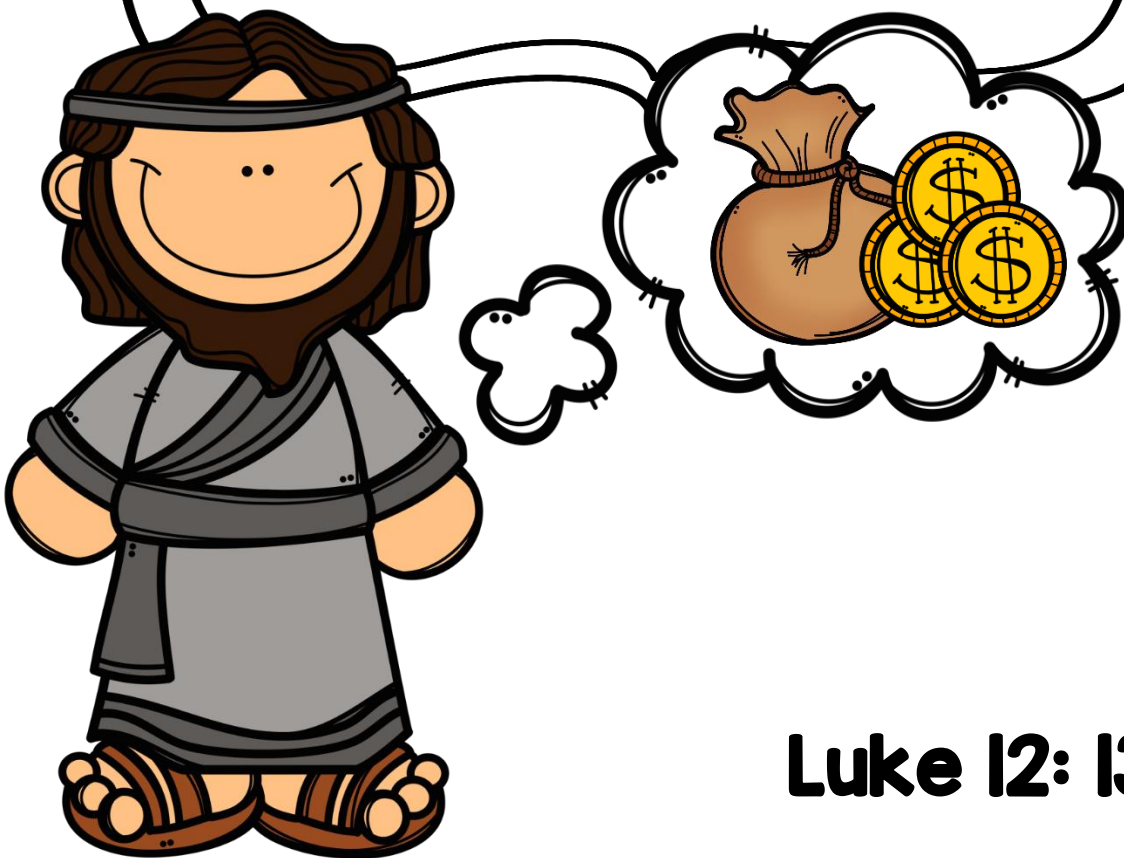
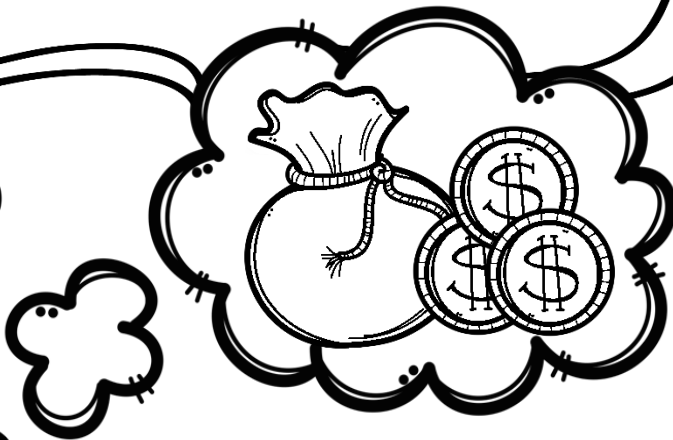
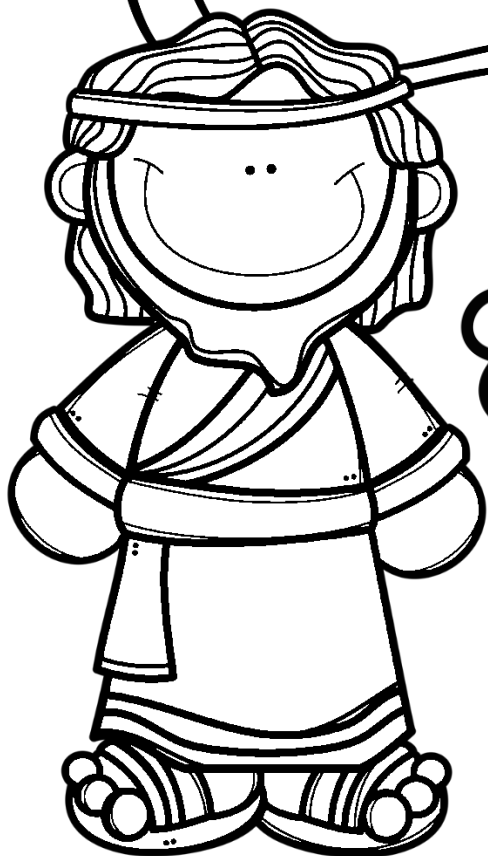


Parable of the Rich Fool



Luke 12: 13-21

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The Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 12: 13–21

There once lived a very rich man. He had lots of land where he planted his crops each harvest. One year, the rich man grew a wonderful harvest of crops, but he did not have anywhere to store the crops.



The rich man decided that the best thing to do would be to tear down his barns and build even bigger ones. This way, he will have more space to store all of his crops.

After the rich man had stored his surplus of crops, he decided that he had worked hard enough. He believed that he had enough crops to keep him fed for years to come, and so the rich fool did not plant another harvest. Instead, he sat back and relaxed at home.

God saw that the rich man was not planting a harvest or doing any work, and so he said to the man, "You fool. This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" Although the rich man had lots of money and crops, he was not rich in his faith. God wanted the man to see that only when you have an abundance of faith in God, then you can be truly rich. The earthly treasures that you hold will mean nothing once you have entered the Kingdom of Heaven.

What lesson was God trying to teach the rich man? Predict what might have happened to the rich man after God spoke to him.

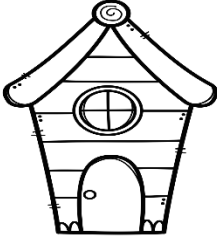




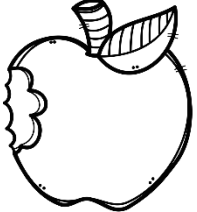
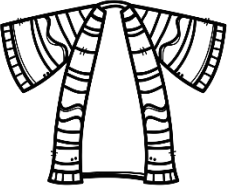

Don't be a Fool!

The Parable of the Rich Fool

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God wants us to understand that there are more things to living a rich life than having a lot of material things. Sort the items below to show which items we NEED in order to survive, and which items we WANT.

NEED	WANT
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 shelter	 toy	 tablet	 water
 present	 food	 clothing	 money

The Foolish Student

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Characters: Narrator, Daxton, Yinessa, Donovan, Selena, and Miss Richmond

Narrator: The students at John F. Kennedy Catholic School have just returned from Christmas break. Each student has brought in one item for show-and-tell.

Miss Richmond: "Alright, class. Today is the day that we have our Christmas show-and-tell. I know that you are all so excited to share with us what you have brought from home! Who would like to go first?"

Daxton: "Me, me! I would! Pick me!"

Miss Richmond: "I see that Yinessa is sitting nicely with a quiet hand. Would you like to present first, Yinessa?"

Daxton: "Ah, rats! Not again!"

Yinessa: "Okay! I wanted to show everyone this blanket that I knitted with my brand new knitting kit! I got it for Christmas. My grandma said she will help me knit more blankets so that we can bring them to people who are in need."

Daxton: (*Thinking to himself*) That's lame. She doesn't even get to keep the blankets she makes. If I had a knitting kit, I would make all the blankets and keep them for myself! I would build the biggest blanket fort in all of Warren!

Miss Richmond: "Thank you Yinessa. What a lovely idea to share with those who are less fortunate than us. You are going to make someone very happy! Donovan, why don't you share next?"

Narrator: Yinessa walks quietly back to her seat while Donovan pulls something big out of his backpack.

Donovan: "I brought in the recipe book that my mom and I made for my grandma this year! It has all the yummy cookies and snacks in here that my grandma makes for me. She loves me, you know! I even added pictures, see!?"

Narrator: Donovan proudly holds up the recipe book and points to the pictures of the prepared food.

Donovan: "This recipe is my favorite! It's the recipe for my grandma's famous ham and potato casserole! Yummy! This year, I got to help my grandma cook the casserole and then we brought it over to our next door neighbor for her dinner. She's pretty old and has trouble getting around on her own."

Miss Richmond: "That sounds delicious Donovan! I'm sure that your neighbor really appreciated you sharing a home-cooked meal with her. Selena, would you like to share next?"

Daxton: (*Thinking to himself*) What!? Who just gives away a perfectly good ham and potato casserole!? What a weirdo. If I had made that casserole, I would have eaten the whole thing by myself in my big blanket fort. No need to share - the King of the Fort always gets all the food!

Narrator: Selena sits down in the chair and holds up a small pink ice skate with purple glitter laces.

Selena: "These are my brand new ice skates. I got them for Christmas, too! This year, my parents took my little brother and me to the skating rink so we could skate. Then we got hot chocolate with snowman shaped marshmallows! It was so much fun!"

Miss Richmond: "It sounds like fun! Have you ever been ice skating before?"

Selena: "I have, but it was my little brother's first time. He kept falling, so I skated next to him and helped him up every time he fell. It took us a while, but I was able to teach him how to skate in a straight line!"

Daxton: (*Thinking to himself*) Pshh - Yeah, right! I would've left him on the ice! Eat my dust! The King of the Fort is the best skater and always wins the ice skating races!

Miss Richmond: "That was so nice of you to teach your brother how to skate so that he could enjoy ice skating with you! Alright, class. It is time for Daxton to present. What did you bring to share, Daxton?"

Daxton: "You bet! I've been waiting all morning to show this baby off!"

Narrator: Daxton holds up a brand new iPhone with a red metallic case.

Daxton: "This is my new phone. My parents got it for me for my birthday because I'm so great and they love giving me presents!"

Miss Richmond: "Daxton, there's more to the holidays than getting presents. Did you do something special for someone you love?"

Daxton: "Well, I did do the dishes for my mom after dinner. She didn't even ask. What can I say, I'm a great kid? That's kind of a lame example, though"

Miss Richmond: "No, it isn't! That's a wonderful example! There is so much more to life than getting presents and new things. It's also important to give to one another and help other people. Even if you are just helping your parents around the house without being asked, you are still helping by doing something kind. Remember our parable from this morning? God wanted the rich fool to understand that there was more to life than owning lots of things. He wanted the man to understand that it is important to give and show kindness, too!"

Daxton: "Oh, yeah. I guess you're right. I didn't think about that. It did feel kind of good to help my mom. She was so happy that she didn't have to do the dishes - she was able to just sit down and watch TV!"

Miss Richmond: "See? We all can live our lives as Jesus did by helping one another and giving back to other people instead of trying to have the most money or things. Now, why don't we have a nice little treat? I want to give back to *my* wonderful students!"

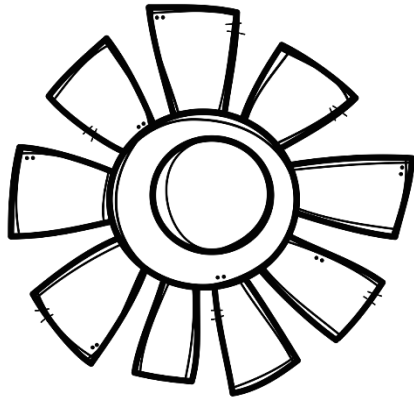
Narrator: All of the students return to their seats while Miss Richmond passes out chocolate and vanilla frosted donuts. The whole class enjoys a nice treat together as a group of kind and caring third grade role models!

THE END

Do you think that Daxton learned his lesson at the end of this story? What makes you think that he did or did not learn his lesson?

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Interactive Notebook

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Name: _____ Date: _____ #: _____

Cut on the dotted lines and fold in the two rectangles to form the doors on the barn. Glue down the middle of the square onto a sheet of paper.

On the inside of each flap, list examples of things that people **NEED** to survive, and things that people **WANT**. In the middle, write the message that Jesus was trying to give his disciples with this parable.



WANTS

Things that you do NOT need to survive

The Parable of the Rich Fool

The message in this story is:

Name: _____

NEEDS

Things that you must have to survive

Word Search Puzzle

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Use the word bank below to help you look for hidden words in the word search below. The words may be found up-and-down, side-to-side, or diagonal.

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Word Bank

COIN

GOD

RICH

GOSPEL

FOOL

HARVEST

PARABLE

LAZY

NEW TESTAMENT

DISCIPLES

JESUS

UNGRATEFUL

BARN

GREED

LUKE

SIN

CROP



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Word Bank

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|---------------|---------|------------|-------|
| COIN | FOOL | DISCIPLES | GREED |
| GOD | HARVEST | JESUS | LUKE |
| RICH | PARABLE | UNGRATEFUL | SIN |
| GOSPEL | LAZY | BARN | CROP |
| NEW TESTAMENT | | | |



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