



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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 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. He had so many crops and belongings that he didn't have a place to put them all! Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 12:15-21. Pray. Read.

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. There are many types of greed. We can be greedy for more money, candy, attention, food, toys and other things we like. Have you or your friends ever been greedy?

Jesus doesn't say 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. We do this when we give our offering and when we use our time and treasures to focus on Him and to serve our neighbors.

What are your favorite things to collect? (Coins, shells, marbles, dolls, stamps, toy cars, etc.) Let's play a game to figure out how we can use the things we collect to be rich toward God.

GAME: GODLY GIVE-AWAYS

Directions: Display each collectible item. Brainstorm ways you might use the items to serve people in God's kingdom.

- **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.)

What is one of your treasures? How can you use it this week to be rich toward God? Share your treasures with others to build God's kingdom! You can do it!

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. Read.

Are their any riches (money or belongings) you trust in to make you happy? God is the only one we can trust to bring us true happiness.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Rich Fool Kingdom Parable Sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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