

Parable: The Rich Fool

The Building Blocks of the Lesson

Bible Reference:



Luke 12: 13-21

Memory Verse:

Luke 12:15

Theological Themes



Stewardship, judgment, trust and

_____ (include your ideas here) _____.

Objectives



Discover that . . .

*God is our wealth. He shares earthly treasure with us to share with others

*Think more of God's kingdom than our earthly kingdom, thus removing ourselves from the "top of the list"

Music



To the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat, write words that illustrate the message of this song. Sing this song for someone

Catechism Connection



*Commandments 9 & 10 – "You shall not covet . . ."

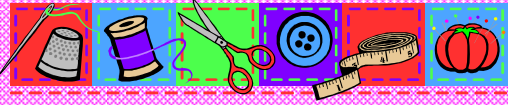
*The Lord's Prayer – God gives us our daily bread and we realize He is our provider – all we really need.

Additional Resources



Have a financial planner talk with your class about his/her faith and its relationship to this parable. Often Thrivent Representatives are a good resource in this arena.

Activity



Think of what you could/would do if you won \$10,000. Talk with your family and friends and ask them the same question. Then, in light of this lesson, will anyone change their choices?

Context



Thousands have gathered to hear Jesus, but He first speaks to his disciples, teaching them about values. He uses a scenario that many long to live – having such abundance that you cannot contain it all in your barns. Consider looking at Ecclesiastes 1 and Malachi 3: 8-10a to further your thoughts on this parable.

??? Discuss /Ask???

What did the rich man do when he discovered that he had no place to store his abundance? Was that a wise decision? What happened to him that very night?

What do you value most?

Before making decisions, do you consult others? God?

The Rich Fool said “**I** will” four times – What does that say to you?

When you depart this earth, what will you take with you? What will you leave for others? To whom will you leave it?

What do you want others to remember about you when you are gone?

Sending



Consider this downsizing idea of cleaning your closet and sorting seldom used items into three boxes: one is to be given to charity, one is to be tossed away, and one is to be stored for one year. If at the end of the year, you have not needed those items, you are to give them away. Then, when you purchase an item, you give something else away.

Prayer



Generous God, thank you for all your blessings to me. Help me to share with others. Amen.