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## JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS | Luke 12

**Memory Verse:** <sup>25</sup>“All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup>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.*

### Leader Notes:

#### CONTEXT

A very large crowd- thousands of people (Luke 12:1)- had gathered around Jesus as He taught His disciples. The people recognized Him as rabbi (teacher), so it was not unusual that someone called out, asking Jesus to settle a financial dispute. But Jesus knew that the man was motivated by greed, and He told a story.

In Jesus' parable, a rich man had so many drops that he decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. That way, he could store everything he had and take it easy. But the man was foolish and short-sighted. He didn't consider he could die that very night. The saying is true: "you can't take it with you." Rather than storing treasures for ourselves, we should live to glorify God and live generously, using what we have on earth to make an eternal impact.

Jesus also addressed worry with His disciples. Jesus' followers should not be anxious about their basic needs. God takes care of the birds and the flowers. People are God's most valuable and beloved creatures; we can trust Him to provide for us!

Jesus contrasted the way the unsaved Gentiles lived with how believers should live. Unbelievers seek wealth and possessions as if that was the main goal in life. They act like God does not care about their needs. But our focus should not be on ourselves, our wealth and our possessions; we should focus on God's kingdom. We do not need to worry. God will provide. He is glad to give us what we need!

God gives us good gifts on earth. We can steward these gifts for His glory. Earthly treasures will not last forever. When Jesus is our greatest treasure, we can live generously and trust God to provide what we need.

### TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- God can use everything that we have.
- God gives us good gifts on earth so that we can help other people.
- When we give to God, we trust that He can take care of us.
- When we give to help others, we show that God can use us.
- **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.*

### Worship and Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

**Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)**

**What You Say:** "Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let's sit down to learn from the Bible Story today."

**What You Do: Introduce the Story**

"One day, Jesus taught His friends about the things we own or want. Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life.



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Do not worry about what you will eat or what you will wear, Look at birds. They do not plant seeds or gather crops, but God feeds them. You are more important than birds! Look at the wildflowers. They do not work or make clothing, but they are better dressed than King Solomon in his fancy clothes. Your Father knows what you need. Seek God's kingdom first, and God will give you what you need. Give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Where your treasure is, that is what your heart is too."

### PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers.

## Activities

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead each activity two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in the activities. That's okay.

#### 1. Search for treasure

**What You Need:** Jesus figure, toy jewelry, plastic coins, shredded paper, shallow bin

**What You Do:**

- Place all items in the plastic bin and cover with shredded paper.
- Guide toddlers to look for treasure.
- Hold up the figurine of Jesus as you tell the Bible story.

**What You Say** " Jesus taught about God. Jesus said not to worry about getting treasure for ourselves. Jesus is our greatest treasure."

#### 2. Practice signing the Memory Verse

**What You Need:** Memory Verse Poster

**What You Do:**

- Show the poster to the kids.
- As you say the words point to them on the poster.
- Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include, "All (*sign for all*) this I have spoken (*sign for spoken*) while still with you (*Sign for here*). <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit (*Sign for Holy Spirit*), whom the Father(*sign for God*) will send in my name(*Sign for Jesus*), will teach(*sign for teach*) you all things and will remind (*Sign for think*) you of everything(*Sign 'all I said'*) I have said to you. **JOHN 14:25-26**
- **What You Say** " Remembering everything you learn can be hard, but God's Word is too important to forget! So Jesus didn't just teach us about God, He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us remember. Let's pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of God's Word!"

### Pray and Dismiss:

**What You Need:** coloring page

**What You Do:**

- **Pray:** "God, thank You for caring about us. We know that we do not deserve Your love. Thank You for loving us anyway. Help us trust You and live generously with all the blessings You have given us. Amen."
- Send coloring page home with kids and tell family that we are learning John 14:26 as our memory verse during this series. They can practice at home.



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