



Camp Venture Counselor's Guide: Ages 6-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 28

The Rich Fool

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us to be rich toward Him.

THE WORSHIP - AT THE CAMPFIRE

Who God is: The King Who Teaches

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

Kingdom Parable: Luke 12:15-21

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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." "Jesus said, 'Go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name.'" Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:16b

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 rich toward Him.
29	The Talents, Matthew 25:14-30	Jesus taught about a master who entrusted his servants with money.	To know we should be faithful with whatever God gives us.
30	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Luke 18:9-14	Jesus taught about the importance of a humble attitude.	To know God looks at the attitude of our hearts, not our deeds.
31	The Lost Son, Luke 15:11-24	Jesus taught about a father who welcomed his lost son home.	To know God always welcomes us back to Him. (Salvation Message)
32	The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37	Jesus taught about a man who was a good neighbor.	To show kindness and love sacrificially.

COUNSELOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read 1 Chronicles 29:11-16. 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 other people. Amen."

WHAT is CAMP VENTURE? Camp Venture is a variation on the Kings & Kingdoms Units 5 and 6 standard version lessons. Both versions cover the same parables. Camp Venture offers different elements consistent with a camping theme. Children are referred to as campers and teachers are camp counselors. Decorate classroom or play area to create the Camp Venture experience. For example: camp tent, backpacks, photo board or album with photos of each camper, fire logs surrounded by stones as a flameless campfire, etc. Camp Venture is most often introduced as Sunday School curriculum during school vacation months but can easily be adapted as a Vacation Bible School curriculum.

TREASURE TREAT: The Treasure Treat for Units 5 and 6 is a Kingdom Parable Journal. Each week, campers receive Kingdom Parable Stickers to add to their journal. The journal and stickers are available at ResourceWell.org. You may print the stickers on sticker paper or on sturdy paper and attach with glue.

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THE WORSHIP THE WORD & THE WAY

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 25	Camp Games: Stuff It! Race	At least 40 non-helium balloons, four oversized T-shirts, timer
THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org	Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "The Fruit of the Spirit" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "I Am the Way" "Praise the Lord, O My Soul" "Well Done" "Yahweh Every Day: You Shall Love the Lord" Additional Hymn Suggestion: "Amazing Grace" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Songs 4 Worship Kids Volume 1 Sunday School Jamz by Worship Jamz
		Worship Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:22-23	Bible
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	Lesson 28 Critter Kingdom script or storybook
THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME	Up to 10	Kingdom Parable: Luke 12:15-21	Bibles
	Up to 5	Parable Pal	Camp Cooler containing Parable Pal letter, collectible items
	Up to 5	Share a Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five Minutes	The Rich Fool Kingdom Parable Stickers, Daily Ways or W ³ s, Letters from Camp, basket for Daily Way Challenge, pencils, poster board, crayons or markers, prayer notebook, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "The Fruit of the Spirit," CD player
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Snack: The Rich Fool's Snack	Granola or dry cereal snack
	Up to 10	Game: What's in the Bag?	Two paper or dark fabric bags, collectible items
	Up to 10	Craft: Parable Wind Chimes– The Rich Fool	Ribbon, large bead, sturdy red and brown paper, glue, tape, markers, scissors, hole punch
	Up to 5	Bonus Parable: The Hidden Treasure	Bible open to Matthew 13:44, The Hidden Treasure Parable Stickers
	Up to 10	Bible Memory Verse Activity: Fruit Concentrate	Orange paper, marker, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster
	Up to 10	Bible Memory Verse Activity: Fruit of the Spirit Hopscotch	One stone, bottle cap, or shell, one piece of chalk or floor tape, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster, paint or markers

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Getting started

THE WELCOME – CAMP GAMES

Welcome to Camp Venture! Each time before we worship, we get to know each other better and have some fun with our camp games. First, let's dedicate this day of camp to King Jesus. Pray.

In this game, we will see just how foolish it can be to store up more than you need!

GAME: STUFF IT! RACE

Purpose: Campers experience the foolishness of being greedy and storing more than needed.

Supplies: At least 40 non-helium balloons, four oversized T-shirts, timer

Prepare: Inflate and tie balloons. Optional: Older campers may inflate and tie the balloons as part of the race.

Directions:

1. Place an oversized T-shirt on a volunteer from each team.
2. Start the timer. (Counselor chooses the time limit based on the number of campers playing and the number of balloons.)
3. Teams race to see how many inflated balloons they can stuff into the volunteer's T-shirt before the timer stops.
4. After the timer stops, count the balloons inside each T-shirt. The team with the most balloons is the winner.

Grand Prize: On the final day at Camp Venture, all members of the winning team receive a surprise grand prize. The grand prize can be an ice cream party, pizza party, etc. Before closing on the last day, have the winning team invite all of the other teams to join the party. Always encourage good sportsmanship and cheering for each other.

Counselor Clues: All games may be adapted to a competitive or a non-competitive version. Camp competition provides an opportunity for campers to learn how to compete, encourage other campers, and to be gracious winners and losers. For added fun, be very generous with the points. For example: 100,000 points for 1st place, 75,000 points for 2nd place, 40,000 points for 3rd place, and 30,000 points for 4th place. The teams will end up with point totals in the millions at the end of camp.



Jesus as the King who teaches

THE WORSHIP — AT THE CAMPFIRE

Counselor Clue: To help campers identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play music as campers move from one area to another.



Today, we gather at the campfire to worship Jesus as our Teacher. Through His parables, Jesus teaches us about God's kingdom. In the Parable of the Rich Fool, we will see Jesus wants us to be rich toward God; that means being generous—wanting to give freely. As we worship, let's freely give God our full attention, our hearts, our voices, and our offerings. Sing: "Praise the Lord, O My Soul" while collecting the offering.



Let's spend some time thanking God for how much He gives us! For all who believe, God gives us the fruit of the Spirit. Those are the things seen in us that come from the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Read Galatians 5:22-23.



We can worship God every day by serving others with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. That's what Jesus meant in our new Bible Memory Verse when He told us to "go and bear fruit that will last!" Sing Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song, "The Fruit of the Spirit."

You may also choose to sing songs that focus on God's generosity.



Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 28, including the reciting of the Camper's Code:

Camper's Code

I will love God with all my heart.
I will love my neighbor as myself.
I will be a light wherever I go.



Kingdom Parable

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

Counselor Clue: Tent time should take place in a corner of the classroom, under a tent, or any covered space. Remove chairs and have campers sit on mats or sit-upons.

Before we read God's Word, let's go over our Camp Covenant. A covenant is an agreement. Just as God made a covenant with His people, I ask each of you to make this covenant promise with me today. Listen as I read our Camp Covenant: "I will keep my eyes on my teacher, my mouth in control, my ears on God's Word—knowing God is my goal."

Welcome to Tent Time! Today, we heard the Parable of the Rich Fool. Let's read the parable for ourselves.



Listen carefully as I read the parable Jesus told over 2,000 years ago. You'll find it in Luke 12:15-21. If you brought your Bible, you may read along silently with me.

Before we read, let's stand and ask God to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to His Word today. Who would like to pray that for us? Choose a camper to pray aloud. Read Luke 12:15-21.

Jesus said, "Watch out!" What did He want us to be on guard against? (All kinds of greed.) **Greed means wanting more than you need. We can be greedy for more money, candy, attention, food, toys, or other things we like. Have you or your friends ever been greedy?** (Campers respond.)

Jesus tells us about the rich fool who had so many crops and riches; he had nowhere to store them all. In the parable, Jesus is not saying it is wrong to have money or to collect things, but we must use them to be rich toward God instead of keeping them for ourselves.

What do you think it means to be rich toward God? (Campers respond.) **To be rich toward God is to use our money and things to build His kingdom. We do this when we give our offering, when we use our time and treasures to focus on Him, and when we serve our neighbors.**



Parable Pal

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

During Tent Time, we always open our Camp Cooler to find something from our Parable Pal about the kingdom of God. Let's see what our Parable Pal can show us about the rich fool.

Counselor opens cooler and reads the letter from the Parable Pal. Cooler also contains collectible items such as shells, coins, stuffed animals, rocks, or any items your campers enjoy collecting.

Hello Campers,

When I'm at Camp Venture, I like to collect rocks. Have any of you campers ever had a collection? What are your favorite things to collect?

In the kingdom of God, Jesus wants us to be rich toward God instead of storing up things just for ourselves. You are rich toward God when you love Him with all your heart, soul, and mind, and when you love your neighbor as yourself.

In this cooler are some things our campers enjoy collecting. Let's brainstorm ways to use our collections to be rich toward God and build His kingdom by loving others. Let's check it out.

Shells: How might you use a collection of shells to encourage someone in God's kingdom? (Use the shells to decorate a frame with a picture you've drawn. Give the picture to someone as an encouragement.)

Money: How might you use some of your money savings to help someone in God's kingdom? (Spend money on food for the poor. Give money to help the homeless.)

Stuffed animals: How might you use a stuffed animal to build God's kingdom? (Take a stuffed animal to a sick child. Share while playing with a friend.)

Rocks: How can we build God's kingdom with a collection of rocks? (Choose the smoothest rock and draw a cross on it. Give it to someone and tell him or her about Jesus.)

So campers, how can you use something you own to be rich toward God? Be sure to share something with others to build God's kingdom this week! You can do it!

**Keep cool, campers!
Your Parable Pal**

THE WAY *continued...*



SHARE A PRAYER

Let's thank Jesus for finding and loving each and every one of us! We can pray for everyone to be rich toward God. Ask campers for individual praise and prayer requests. Write requests in a prayer notebook.

Lord Jesus, thank You for all the blessings you give us. Help us use all we have to build Your kingdom. You know our needs—the ones we shared out loud and the ones we hide in our hearts. We lift all these up to Your throne now. Pause for a moment of silence. **We can't wait to see the way that You will answer each one.**

Now, we pray the prayer Your Son taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

KINGDOM PARABLE JOURNAL: Today, your Treasure Treat is the Rich Fool Kingdom Parable Sticker. You will also receive a bonus sticker for the Parable of the Hidden Treasure (see Bonus Parable in GOT TIME?). You can discover more about this parable in this week's Daily Way (W³ for older students). Keep your Kingdom Parable Journal at home and collect all twenty Kingdom Parable Stickers by joining us here each time.

DAILY WAY CHALLENGE: Did anyone bring in a completed Daily Way from last time? Praise or reward those who return a Daily Way. Distribute Lesson 28 Daily Way 5-day Bible study. **Complete this week's Daily Way at home and let God speak to you through His own words in the Bible.** Bring it back next time to win points for your team here at Camp Venture.

W³ CHALLENGE (For Older Campers): Take home today's W³ Journal Entry as your personal devotional study. Keep your journal entries together at home in a notebook or in your Bible. Distribute W³ Journal Entry #28 instead of the Daily Way. **Complete this at home and let God speak to you through His own words in the Bible!**

PARABLE POSTER PROJECT: Until it is time to be dismissed, let's work on our Parable Poster Project. Assign one camper to print "The Rich Fool" on the poster. Using crayons or markers, campers may take turns drawing items they like to collect.

Counselor's Clue: Save the Parable Poster each week to hang in the room or create an oversized book.

LETTERS FROM CAMP: Write a Letter from Camp to someone in your home to let them know what you did today. Write your favorite thing about today and something special about the parable you just learned. Sign it and take it home.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG: Play the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song, "The Fruit of the Spirit," in the background as campers wait to be dismissed.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SNACK: THE RICH FOOL'S SNACK

Purpose: Campers will eat a snack while personally connecting to the story.

Snack Suggestion: Granola or dry cereal snack

Do you know how this snack was made? (It comes from grain that is grown and gathered from farm fields. It is then separated and stored in barns and grain silos. Finally it is sold as ingredients which are used in these snacks.) **In the Parable of the Rich Fool, the man stored more grain than he needed. Because of his greed, the grain was not used to make food for others to enjoy. What are some other ways people are greedy?** (Campers respond.) **Sharing this snack and giving snacks like this to poor, hungry people is a way to be rich toward God.**

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drinks.
2. Camper prays to thank God for the snack.
3. Ask the Snack Discussion Question: **"If you were rich, what would you give to God?"**

GAME: WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

Purpose: Campers begin to focus on collections and treasures.

Supplies: Two paper or dark fabric bags, different collectible items such as shells, stuffed animals, rocks, toy cars, marbles, or any items your campers enjoy collecting

Prepare: Place all the items in one of the bags.

Many of you are collecting Kingdom Parable Stickers. That's a great thing to collect! What other kinds of things do you like to collect? (Campers respond.) **Today's parable was about a rich fool who was greedy with his collection. What does God want us to do with what we collect?** (Give it to God, share it with God and with others.)

Directions:

1. Campers close their eyes.
2. Place one item in the empty bag.
3. Choose a camper to reach into the bag and feel the item.
4. Camper describes the item to the other campers. (For example: hard, soft, smooth, rough, heavy, light, etc.)
5. The other campers take turns guessing what the item is.
6. When the item has been identified, the camper holding the item may remove it from the bag to show the class.
7. Have the campers close their eyes. Choose another item to place in the bag and play again, choosing another camper to reach into the bag.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

CRAFT: PARABLE WIND CHIMES—THE RICH FOOL

Purpose: Create a wind chime strand to remember the Parable of the Rich Fool.

Supplies: Ribbon, large bead, sturdy red and brown paper, glue, tape, markers, hole punch

Prepare: Cut a 20-inch ribbon. Cut a 6-inch x 2-inch rectangle from red paper and a 3 ½-inch circle from brown paper. To keep the wind chime balanced, punch a hole about 1-inch from the edge, directly opposite from the strand attached in the previous lesson.

Optional: Use a large bead to secure the 20-inch ribbon above the plate. Substitute beads with any materials available: buttons, shells, stones, small metal objects, etc. Display a finished craft.

Counselor Clue: Parable Wind Chimes will be completed in Lessons 23-32 as the parables of Jesus are taught. Each session, a new strand representing the parable will be added to the paper plate base of the wind chimes. To maintain balance in the wind chimes as they are being created, punch holes directly opposite from each other when adding a new strand. Be sure to have extra paper plates and 30-inch ribbon hangers available for new campers who join camp in future sessions.

Today, we heard the story of the rich fool. What did Jesus warn us to be on our guard against? (All kinds of greed.) **What did God want the rich man to do instead of storing things for himself?** (To be rich toward God.) **What are some ways we can be rich toward God?** (Give our offering, use our time and treasures to serve our neighbors.) **Let's make a barn wind chime strand to remind us to be rich toward God.**

Directions:

1. Thread the 20-inch ribbon through the hole on the edge of the plate and tie a knot large enough to prevent the ribbon from pulling back through the plate.
2. Tie a bead to the bottom of the 20-inch ribbon.
3. Tape the short ends of the red rectangle together to create a tube shape.
4. Fold the brown circle in half and then in half again. Crease one edge and unfold.
5. Cut along the crease to the center of the circle.
6. Tape the circle into a cone shape and secure it to one end of the tube shape.
7. Attach the cone to the top of the tube shape as the barn roof.
8. Thread the 20-inch ribbon down through the top of the roof and through the tube shape.
9. Tie a knot in the ribbon inside the tube shape to keep the barn from sliding off.

BONUS PARABLE: THE HIDDEN TREASURE

Purpose: To introduce and discuss another parable Jesus taught His followers.

Supplies: Bible open to Matthew 13:44, The Hidden Treasure Parable Stickers (available at ResourceWell.org)

Today's bonus parable is the story of the hidden treasure. Camper or counselor reads Matthew 13:44. **What is the most expensive treasure in this world?** (Gold, diamonds, oil, etc.) **The man knew the treasure he found was worth more than anything he owned, so he sold everything he had to buy that field. What do you think is worth more than any riches in this world?** (Life with God, God's love, salvation, being with God, pleasing God, etc.)

GOT TIME? *continued...*



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." "Jesus said, 'Go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name.'" Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:16b

GAME: FRUIT CONCENTRATE

Purpose: Campers will match pairs of fruit of the Spirit listed in the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Orange paper, marker, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster

Prepare: Cut 18 6-inch circles to resemble the shape of an (oversized) orange fruit. Print a fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) on each of the orange circles. Create two identical sets. Display the Bible Memory Verse poster.

Directions:

1. Choose a camper to shuffle all 18 oranges, keeping the printed side down.
2. Choose another camper to lay all 18 oranges face down on the floor or a table.
3. Campers take turns turning over two oranges at a time to see if they can find a match.
4. When a correct match is made, the pair remains in the face-up position.
5. When an incorrect match is made, both are returned to the face-down position.
6. Continue making matches until all of the words are face-up.

Who can remember all nine fruits of the Spirit? (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.) **The opposite of love is hate. What are the opposites of the other fruits of the Spirit?** (Campers respond.)

Name a fruit of the Spirit that others already see in your daily life. (Campers respond.) **Name a fruit of the Spirit that others rarely see in you.** (Campers respond.) **All who believe in Jesus have the Holy Spirit in their hearts. This week, ask God to help you show the fruit of the Spirit that others don't usually see in you.**

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT HOPSCOTCH

Purpose: Campers learn the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse by repetition as they play hopscotch.

Supplies: One stone, bottle cap, or shell, one piece of chalk or floor tape, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster, paint or markers

Prepare: Paint or color the stone, bottle cap, or shell to look like a fruit. Use chalk or floor tape to create a hopscotch pattern on the floor. Use 10 squares for your hopscotch pattern. Number the squares consecutively. Display the Bible Memory Verse poster. For large groups of campers, create additional hopscotch patterns and provide additional "fruit" to toss so groups can play simultaneously.

Teacher Tip: Assist younger campers by having all campers chant the words with each hop the camper takes. Assist in "fruit" toss as needed.

Directions:

1. Campers stand in a single-file line at the bottom of the hopscotch pattern.
2. The first camper tosses the "fruit" into square number 1.
3. The camper then hops through the hopscotch pattern, skipping the square with the fruit marker. With each hop in squares 2-10, the camper says one word of the first part of the Bible Memory Verse: **"The—fruit—of—the—Spirit—is—love—joy—peace..."**
Note: Single squares are hopped on one foot, either foot may be used. Both feet are used in side by side squares, one foot in each square.
4. After hopping into square number 10, the camper turns around and returns through the course saying the rest of the first part of the Bible Memory Verse in squares 9-2, again skipping the square with the fruit marker: **"...patience—kindness—goodness—faithfulness—gentleness—and—self—control."**
5. The next camper in line tosses the "fruit" into square number 2.
6. The camper then hops through the hopscotch pattern, skipping the square with the fruit marker. With each hop, the camper says one word of the second part of the Bible Memory Verse: **"Go—and—bear—fruit—fruit—that—will—last.—Then..."**
7. After hopping into square 10, the camper turns around and returns through the course saying the rest of the first part of the Bible Memory Verse again skipping the square with the fruit marker: **"...the—Father—will—give—you—whatever—you—ask—in—My Name."** Say "My Name" in the last square.
8. Repeat steps 2-7 each time, tossing the "fruit" into the next square in numerical order until everyone has had a turn. If there are more than nine campers in line, have the next camper return to tossing the "fruit" in square number 1.