

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 7/19/20

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12

LESSON: Jesus Taught About Possessions



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned what Jesus taught His followers about prayer. This week, we are going to learn about Jesus' teaching on possessions and the things we treasure.

Treasure Hunt - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Put on a treasure hunt! Use your child's favorite toy and hide it in the room. Give them clues as they search for the treasure until they find it.

Say - When we treasure something, we care a lot about it and we keep it close to us. Today Jesus is going to tell us about how what we treasure matters.



LESSON - JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Taught About Possessions](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught His disciples to share their stuff. (Kids repeat!)

It's not easy to think like this! When we have something, it really feels like it's ours and we will keep it forever, but it's not. Everything is ultimately God's and we just get to take care of it for a little while on earth. Jesus taught that true life is not found in what you have. By sharing our earthly possessions, we're storing up treasure in heaven! When your time on earth is over, you can't take your Nintendo Switch or Beanie Boos with you. However, whatever you have done or given towards God's work will last forever! By serving others and giving to people in need you are storing up treasures in heaven. Everything we have, we have to share.

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught His disciples to trust God to provide their stuff. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus used some really cool examples of how God takes care of His creation. He said that God gives birds food to eat and gives flowers beautiful clothing. If God provides for birds and flowers, think about how much more He provides for us, His children! We don't need to worry or stress about how things will turn out because God has everything in His hands. We're called to seek Him first and trust Him to provide the rest.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is our greatest treasure. (kids repeat)

Loving Jesus is the most important thing we can ever do because He is our greatest treasure. Even better, God gave up the best thing He had for us - He gave up Jesus to buy us back into His family and pay for our sins. Jesus is the greatest treasure because through Him we get to spend all of eternity with God. Only the things we do for God will last so let's remember to put God first! He is our greatest treasure!



RESPONSE

Sing: [I Have Spoken](#) (Current Key Passage Song)
[By His Wounds](#)

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank You for promising to provide for us. Help us to trust You more with our possessions. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What did Jesus say to be on guard against? *Greed*
- What two things in nature did Jesus use as examples of things God cares for? *Birds and flowers*
- What did God say to the man that stored up treasure for himself on earth? *God said that he was a fool*
- How do you know if you are treasuring Jesus or something else? *You know what your treasure is by paying attention to where your time, money, and stuff goes to.*
- Is it hard or easy to share your things with other people? If it's hard, why do you think that is and what can you do to practice sharing anyways?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - What does it practically look like in your life to trust Jesus with your possessions?

Paper Plate Ring Toss - *Supplies: Paper plates, glue or tape, scissors, the cardboard roll from a paper towel.* Glue or tape the cardboard tube to the bottom of one paper plate so that it stands upright on the floor or a table. Cut the centers of the other paper plates out to create rings and have fun decorating them. Start tossing your new rings to the stand that you made. Add some challenge by taking a step back after each toss or assigning points to different rings or different places in the room.