



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 12:15-21. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 12:15. 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. 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?

We must use what we have 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, being 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.) Let's play a game to figure out how to 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. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**Are there 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**