



First, watch
this week's
video!



Responsibility:
Showing you
can be trusted
with what
is expected
of you

Memory Verse

Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large.
Luke 16:10a, NIV

Bible Story

Bigger Barns
Luke 12:16-21

Bottom Line

Share what
you have.

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God can help us be more responsible.



Activity

Acting Out

WHAT YOU NEED:

Scrap paper, pencil, jar or bowl

WHAT YOU DO:

Write the following scenarios on small scraps of paper (one scenario per paper scrap).

- Sharing your snack with someone
- Giving someone money
- Mowing the lawn
- Opening a door for someone
- Giving someone a hug
- Giving away toys

When you're finished, fold the scrap papers and place them in a jar or bowl.

Say, "We're going to play a game where one person acts something out without making a sound. If you see something laying around that you can use as a prop, grab it and use it, but no talking! The other person has to guess what the actor is doing. Ready? Let's play!"

Take turns with your child(ren), each of you drawing a paper out of the jar or bowl and then acting out the scenario. If someone gets stumped, give them a word or two as a hint (or let them skip one and leave it for you to act out).

When you're finished, say, "Do you know what all of those actions had in common? They were ways we can share what we have with others."

Talk About the Bible Story

In Jesus' story, what "problem" did the rich man have? (*His land produced so much grain that he didn't have room in his barns to store it all.*)

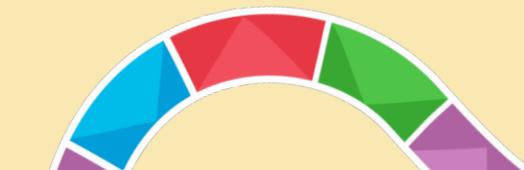
What did the man decide to do to solve his problem? (*Build bigger barns*)

Why do you think God was upset with the rich man in the story? (*The rich man was selfish; he could have shared his extra grain with a lot of people.*)

Have you ever had a hard time sharing something you loved?

This week, what's one way you can share what you have with someone else?

Parent: Tell a story about a time when you struggled to share something. Then, tell a story about a time you shared what you had. Talk about how you felt after each experience, and how those feelings were different in each situation.

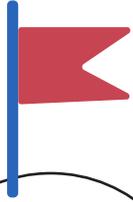


Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, it's so easy for us to hold on too tightly to the things we have. When we see others in need, help us to be willing to share what we have. You've given us so much! You even gave Your own Son to die in our place. Help us to look for opportunities to share what we have with others. Amen."

Rules for Life: Play well. Finish strong.



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Key Question

What do you
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Draw It

WHAT YOU NEED:

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WHAT YOU DO:

On small scraps of paper, write down the names of people who fit the following categories. Write one name per piece of paper.

- an elderly neighbor
- someone who didn't get much for Christmas
- a friend who is sick
- a teacher or coach
- a family member
- a family in need
- your church

When you're finished, fold the papers and place them in a jar or bowl.

Say, "Let's take turns taking out one scrap of paper at a time and reading what's on it. Then, let's both think of ways we can share what we have with whoever is on the paper." Take turns drawing a paper out of the jar or bowl.

When you're finished, say, "There are lots of ways we can share what we have with others. We can give our time, our money, our talents, and our possessions (our stuff)."

Depending on your current circumstances, choose one of the ideas you came up with and put it into practice! Together with your child, find something to share with one of the people on the list above.

Talk About the Bible Story

Why do you think God was upset with the rich man in the story? (*The rich man was selfish; he could have shared his extra grain with a lot of people.*)

In your own words, what makes a person "foolish"? (*No names!*)

Who or what was the rich man focused on? (*himself, his own success*)

How can we NOT be like the man in the story?

How can we share with others without making them feel embarrassed or less important?

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