

## BUILD A BARN

<b>VIRTUE</b>	Generosity - giving up something of yours for someone else.
<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>	“Be rich in good deeds . . . be generous and willing to share.”  1 Timothy 6:18
<b>BIBLE STORY</b>	The Parable of the Rich Man, Luke 12:13-21
<b>BOTTOM LINE</b>	People are always more important than stuff.

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, toothpicks, styrofoam packing peanuts

Read the Bible story with your child - Luke 12:13-21.

Give your child (and each family member participating) 3 styrofoam packing peanuts. Go around the circle and ask each person a question (below) about the Bible story. For each question they get correct, give them an extra styrofoam packing peanut, but for each question they answer incorrectly have them give you a styrofoam packing peanut.

Once you have gone through all the questions, place a handful of toothpicks in the center of the circle. Tell your child (or family) they have two minutes to work together to build the biggest barn they can out of styrofoam peanuts and toothpicks.

*Option: Divide your family into teams.*

Review Questions:

1. Who in the story comes to Jesus? *(A younger brother. We know he’s younger because the older brother would have control of the inheritance.)*
2. What does he want? *(His share of the family inheritance, which is probably some farmland.)*
3. What warning does Jesus give the crowd before He tells the parable? *(Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.)*
4. Who is the main character of the parable part of the story? *(A rich man.)*
5. What “good” problem did he have? *(An abundant crop.)*
6. What did he plan to do to solve his problem? *(He’d build a bigger barn and save the grain to sell at a higher price later.)*
7. What was the main lie the man in the parable believed? *(That stuff makes life good, or that his life and his grain would last forever.)*
8. What does God call the man in the parable? *(“You fool!” This is a very strong word.)*
9. What is going to happen to the man before he finishes building his bigger barn? *(He is going to lose his life.)*

10. Jesus says to those listening to the parable: "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not \_\_\_\_\_." (*Rich toward God.*)
11. What can we learn about "stuff" from this story? (*That we shouldn't get wrapped up in it; that people are more important than stuff.*)
12. What kinds of stuff do you get wrapped up in? (*Toys, video games, sports, books, etc.*)

## DISCUSSION

Don't make the mistake the rich man made by having stuff, but not having anyone to share it with. What are some ways we can make sure we don't end up like the rich man? (*by being generous, sharing our stuff - and our time - not getting mad when our stuff accidentally gets messed up*) The rich man in Jesus' parable made the big mistake of thinking that stuff was more important than people, but he was wrong, wasn't he? People are always more important than stuff.