



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 28

The Rich Fool

Lesson Aim: To know we find our security in God, not in our possessions.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: If you were rich, what would you give to God?

GAME: What's in the Bag?

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Read Worship Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE RICH FOOL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Parable of the Great Banquet.

Today, we will hear the Parable of the Rich Fool. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 12:15-21; Matthew 6:19-21. Find Luke 12:15-21 First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 12:15. Pray. Read both passages.

THE WAY BE RICH TOWARD GOD

Jesus said, "Watch out!" What did He warn us to be on guard against? (All kinds of greed.) **Greed means wanting more than you need. Name some different kinds of greed.** (Greed for more money, popularity, new electronic games, success, attention, food, fame, etc.) **What kinds of greed have you or one of your friends had? You don't have to have much, or want much, to be greedy. Just holding tightly to what you do have is a form of greed. What keeps you from sharing what you have with others?**

One great way to be on guard against greed is to be very generous, which means giving freely. How can you be generous this week with family members? How can you be generous this week with friends? How can you give to those in need?

Jesus is not saying it is wrong to have lots of money or to save things, but we must use them to be rich toward God instead of keeping everything for ourselves. To be rich toward God is to use

our money and things to build His kingdom. How do you think Jesus wanted the rich man to use the things he was storing? (To be rich toward God instead of toward himself, to be generous.) **What are some ways we can be rich toward God?** (Give our offering, use our time and treasures to focus on Him and to serve our neighbors, etc.) **What are some of your favorite things to collect?** (Coins, shells, marbles, dolls, stamps, toy cars, etc.) **How can you use these things to be rich toward God?**

What do you think Jesus meant when He said a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions? What is most important to you in your life? What do you think God sees as most important in your life?

What do you think Jesus meant by treasures in heaven? (Treasures that last forever as opposed to earthly possessions, such as eternal life, our relationship with God, or things we have done to build His kingdom.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Nearly one thousand years before Jesus told us to watch out for greed, King Solomon warned about what happens when we trust in our riches instead of trusting in God. Reveal Proverbs 11:28. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Are there any riches (money or belongings) you are trusting in to make you happy? What changes can you make to help you trust God instead of your riches?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Rich Fool Kingdom Parable Sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #28
- OFFERING OF ART: Barn full of treasures
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: The Rich Fool's Snack

GAME: Stuff It! Race

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes–The Rich Fool

BONUS PARABLE: The Hidden Treasure

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Fruit Concentrate, Fruit of the Spirit Hopscotch

KINGDOM PARABLE REVIEW