



November 18, 2020
Small Group Kinder- 3rd grade

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS | Luke 12

Memory Verse: ²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
JOHN 14:25-26

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Bottom Line: I always trust God to take care of me.

Christ Connection: Jesus is our greatest treasure. Jesus left His place in heaven to live humbly on earth. Jesus obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give generously and trust God to provide everything we need.

LARGE GROUP: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways.

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Next Steps As we continue our journey through the Bible, it is important to always remember that we are studying the bible so that we will grow to love, follow, and obey Jesus. We aren't just learning to know things. We are learning so that we will do things that honor God. What is your next step? You can talk about this in your group, but begin to think about it now:

- Believe: believe that you are a sinner who needs a Savior and Jesus is your Savior because He died for you and rose again.
- Get baptized: show your faith by getting dipped back in the water and raised out of the water.
- Read your Bible and pray: read your Bible and pray every day so that you get to know God personally
- Serve others: serve others at home, at school, and at church.

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect (40 Minutes)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

Bible Skills and Discussion

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do: Distribute a Bible to each kid. Help kids find Luke 12. Remind kids that Luke is part of the Gospels division of the New Testament. Help the kids draw a connection between the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of Matthew by showing them how Matthew 6:25-34 contains a very similar teaching. Help kids see that the authors of all the Bible were inspired by God to write exactly God's Word.

Jesus taught people not to worry because God provides for our needs. It is not sinful to own possessions, but those who love Jesus seek ways to show generosity and glorify God with our stuff.

Discussion Questions

- **What happened to the rich man who stored up his possessions?** (He didn't get to use them because He died, Luke 12:20)
- **What did Jesus say about the birds?** (They don't plant or harvest food but God feeds them; Luke 12:24)
- **What treasure did Jesus tell people to seek?** (The kingdom of God; heavenly treasure; Luke 12:31-33)
- **What does "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" mean?** Guide kids to see that when we value something a lot, we think about it. Whatever we treasure the most, we will spend our time and energy trying to get or protect. Help them see that greed distracts us from loving God and obeying His commands to be generous.
- **What do you think treasure in heaven will be like?** Talk to the kids about what they think. Encourage them to be honest. Gently guide them away from the traditional ideas of gold, silver, jewels. Help them see that heavenly treasure had more to do with enjoying God's perfection and living in a perfect, restored world.
- **How can we avoid greed and selfishness?** Help kids understand that to overcome greed we must understand Jesus' generosity displayed on the cross. As we better understand the extravagant generosity of Christ, our love for Him will move us to show generosity as Jesus did.

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, numbered cube(die), square stickers for die

What You Do:

Assign to each face of the die a way to read the memory verse, such as quietly, loudly, in a deep voice, in a high-pitched voice, in an operatic voice, in a robot voice. Invite a kid to roll the die and lead the group saying the memory verse in the designated way rolled on the die. Play multiple times, allowing other kids to roll and lead.

What You Say: "Jesus spoke the memory verse to His disciples before He went to the cross. Jesus wanted them to know what to expect. Jesus knew that they would have trouble remembering all the wonderful things He taught about God and God's kingdom. That's why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us. He lives within us when we have faith in Jesus, and He helps us understand and remember God's truth."

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Journal page (1 for each kid), markers/crayons, Bibles

What You Do: Distribute journal pages and pencils. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What do we learn about following God from today's passage?
- What is one thing that God is teaching you right now?
- Where is one area that you would like to be closer to God?
- What is your next step to keep loving, following and obeying Jesus? (Believe, Baptism)

When your kids identify their next steps, take note and circle back to them so that you can help them and give them/their parents resources to help them take their next step.

- Pray for your group. Lord God, we confess that we don't always trust You to meet our needs. Free us from worry and striving. Help us rest in You. We believe You are good. Every good gift comes from You. Help us be generous with what we have and use our possessions for Your glory. We love You. Amen.