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I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

—Psalm 145 NRSV

Stu Bear's Journal

Stu Bear is a wonderful tool for teaching children and their families about stewardship. This cuddly bear, along with his pack of storybooks, camera and journal is ready to travel to homes, stay for a week and share lessons of what it means to be a steward. Stu Bear resources are available from the Presbyterian Church. Visit them on-line at <http://www.presbycan.ca/stewardship/stubear/index.html>

One congregation that welcomed Stu Bear for over a year asked his host families to write in a journal. Did the kids and their families learn about stewardship? You be the judge:

- Stu Bear told us about things he learned (in his book) and we taught Stu Bear that



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giving to people who need is good stewardship. We collected toys, clothes and other things to donate to people who need them.

- Stu Bear came with us to Kids Klub and sang some songs. We made a point of being extra nice and helpful to our family and friends this past week.
- It snowed this week. Every time it snows we shovel our neighbour's driveway. She is elderly and lives alone. Stu Bear reminded us of the things we already do to help others and challenged us to do more.
- Sometimes it's not easy to share, but some things are hard that God wants us to do.
- Stu Bear taught us that taking care of yourself, helping others and sharing is just like saying "thank-you" to God.
- We taught Stu Bear how to do somersaults. He taught us not to be greedy.
- This week we learned that when you have a guest staying with you, you should know where he is at all times because you could easily misplace him. We enjoyed reading Stu Bear's books and he enjoyed listening to ours.
- Almost every day was dress-up day. Our daughter loves to dress up and Stu Bear helped us to appreciate how lucky we are to have clothes, a warm home and good nutritious food.
- We learned that some people don't have enough food, so our family took some food to the Winnipeg Food Bank
- We hope Stu Bear helps other families the way he helped ours.
- Have fun with Stu Bear and be ready because he sure talks a lot.

A stuffed bear that "talks a lot" about stewardship! What an example to us all.