“In exchange for his soul” - Auction Bible Lesson on Mark 8:36

Objective: Students will identify that the value of the soul exceeds any other object or desire in life.

Setup Procedure:
1) Print this document.
2) Print pages 15 and 16 two extra times. Each student in your class should have $300.
3) Cut each page in half.
4) Cut the money pages into single bills. Put an equal amount of money ($300 suggested) into each player’s envelope.
5) Stack the items to be auctioned in any order. The last item “The Salvation of Your Soul” should be the last item in the auction.

Student Prep:
1) Give each player an envelope of money.
2) Explain that the money represents all the money and time they have in life. It represents your dreams, career, possessions, goals etc.
3) The opportunities that will be auctioned are not seen ahead of time. That’s the way life is. You never know what might come your way.

Auction:
1) Present the first item for sale starting at $20.
2) Student can call out an increase in their offer by increments of $20.
3) The winner keeps the card.

Conclusion:

When the last item, salvation, has been sold, it is time to bring the activity to a discussion. Some questions might be:

- “How do the items you have in your hand compare to the value of your soul?”
- “Why did the person who saved all his money until the end not spend it on other items?”
- “If you knew that your purchases would eventually cost you the opportunity to pursue salvation, would you have made different choices?”
- “Is it possible to lose out on salvation because of the decisions we make?”

About this Activity:
This Sunday school activity is available for download at www.GospelHall.org. It may be distributed freely, but may not be sold.

Other online lessons include:

- 3D Tabernacle Model that you print, fold, tape and display in less than an hour.
- 3D model of Noah’s Ark.
- Many Power Point presentations about Bible stories and issues that matter to young people.
What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:36
New Corvette

Luxury Vacation
Become an intelligent person

Get good grades
Your own horse
A mansion on the beach
Learn a foreign language

2 tickets to the world cup
One day
when everything goes right

The ability
to fly
Make an important discovery

Climb Mount Everest
Jump out of an airplane

Invent Something New
Win

American Idol

Make an important discovery
win the lottery

Ability to talk with animals
Become an astronaut. The salvation of your soul.