



The Rich Fool

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us to be generous.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Teaches

THE WORD

Bible Story: Luke 12:15-21

What He has done: Jesus taught about a rich man who stored up things for himself.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "We will share."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior." Psalm 25:5

Unit 6: The King Who Teaches—Parables 2			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
28	The Rich Fool, Luke 12:15-21	Jesus taught about a rich man who stored up things for himself.	To know God wants us to be generous.
29	Let Your Light Shine, Matthew 5:14-16	Jesus taught that we should not hide our light.	To be the light of the world.
30	Do Not Worry, Matthew 6:25-34	Jesus taught that He takes care of the birds and the flowers.	To know God takes care of everything.
31	The Lost Son, Luke 15:11-24	Jesus taught about a father who welcomed his lost son home.	To know God welcomes us.
32	The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37	Jesus taught about a man who was a good neighbor.	To show kindness to others.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Luke 12:31-34. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for Your great generosity toward us. Help us guide Your children to be generous toward You and toward other people. Amen."



Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, sticker of a gift or a heart
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "We will share."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Guide Me" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "How Wide" "It's Praise Time" "Love One Another" "Sing Praises" "We Love" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "This Is the Day" "This Little Light of Mine" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Cedarment Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 28
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Luke 12:15-21	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Luke 12:18 Visual: "Sharing Bank" craft sample
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Sharing Barn Bank	Small cup (approximately 3 oz), sturdy white paper, one coin, label or slip of paper, tape, crayons or markers
		Game: I Can Share	Plastic food (enough for each child to have one), two baskets
		Game: Share the Treasure	Favorite classroom toy or object
		Snack: Share and Snack	Wheat or multigrain crackers
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 6, Lesson 28 Color This Story: "The Rich Fool"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Luke 12:15-21	None
	Up to 10	Game: "Guide Me" Memory Hop	Bible, open to Psalm 25:5
	Up to 10	Game: Follow the Leader	None
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about sharing

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



We will share

THE WELCOME

Teacher Tip: For lessons 23-32, use stickers in the Treasure Chest for children to add to their Kingdom Stories Treasure Box. See the craft page for further instructions.

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a sticker of a gift or a heart. **This sticker of a gift or a heart is to remind us to give and share instead of keeping things for ourselves. Today's Whisper Verse is "We will share."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "We will share."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

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| "We" | Right index finger points down at the ground with hand beginning at the right shoulder and moving around the front of the chest in a half circle motion to the left shoulder. |
| "(will) share." | With both palms open and fingers together, the pinky finger of the right hand brushes the pointer finger and inside of the thumb of the left hand in a back and forth sweeping motion. |

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

"Clean Up Song": **Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!**
 Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "We will share," Numbers 10:32. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who teaches

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play “It’s Praise Time!” as children move to that designated area.

It’s Praise Time—our time to sing praise to King Jesus. In the Bible, Jesus tells us stories that help us understand God’s kingdom. Last time, we heard the story of the woman who lost one of her ten coins. When she found it, she asked her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her—they were happy and celebrated! Our story today is about being generous. Being generous means wanting to give and to share with others. God loves it when we share!



What is today’s Whisper Verse? (“We will share.”) Let’s whisper, “We will share!” Review the Whisper Verse together: “We will share!” Include sign language. **God teaches us about sharing in the Bible. Our new Bible Memory Verse Song asks Him to teach us and to guide us. That means to show us the way to do things. I’ll sing it for you once and then you can sing along with me. Sing: “Guide Me.”**



I wonder if Ranger Ryan knows a story about sharing. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 28.



The man in the story was keeping his riches all to himself. Jesus wants us to use our riches to build His kingdom. One way we can do that is to give our offering. Let’s do that right now. Play: “This Is the Day” as background music while collecting the offering.

God wants us to give our singing and our hearts to Him as an offering, too! Let’s sing and shout to give our praise to God! Sing: “Sing Praises” and “We Love.”



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THE WORD

Additional Supplies: Classroom Kingdom Stories Treasure Box, Lesson 27 "Coin Bag" craft sample

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others and then self.

Open the Classroom Kingdom Stories Treasure Box to display the Lesson 27 "Coin Bag" craft sample. **Last time, we learned you are God's special treasure. All of heaven rejoices when you do things God's way! Who would like to tell the story of the lost coin that we learned last week?** Choose a volunteer to tell the story while they hold the craft sample.

Today, we will hear how Jesus told His friends the story about a rich man who kept everything for himself. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 12:18.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 12:15-21

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold a "Sharing Bank" craft sample. Other visual options include Color This Story or any related picture.

- **Jesus said, "Watch out for greed.**
- **Don't want more than you need.**
- **Instead of storing things away,**
- **Just give it all to God today."**

- **He told a story of a man,**
- **Whose barn ran out of room.**
- **He had so many plants and seeds,**
- **He didn't know what to do.**

- **Then the man said, "This is what I'll do;**
- **I'll tear my old barns down,**
- **Building bigger barns to hold more things."**
- **God saw His greed and frowned.**

The rich man did not share. What does God want us to do? (Share.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "We will share."** Include sign language or hand motions.



The rich man grew lots of food on his farm. He had so much food He didn't have enough room for it all. What did he build to put his extra food in? (Bigger barns.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Luke 12:18 from the teacher's Bible.



We can share **THE WAY**

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

Teacher Tip: Encourage families to use the instructions on the Ponder, Pray & Play card to make a Kingdom Stories Treasure Box to store children's Kingdom Stories Treasures for the next ten weeks (Lessons 23-32). Children should place their Treasure Chest Sticker on the outside of the box and their parable story crafts inside. Create a Kingdom Stories Treasure Box for the classroom to review the stories each week.

CRAFT: SHARING BARN BANK

Purpose: To remind the children of the story of the rich fool and his barns of grain.

Supplies: Small cup (approximately 3 oz), sturdy white paper, one coin, label or slip of paper, tape, crayons or markers

Prepare: From sturdy paper, cut a 4" circle. Fold the circle in half and then in half again. Crease one edge and unfold. Cut along the crease to the center of the circle. Cut a slit large enough in one side of the circle for coins to fit through. Print on a label or slip of paper: **"We will share." Luke 12:15-21**

Directions:

1. Children color the cup and the circle.
2. Attach label to cup.
3. Tape the circle into a cone shape and secure the cone to the lid of the cup with tape.
4. Show the children how to put their coin through the slot in the top of the bank.

Craft Discussion:

- **The rich man had more food than he needed to eat. Did the rich man share his food? (No.) What did he do with his food? (He kept it all for himself.)**
- **What does God want you to do with your things? (Share.) That's like our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with the motions! Say Whisper Verse together with hand motions.**
- **The rich man kept all his food in his barns for himself. You can keep money in your barn bank to give to God.**
- **When you have many coins in your "Sharing Barn Bank," bring them to church to give as your offering to God.**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: I CAN SHARE

Purpose: Children will practice generosity through sharing.

Supplies: Plastic food (enough for each child to have one), two baskets

The rich man did not share his extra food. What does God want you to do? (Share.) Let's play a game where we share the food we have until everyone has a piece. Can you share with each other? (Yes.)

Directions:

1. Divide children into two teams. Line up the two teams at one end of the play area.
2. At the other end of the play area, place a basket for each team with enough food items for each child on the team to have one.
3. On your signal, the first child on each team runs to their basket and chooses a piece of food. The child runs back to their team and gives the food to the second child in line. The first child then goes to the end of the line.
4. The second child, keeping that food, runs to the basket to choose a second piece of food and runs back to his or her team. The child gives the food he or she chose to the third child in line and then sits down near his or her team.
5. Repeat step four until each child has been given a piece of food. The last child in line gives the piece of food they chose to the first child on the team. Then they both sit down.
6. Praise each child for sharing.

GAME: SHARE THE TREASURE

Purpose: Children will choose to share the treasured toy or object.

Supplies: Favorite classroom toy or object

God gives you everything you have. He gives it for you to share. Does God want you to keep everything for yourself? (No.) What does God want you to do? (Share.) You can choose to share with others. Let's choose to share right now.

Directions:

1. Children stand in a large circle.
2. Give the favorite classroom toy or object to a child and have him or her stand inside the circle.
3. While he or she walks past each child of the circle, the children in the circle chant, "Name of child with toy has the treasure, what will he/she do?"
4. The child with the toy then stops in front of a child in the circle and replies, "**I won't keep it for myself; I will give it to you!**"
5. Child gives the favorite classroom toy or object to that child and they trade places.
6. Repeat until each child has a chance to hold the treasure.

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: SHARE AND SNACK

Purpose: Children will share crackers to remind them of the story of the Rich Fool.

Snack Suggestion: Wheat or multigrain crackers

Teacher's Note: Do not serve snack until noted in the discussion.

Directions:

1. Serve drink. Wait to serve the snack.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "We will share."
 - **The rich man in the story had lots of extra grain which he would not share. I have crackers made of grain which I will share with you.** Serve snack.
 - **Jesus said, "Watch out!" He warned the people not to be greedy. Greed is when you want more than you need.**
 - **God wants you to share with others. What can you share?** (Children respond.) **What should you do with your toys?** (Share.) **With whom can you share your toys?** (Parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, friends.) **We can always share what we have with others!**



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Sharing Barn Bank" craft. Tell someone the rich fool did not share. God wants you to give to Him and share with others. Put your "Sharing Barn Bank" in your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box when you get home. You can make a Kingdom Stories Treasure Box from any box you find at home. Don't forget to put coins in it and then, you can bring the coins to church to give to God. Remember to put your gift or heart sticker on the outside of your Treasure Box.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how God wants you to give to Him and share with others.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "The Rich Fool." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me" as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: LUKE 12:15-21

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the Bible Story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus said, "Watch out for greed.** (Shake head "no.")
- **Don't want more than you need.** (Make grabbing motions with hands.)
- **Instead of storing things away,** (Cup hands closed.)
- **Just give it all to God today."** (Open hands and raise them toward heaven.)

- **Jesus told a story of a man,** (Point to heaven.)
- **Whose barn ran out of room.** (Hold palms up.)
- **He had so many plants and seeds,** (Point everywhere.)
- **He didn't know what to do.** (Shrug shoulders and shake head.)

- **Then the man said "This is what I'll do;** (Point to brain.)
- **I'll tear my old barns down,** (Push palms down to the floor.)
- **Building bigger barns to hold more things."** (Raise palms up high.)
- **God saw His greed and frowned.** (Shake head sadly.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior." Psalm 25:5

GAME: "GUIDE ME" MEMORY HOP

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Bible, open to Psalm 25:5

Let's learn our new Bible Memory Verse! With each word I say, I want you to repeat it and take one hop toward me. When you get close enough to touch the Bible I'm holding, you may sit.

Directions:

1. Children stand shoulder to shoulder at one end of the room. If you have a large class, divide them into groups and have the groups take turns playing.
2. Teacher stands at the opposite end of the room, holding an open Bible.
3. Teacher says each word of the Bible Memory Verse. As the children repeat each word, they take one hop toward the teacher.
4. When each child is close enough, they touch the Bible and then sit down.
5. Teacher repeats the Bible Memory Verse until each child has touched the Bible and is seated.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: FOLLOW THE LEADER

Purpose: Children will play "Follow the Leader" to understand God is their leader who guides them to understanding His truth.

Supplies: None

Directions:

1. **Let's play "Follow the Leader." Follow me and I will show you what to do.**
2. Line the children up behind you. Walk around the room acting out various actions for the children to imitate as they follow you. Actions may include hopping, skipping, patting your head, turning in circles, dancing, etc.
3. Play for a few minutes.
4. **You did a good job of following me. I am your teacher. I led you in the game by showing you the way to play. I was guiding you to know where to go. God guides us and teaches us in His Word, the Bible. Let's say our Bible Memory Verse together.** Children say the Bible Memory Verse.
5. **Everything God teaches us is called His Truth. We can always find His Truth in the Bible. In the Bible, God teaches us about Himself and His world. He guides us in knowing how to love Him.**
6. If time remains, let children take turns being the leader.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about sharing.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 6, Lesson 28: The Rich Fool

PONDER! Read Luke 12:15-21 with your family. The rich fool was a man who had a barn filled with more food than he needed. He didn't share with others; instead, he kept it all for himself. Talk about why it is important to give to God and share with others.

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for all the wonderful things You have given us. Help us give to You and share with others. Amen."

PLAY! Find and decorate a box to be your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box. Put today's craft inside and place your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box Sticker on the outside. During the week, take out your craft treasures to remind your family of Jesus' stories. Collect coins for your "Sharing Barn Bank" and bring them to church as your offering.

Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse: Psalm 25:5

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior."