

CITY SG – Jan 2nd/3rd

Bible Story: The Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-31)

Bottom Line: The best resolution we can make is to put God first!

Memory Verse: “ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given unto you as well.” *Matthew 6:33*

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Ask God to open the kids’ eyes to the needs of those around them. Pray for them to have opportunities to meet others’ needs, both big and small. And pray for kids to be motivated to answer the call.

New Years Ball (review the Bible story)

What You Need: Balloon

How to Play: Have the group stand in a circle. They must keep the “New Years Ball” from falling to the ground by batting it up in the air within the circle . They may use any part of the body EXCEPT for the hands. Elbows, shoulder, knees, feet, and head, but no hands!

Count how many times the group hits the ball before it hits the ground. Play a few times to try to beat the number from the previous rounds.

What You Do: After you sit back down, ask the kids the following questions:

Story Review:

- What did the rich man decide to do with all his wealth?
- Why did he make that decision?
- What other choices could he have made?
- How can putting God first help us make wise choices?

What You Say:

“When we put God first, everything else falls into place. God will show us his plan for our lives and our gifts, and He will use them to glorify himself so that others may know Him like we do.

Need or Want? (Application activity)

What You Need: Need/Want sheet (one per child), blank hay bales sheet (one per child), scissors, glue sticks, crayons or markers

What You Do:

- Give each child a Need/want sheet and a blank hay bales sheet

- Talk about the lesson: “In the parable of the Rich Fool the man has his priorities wrong. He thinks that if he builds a bigger barn, gets more hay and makes more money then he will be happy. He finds out that Believing in Jesus and going to Heaven is worth more than anything else!
- Say, “There are some things that we need and some things we just want.
- Let’s talk together about some things we need vs what we want.
- Have the kids write or draw examples on the hay bale, cut it out and glue the hay bales in the right column
- If you have younger, 1st or 2nd graders, you may need to come up with examples together.
- If you have 3rd graders, they may be able to do them on their own. If so, have the kids who want to share their answers.

EXAMPLES:

Needs: clothes, food, God, etc

Wants: toys, pets, video games, etc.

What You Say:

“You did a great job thinking of different things that we need and the things that we just want. Never forget that being in Heaven with God is worth more than anything else we could ever have! Make time with God a priority in your life because you NEED it.

Verse Motions (memory verse activity)

What You Need: Memory verse sheets (one per child)

What You Do:

- ***Please note: Some K- first graders cannot read so make sure to read the verse to them***
- Give each child a memory verse sheet.
- Read the verse together.
- Stand up and make up motions to the verse together.
- Let the kids color their memory verse sheets.

What You Say:

As we enter the New Year, the most important resolution we can make it to follow God. Spending time with God is better than anything else!

Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pray with the kids.

What You Say:

[Bottom Line] “The best resolution we can make is to put God first! Let’s pray and ask God for help to put God first in this New Year.

“God, You are awesome! We are so thankful that you love us and want a relationship with us. Please help us put you first this year. We love you very much. Amen.”

PARENT CONNECTION AT PICK UP

Remind parents the kids learned about how they will make God a priority in the New Year.