

**JULY 17, 2020**

**JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS**



**BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 12:13-21**

**STORY POINT:** Jesus taught people about possessions.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

*Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.*

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**FAMILY DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS:**

- **Read Luke 12:13-21.** What request does the man make of Jesus in verse 13? What heart struggle is the man having? (Read verse 15)
- What did the rich man in the parable do when he had a good harvest of crops? Why does God call him a fool?
- **Read Matthew 6:19-21.** Where does Jesus say that we should store up our treasures? Why should we store up our treasures in heaven and not earth? How can we store up treasures in heaven?
- It's easy for our hearts to cling to stuff. Talk about something that you really wanted. Did that thing bring lasting joy, or did you eventually want something else?
- Who is the real owner of everything? How does the truth that God is the owner of everything change how you feel about stuff?
- Pray that God will help you to turn away from the grip that possessions may have on your heart. Ask Him to help you worship Him only and not your stuff.

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**John 14:25-26**



# That's Silly!

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw an X over the things that do not belong in the picture.



Preschool Activity Pages

## Unit 23 • Session 4 Jesus Taught About Possessions

### BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus said that life is not about what you own.
- Jesus taught people not to worry.
- Jesus said God will give you what you need.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 14:26

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What are some possessions we may love too much?
- What are some ways we can be more giving as a family?
- How did Jesus give to us?
- How can we make Jesus our greatest treasure?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Visit a wildflower meadow or a flower garden. Read Luke 12:27-28 as you look at the flowers.
- Pick a time frame for family members to evaluate their possessions. Donate items to a homeless shelter, clothes closet, or another ministry.



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# Fashion Statement

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the space provided to design something you would like to wear.



*Younger Kids Activity Pages*  
**Unit 23 • Session 4**  
**Jesus Taught About Possessions**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- A man asked Jesus to tell his brother to share with him.
- Jesus said life is about more than what we own.
- Jesus reminded people that God takes care of birds and flowers, and people matter more than either.
- Jesus taught people not to worry because God provides for our needs.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 14:25-26

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why is Jesus the greatest treasure?
- How can we honor God with the things we own?
- When is it hard to be generous?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Help your kids find toys or clothing in good shape. Donate the items to your church or a local charity. Talk about how Jesus' generosity inspires our own.



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STORY POINT: **JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE NOT TO WORRY BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.**

*Jesus Taught About Possessions*  
Luke 12

# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How have you seen God provide for your family?
- How do you know if something is a want or a need?
- What current needs does your family have? Pray and ask God to provide.

## Jesus Taught About Possessions

Luke 12

**STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE NOT TO WORRY BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.**

Thousands of people came together to listen to Jesus' teaching. Jesus said, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed. True life is not found in what you own."

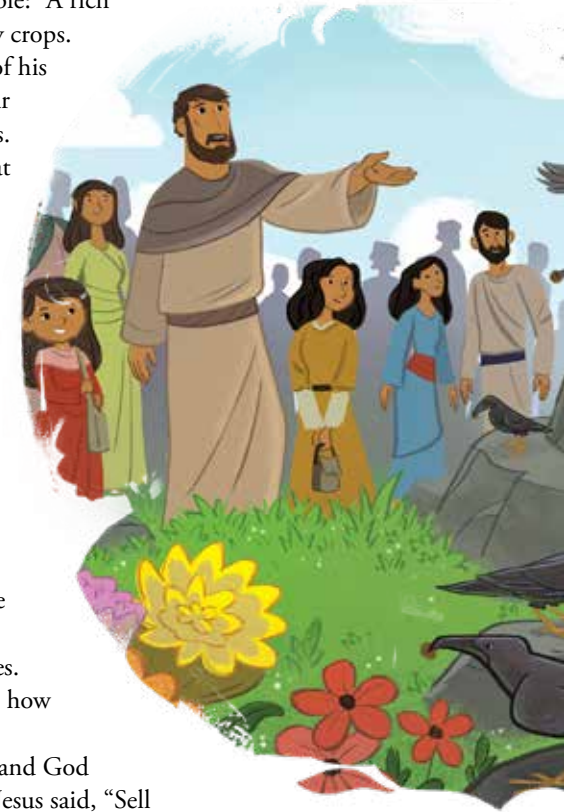
Then Jesus told the people a parable: "A rich man owned land that produced many crops. He didn't have anywhere to store all of his crops, so he said to himself, 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then, I'll have so much stored up that I can stop working and relax.' But God told the man, 'You are a fool! You will die this very night, and then what good is everything you have stored up?'"

Then Jesus told His disciples, "Do not worry about your life or your body. Think about the birds: They do not plant or collect grain, yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth more than birds?"

Jesus also said, "Think about the wildflowers. They don't work or make clothing, yet they are lovelier than a great and rich king in his fancy clothes. If that is how God takes care of grass, how much more will He do for you?"

"Seek God's kingdom," He said, "and God will provide what you need." Finally Jesus said, "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in heaven lasts forever. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*Christ Connection: Jesus is our greatest treasure. Jesus left His place in heaven to live humbly on earth. Jesus obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give generously and trust God to provide everything we need.*



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# Treasure Box

For each letter, list something you treasure—or value very much.

A-  
C-  
D-  
E-  
F-  
G-  
H-  
I-  
L-  
M-  
N-  
O-  
R-  
T-



# Bible Story Blanks

Fill in each blank with the correct word from the word box.



Jesus said, “True life is not found in what you \_\_\_\_\_.” Then Jesus told His disciples, “Do not worry about your \_\_\_\_\_ or your body—what you will eat or what you will wear. Think about the \_\_\_\_\_: They do not plant or collect grain, yet God \_\_\_\_\_ them. Aren’t you worth more than birds?”

Jesus also said, “Think about the \_\_\_\_\_. They don’t work or make \_\_\_\_\_, yet they are lovelier than a great and rich \_\_\_\_\_ in his fancy clothes. If that is how \_\_\_\_\_ takes care of grass—which grows today and is cut down tomorrow—how much more will He do for you?”

Jesus told His disciples not to worry about \_\_\_\_\_ or drink. “Seek God’s \_\_\_\_\_,” He said, “and God will \_\_\_\_\_ what you need.” God is \_\_\_\_\_ to give His children the kingdom.

Finally Jesus said, “Sell your \_\_\_\_\_ and give to the \_\_\_\_\_. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in \_\_\_\_\_ lasts forever. For where your treasure is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also.”

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