

# WEEK 2

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## Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)



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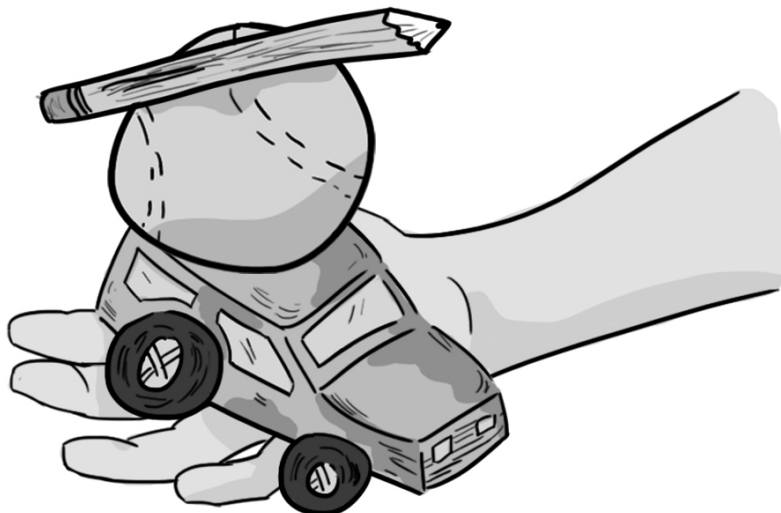
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Prepare: Small items that can fit in a child's hand like candies, small toys, pencils, erasers, biscuits, etc.

Ask the child to put his hands together, palms up, ready to receive what you will give him. From your pile of small items, put one item at a time in your child's hands. Ask your child each time, "Do you want me to give you more stuff?" If he says yes, keep adding the items to his outstretched hands. Keep repeating the procedure, without taking any items away from his hands. You will end only when your child says no or when his hands can no longer hold any new items.

You see, your hands can only hold so many items. I may have more items to give you but if your hands cannot hold them anymore, you won't be able to have them.

Our Bible story today is about a man who had more crops than he can consume. Let's read about it.





# Read the Word

Our story is from Luke 12:13-21

*16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."*

Much like the rich fool in the story, sometimes in life, we want to get more than what we need. We want more money, more toys, and a bigger house and we work hard to get them. But the truth is we cannot bring them to Heaven. When we die, all things we have worked for in this world will not be able to do anything for you. They will be left for others to use and enjoy.

God wants us to be rich but not towards the things of this world. He wants us to be rich toward Him, to have a relationship with Him. When we have a relationship with God, we will realize that all the possessions we have right now are given to us by God and He wants us to use it to bless others. God is a generous God and He wants us to be the same. We honor God when we are able to use what He has given us to bless others.





**Parent to Kid/s:**

**2-6 years old**

- Among the things that you have, which one is the most precious to you? Why?

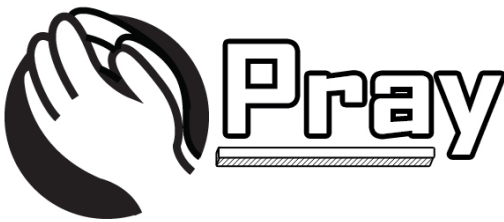
**7-12 years old**

- What would you like to own one day when you grow up? Why?
- What are the things that you have that you want to share with others?

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- How have you used what we have to bless others?

It is not wrong for us to own things but the best thing we can do with them is to use them to bless others because that is the purpose of God for blessing us. Let's learn to be generous and use the blessings we have for God's purposes.



Dear God,

Thank You for teaching us to be a blessing to others. Please forgive us if there were times that we were greedy. Help us to be more generous as a family to our relatives, friends, classmates and to those people who still do not know You. Thank You that You continue to bless us to be a blessing to other people. In Jesus' name.

Amen!





Do you know that being generous has good benefits?

It turns out that giving is more than just a biblical commandment. It actually has physical advantages that we all can benefit from. Research shows that giving makes us happy. It activates certain portions of our brains related to pleasure, social connection and trust. It is believed that giving or helping others releases endorphins on our brains that evoke a positive feeling in us.

Perhaps you can give this a try. Whenever you find yourself feeling sad or out of sorts, go look for some you can be generous to. It may just bring your mood back up on the happy scale.

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