

City “All Together Activities”—January 10th, 2021

Today’s Bible Story: Give It Away (Bigger Barns) • *Luke 12:16-21*

Today’s Bottom Line: Share what you have.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NIRV)*

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: Hand sanitizer, cardstock paper (1 sheet per kid), tape, ball pit balls

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Provide each kid with a piece of paper.
- Show them how to roll the paper into a cone shape.
- Encourage each kid to roll their paper into a cone shape with an opening wide enough for the small ball to fit inside.
- Help each kid secure the side of their cone with tape.
- Instruct the kids to pass the ball to each other only using their cones.
- Each time a new kid gets the ball in their cone, ask them to share a fun fact about themselves.
- As you continue playing new rounds, ask: What is something you think you could never have too much of?

2. Cup Towers

What You Need: Plastic Cups (300 Cups per Service)

What You Do:

- Group kids into 2-3 different groups, with an Adult/Student Leader.
- Give each Group 100 Cups.
- Direct kids and leaders to work together to build the tallest tower.
- As towers fall or get top-heavy, point out how the more cups that are added, the more difficult it is for the tower to stay steady.

What You Say:

“You are amazing tower builders! Have you ever seen a huge tower in real life? *(Allow time for responses.)*

The more cups you stacked, the higher your tower grew. That didn’t mean your tower got stronger, did it? More cups didn’t necessarily mean a better tower. **[Transition]** Today, we learned that sometimes more may not always be a good thing!”

Review Questions (consider asking the questions in the following order, since it’s the story order):

1. What did the man who came to Jesus want Jesus to tell his brother? *(to share the family property with him)*
2. In the story that Jesus told, what problem did the rich man have? *(his land produced more grain than he had room to store)*
3. What was the rich man going to do to solve the problem that he had? *(he was going to build bigger barns to store all of the extra grain)*
4. What did the rich man tell himself that he should do since he had so much grain? *(relax and take it easy)*
5. Was the rich man going to share any of his extra grain? *(no)*
6. Why do you think God was upset with the rich man? *(the rich man was selfish; he could have shared his extra grain with a lot of people)*
7. What did God say to the man after the man decided he would take life easy? *(that the man was going to die that very night)*
8. Would the man get to enjoy his extra grain? *(no)*
9. Where does everything we have come from? *(God)*
10. If the rich man got a second chance, what do you think he should do with all of his extra grain? *(he should share it)*

3. Movers and Sharers

What You Need: “Movers and Sharers” Activity Page (1 per kid), paper clip (1 per kid) scissors, markers

What You Do:

- Ask kids to think of what they have to share.
- Encourage them not only to think through physical items, but to also think about the skills and talents they have. Give examples like singing, good handwriting, being smart, etc.
- Provide each kid with a “Movers and Sharers” Activity Page.
- Encourage kids to fill in each coupon with what they can share. (For example: I can share my good singing voice, my love for baking, my skills in math)
- Once the coupons are filled out, instruct kids to cut out the coupons and paperclip them together.
- Ask kids to discuss how they plan on sharing their coupons. (For example: I can share my good singing voice by singing songs at a retirement home to make people happy! I can share my love for baking by making cookies for my neighbors. I can share my skill at math by helping a classmate out who has a hard time studying.)
- Remind them to hand out all of their coupons this week and complete their sharing ideas.

What You Say:

“Wow! I love hearing about all of the creative ideas you have. A lot of times, we only think of physical items and money when it comes to sharing, but God has given us so much more. From your talents to our hobbies to hard work and fun quirks, I’m so thankful that He has given you endless opportunities to **[Bottom Line] share what you have.** I can’t wait to hear the stories of how you shared what God has given you this week to make a huge impact around you!”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

- Pray that your church would continue to share what they have to make an impact in their city and around the world.

What You Say:

“Dear God, we are so thankful for people who share so that our world can be a better place. Help us be quick to love the people around us with what You have gifted us with. Help us remember that there is nothing too small or insignificant that You can’t use to do big things. Help us know that we can always **[Bottom Line] share what we have.**”