

# The rich fool



**Bible verses:**  
Luke 12:13-21



**Aim:**  
To better understand the  
reason for Jesus' parables,  
and think about our priorities



**Today's fruit:**  
Self-control

**Resource:** *Story strips*



## Memory verse

**'Depend on the Lord.  
Trust him, and he will take care of you.'**  
(Psalm 37:5 *ICB*)



## Start it

Today we are going to hear about a story  
Jesus told, about a very rich man.



## Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Luke 12:13-21 (eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/EASY*) or watch the following clip.

***The rich fool*** by Zebtoonz (2:00)

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- If you were a millionaire what would you like to buy? (They could say, draw or use play-dough to show their answers!
- What's your favourite type of toy?

- Imagine if you had lots and lots of these toys, so many you would never need another birthday gift of one! What would that be like? Would you be able to play with them all?
- Now imagine your friends didn't have one, and no one in the school or anywhere here had one. What would that be like?
- Jesus told us this story about a rich fool
  - what do you think he should have done with all his food? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus told this story?
- What does this story tell us about God?



## Sing It

**'Every day of the week' (pre-school worship)** by KidSpring Children's Ministry (1:29)

**'Great big God!'** Vineyard Kids, Vineyard Worship UK and Ireland (2:51)

## Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- Build a barn together! You can use cardboard boxes / building blocks.
- Split the memory verse to short 'repeat after me' sections. Create actions together to help learn it. Talk about depending on God and relate it to the parable.
- Pray together. Ask the group to lie down, close their eyes and think about something
- Play *Pass the parcel* – story version! Using the *Story strips* handout, create a parcel to pass, with a story strip under each layer. You could choose to have a prize at the centre which could be shared with all the children. Read out the story section as you go, then see if you can put them all in order at the end of the game. You could make the link between the parable and sharing the sweets.