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# JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS

LUKE 12

## CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus taught people to seek God's kingdom because knowing God is the greatest treasure. When people trust in Jesus, they are welcomed into God's kingdom and can trust that God will provide for all their needs.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is prayer? Prayer is talking with God to praise Him, ask Him for help, and confess our sins.

## MEMORY VERSE

Jeremiah 29:12-13

# PREPARE



Take time to reflect  
on today's lesson.

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

In our modern consumer-driven culture, Luke 12's parable of the rich fool provides a relevant warning against the danger of greed, as well as a timely cure for the anxiety that ails us when we seek first our own kingdom rather than God's.

In this chapter, we read about Jesus being interrupted from His teaching to break up a civil squabble between two brothers fighting over their inheritance. Jesus asked why they would want Him to serve as the judge between them and issued a serious warning, not just to the greedy brother, but to everyone in the crowd: "Be on guard against all greed, because one's life is not in the abundance of his possessions." The man who called out for Jesus' help was probably not expecting a rebuke from Jesus in the form of a parable.

Jesus went on to teach them what it looks like to put God's kingdom above their own, to seek His will for their lives rather than accumulating more money and possessions that won't stand the test of time. He taught them what it means to treasure God above the things of this world and to receive the gift of everlasting life that will not perish.

Trusting in God's power above your own ability to provide for yourself doesn't come naturally to us. Though the kids hearing this story may not be as familiar with this reality as you are, reflect on what it means to trust in and treasure God above all else, to believe that we are worth more to our Creator than the beautiful sights we witness in nature. It takes faith to read these words of Scripture and to believe them with confidence and hope. Pray for a childlike faith to reign in your heart as you share this story with boys and girls this week.

Lead the kids in your class to see how worthy God is of our trust, obedience, and worship. Pray that God would soften their hearts and provide them with the peace that comes from knowing their lives are secure—both now and forever, when they trust in His Son's words of life.

# WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

## OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to large group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or practice the memory verse!

## MEMORY VERSE

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

**Jeremiah 29:12-13, ESV**

## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's memory verse folder to review the verse with the kids.

It's Bible Bucks Day! During our extended large group time today, kids will have the chance to recite any memorized verses to leaders to earn Bible Bucks. If kids don't have any new verses memorized, encourage them to work on this month's verse to have it ready for the next Bible Bucks Day!





# LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in large group.

## JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS

As Jesus was teaching a crowd of people, someone said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide his inheritance money with me.”

Jesus replied, “Friend, who made Me a judge over you?” Then He said to the crowd, “Be on guard against greed! Owning many possessions will not make you happy or content.”

Then Jesus told them a parable: “There was a rich man who had a great farm that produced a lot of crops. The rich man thought to himself, ‘What will I do with all these crops? I don’t have enough room to store them. I know—I’ll tear down my barns and build even bigger ones. Then I’ll store so much away that I can rest for many years and just enjoy life.’

“But God came to the rich man and said, ‘You fool! This is the night that your life will end. And all those things you saved and worked so hard for, who will get to enjoy them?’

Jesus said, “This is how it will be if you store up treasure for yourself and are not rich toward God.”

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Don’t worry about your life. Don’t worry about what you will eat or what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. The ravens don’t store up food, but God feeds them. Aren’t you worth more than birds? Can you add one moment to your life by worrying? And if you can’t do that, why worry about everything else?”

Jesus also told the people to think about the wildflowers and how they don’t work to make their beautiful colors and petals. He reminded them how God cares for His creation, especially people who are much more important than flowers.

Then Jesus said: “Seek first the kingdom of God, and the things you need will be added to you. Don’t be afraid. Your Father delights to give you the kingdom. Sell the things you own and give to the poor. Store up your treasure in heaven instead, where no one can steal it and nothing can destroy it. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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# LARGE GROUP ACTIVITY



Introduce Bible  
Bucks and Sword  
Showdown to kids.

## BIBLE BUCKS DAY & SWORD SHOWDOWN INTRO

This year, we're introducing a new aspect of large group: Sword Showdown!

This will be a fun and interactive way to help kids grow in their Bible skills, become familiar with using the Bible, and have fun in the process. After the lesson today, we'll explain how the games will work, then have some time to play those games all together!

During the games, kids will also be able to participate in our Bible Bucks program by reciting the scripture they have memorized to one of the leaders on the Bible Bucks team.

# CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

## PICK-UP REMINDERS!

When pick-up starts, make sure to match each kid's name tag to the security code provided by their parent/guardian!

Once the codes have been matched, have the kid or parent remove the kid's name tag and give it to you so we know they've been picked up. If we see a kid outside their room with a tag, we'll assume they haven't been picked up and return them to their room.

If a parent has lost or doesn't have the security code, call Taylor or a hall captain for assistance!

## HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**