





Open your Bible to Luke 12. Use the Bible storytelling tips found in the leader guide to help you tell the story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for younger preschoolers.

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS

Thousands of people had come to see Jesus. They crowded together to listen as Jesus taught His followers. A person in the crowd said, “Teacher, tell my brother to give me some of the property our father left us.”

But that was not what **Jesus** was there to do. Instead, He **taught the people an important truth about money and possessions.** “Be careful not to be greedy,” **Jesus said.** “**Life is not about how much stuff you buy or how much money you have.**”

Then Jesus told a parable, or a story, saying, “A rich man had some land. He grew a lot of food on the land and decided to build big barns to hold it all. The man had a plan to save up so much food that he could relax and just enjoy his life. **But God told the man he was being foolish.”**

Imagine if the man died that very night. Who would get to enjoy all the things he worked so hard for? **Money is tricky because it can make people want more and more, or it can make them scared that they don’t have enough.**

So Jesus said, “Don’t worry about your life. Don’t worry about what you will eat or what you will wear. Life is about more than food and clothes. **Think about the birds and the flowers. God takes care of them, and He will take care of us, too.”**

Jesus taught the people that God is a good Father. He knows what we need. Everyone in the world is thinking about what they will eat and what they will drink. “Seek God’s kingdom,” Jesus said, “and God will give you everything you need.”

Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid, little flock, because God is happy to give you the kingdom. You can sell what you have and give it to the poor because treasures in heaven will last forever.”