

City LG—January 24th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Golden Slumbers (Parable of the Bags of Gold) • *Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)*

Today's Bottom Line: Make the most of what you've been given.

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)*

WORSHIP: Rising Up and Something Good

Worship Leader prays...

Supplies Needed: 2 Nerf Guns (per Campus), 20 Plastic Cups (per Service), and Hand Sanitizer

NOTE: You will need to prep the Nerf Guns before your Service. One Gun will have more Darts than the other. Also prep then Plastic Cup Targets into a Stack of Ten (4-3-2-1 Formation).

"Hello, friends! (*Hold up the Bible.*) Today, I've got another great story for you that is actually a story Jesus told. But before we get into that, who wants to play a game? (*allow response*) Great! Me too. Now, I'm looking for 2 Boys and 2 Girls (or 1 and 1) that would consider themselves the greatest Nerf Sharpshooters in all of Chicagoland! Who is that? Anyone?!?!"

Select 1 Boy and 1 Girl, give them a Pump of Hand Sanitizer, and let them pick their Nerf Gun. One Nerf Gun should have much more darts than the other. Have them stand equal distance from the Cup Targets. At your "GO!" let them shoot. Play a few rounds as necessary.

"Let's make some noise for our competitors today! Did you notice something Parkview Kids? Was that game very fair? Some of you might say yes, and some of you might say no. Did you know that one Nerf Gun had much less darts than the other? The (boy or girl) had to make the most of what they had been given! That's what our talk is all about today..."

"When Jesus was here on Earth, people were always asking Him tough questions. So when Jesus wanted to explain something to the people who followed Him, He often told a story. These stories used everyday situations to help people understand God's truth for themselves. That's what our Bible Story is all about today. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

"When Jesus told this story, everyone listening would have known exactly what He meant. The message was clear: those who are responsible with what they've been given will be trusted and given more. But those who waste it will end up with nothing.

"There's a great Rule for Life that we can remember from this story. Here it is.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Make the most of what you've been given.

"We may not have bags of gold, but we DO have other things that God has given us. We have relationships with other people . . . and with God's help, we can make the most of those relationships by choosing to show love. We have different skills and personalities that we can use to help others, too. Anytime someone gives us the chance to do something, we can come through for them and always do our very best.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us make the most of what He's given us."

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this story Jesus told. It helps us remember to make the most of every gift and opportunity You’ve given us. Please give us the courage to use the things in our lives to help others instead of being lazy or afraid. Help us make the most of what we’ve been given. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“You see, God is like the boss in the story . . . and we’re like those He entrusted with bags of gold. God has given us gifts, talents, and relationships with other people. He wants us to be responsible with what He’s given us. He wants us to make the most of what we’ve been given.

“That’s a great Rule for Life! Can you say it with me?”

SLIDE: *Bottom Line*

KIDS: [*Bottom Line*] “Make the most of what you’ve been given.”

“Remember, we have a great example of what this looks like when we think about Jesus. Jesus made the most of His time with people. He showed love to everyone and helped them understand what’s most important to God.

“So how can you [***Bottom Line***] **make the most of what you’ve been given?** Maybe you’re good at art! If so, use those talents to show love! Maybe you have a pantry full of food, and your school is doing a food drive. Ask a parent if you can donate some of what you have. Whatever you have, make the most of it—and use it to show love! Let’s take a look at this video as we get ready for our All Together Activities!”

CG: *One Thing Video (Runtime: 3:30)*

Dismiss kids to All Together Activities.