.

Talk about it (5 minutes)

1. What did LJ do instead of cleaning his room? What happened when Marcus came to play?
He shoved everything under his bed and into the closet. He couldn't find his firetruck when Marcus came to play. Help children see that hiding a mess isn't the same as obeying.

2. Dad made a rule after he lost his library book. What was the rule?
Everything has a home: books on the shelf, toys in the bin. Talk about where things live in their own rooms.

3. God made the world good and in order. How can you take care of the things God gave you?
Help children name real things: putting toys away, hanging up coats, being gentle with books. Taking care of things is a way to say thank you to God.

Open the Bible (4 minutes)

"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20 (WEB)

How to tell it

Set the scene: in the beginning, everything was dark and empty (Genesis 1:2). Then God said, "Let there be light!" and there was light (Genesis 1:3). Pause and ask: what do you think came next? God put the water in one place and the dry land in another (Genesis 1:9), then filled the land with trees, flowers and fruit (Genesis 1:11–12). He made the sun, moon and stars, the fish and birds, the animals, and people (Genesis 1:14–27). God saw everything He made, and it was very good (Genesis 1:31). God made a beautiful world with a place for everything.

Going deeper with older kids

With older kids, read Genesis 1:1–31 and Colossians 3:20 together. What did God do on each day? Why do you think God made the world in order instead of a big mess? Connect it to 1 Corinthians 14:40: doing things decently and in order is one way we follow God's example.

Activity: Everything Has a Home race (4 minutes)

- Dump a pile of toys or blocks in the middle of the room and set out three labelled bins (cars, blocks, books).
- Split the children into teams and race to give every item its home while singing a cleanup song.
- Hide one special toy (a red firetruck if you have one) under a pile, and cheer when someone finds it.
- Close by thanking God for the things He gives us and asking Him to help us obey the first time.

A WORD OF CARE

Some children live in crowded or busy homes, or move between two homes, and may not have much space of their own. Keep the focus on obeying and caring for things, not on having a big room or lots of toys. If a child shares something worrying, listen calmly and follow your church's safeguarding steps.

Close in prayer (2 minutes)

Have the children fold their hands and repeat after you, one line at a time:

God, thank You for my home and my toys. Help me obey my mom and dad the first time, and help me take good care of everything You have given me. Amen.

Adaptations

Ages 3–5

Use just two bins and practise “first-time obey”: when the leader says “clean up,” everyone helps right away.

Ages 10–12

Do the Going Deeper section. Talk about responsibilities at home and how obeying shows love and respect.

Large group

Run the race in small groups with a leader at each. Take three answers to each question.

Short on time (10 minutes)

Watch from Londyn’s bins (2), one question (2), tell God making the world (3), say the verse (2), pray (1).

A note for teachers

The heart of this lesson is that obeying our parents pleases God, and caring for our things follows His example of order. Children should leave knowing that everything has a home.

Send the family guide home with every child so families can watch and talk about it together. It is free to print and share at ljandfamily.com.