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JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS

GAME TIME

MAKE A CARE PACKAGE

Remind your children that Jesus taught people not to worry because God provides for our needs. Explain that sometimes God provides by working through other people.

Invite them to make a care package for a family member, friend, or neighbor. Provide paper bags for kids to decorate. Allow them to put small treats inside the bag.

Suggest kids include an encouraging note with the care package, perhaps with the phrase God provides for our needs or a promise to pray for that person. Encourage kids to deliver or send the care package to another person this week and share God's love with that person.

SAY: *Sometimes a visit, a note, or a small treat from a friend can make a person feel very loved! Putting others first is one way we can show that Jesus is our greatest treasure. Jesus left His place in heaven to live humbly on earth. Jesus obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give generously and trust God to provide everything we need.*

BIBLE STORY

Luke 12

A very large crowd came to learn from Jesus. Someone in the crowd said, "Teacher, tell my brother to share our father's money and possessions with me."

Jesus said, "Do not be greedy. Life is not about what you own."

Then Jesus told the people a story: "A rich man owned land that produced many crops. He did not have anywhere to put them all, so he said, 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then, I will have so much stored up that I can stop working and relax.' But God told the man, 'You are a fool! You could die tonight, and then what good is everything you have?'" Jesus told this story to warn people who store up treasures on earth and are not generous toward God.

Then Jesus told His disciples, "Do not worry about what you will eat or what you will wear. Do birds plant grain or collect it? No. Yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth more than birds?"

BUBBLE BLESSINGS

Allow the kids to blow bubbles. Challenge them to name a blessing God has given them for each bubble they blow.

SAY: *No matter how great the blessings are that God has given you, none of them will last forever—none except the eternal life Jesus provides to everyone who has faith in Him. Today, we'll learn more about Jesus' teachings about possessions.*



Jesus also said, "Think about the wildflowers. Do they work or make clothing? No. Yet they are better dressed than a great and rich king in his fancy clothes. If that is how God takes care of grass—which grows today and is cut down tomorrow—how much more will He do for you?"

Jesus told His disciples to not worry. "Seek God's kingdom," He said. "God will give you what you need." God is happy to give His children the kingdom.

Finally Jesus said, "Sell what you have and give to the poor. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in heaven lasts forever. Where your treasure is, that is where your heart is too."

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus is our greatest treasure. Jesus came down from heaven to live on earth with nothing. He obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give cheerfully and trust God to give us everything we need.