

## City LG - December 9-10, 2017

**Bible Story:** The Money Pit (Parable of the rich man) • *Luke 12:13-21*

**Bottom Line:** Don't miss your chance to give.

**Memory Verse:** "Command the rich to do what is good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share." *1 Timothy 6:18, NIV*

### **WORSHIP: Won't Let Go and Feelin' Like Christmas**

#### **LARGE GROUP WELCOME:**

"What's going on, everybody? My name is [your name], and I am so glad you showed up today to The City. Go ahead and give yourself a high five just for being here.

*Give yourself a high-five.*

"That's right! Great job showing up. This is our second week talking about this idea of generosity. Before we get started with our Story today, who wants to play a quick Christmas game? Awesome! Here's how to play!

#### **GAME: Hoop-A-Tree**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

*Christmas tree ring toss with six hoops*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pick two players for this game. Have the players stand about 5 to 10 feet from the tree. Each player will have a chance to try and ring the tree with the six hoops. The player who gets the most hoops around the tree wins.*

"We've already learned that generosity is just fun to do. Of course we all love getting our favorite toys and gadgets on Christmas, but it's also even better to give something that makes someone's day, isn't it? But what if I told you that some people don't want to be generous? It's true. And I have a story about someone who felt that exact way."

"We can read the story about this person in the Bible. Let's look it at it together. You can read it for yourself in Luke, chapter 12, where Jesus was teaching a group of people. This was something that He did a lot. He let people ask questions. Then, to make it easier for them to understand the answers, He told them stories. And that's exactly what He does in our Bible story for today."

"Let's check it out! (*Open Bible and read Luke 12:13-14.*) *Someone in the crowd spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "tell my brother to divide the family property with me."* Jesus replied, *"Friend, who made me a judge or umpire between you?"* Then he said to them, *"Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has (NIV)."*

Wow! Life is not about how much you have, but how much you give. That's what our Story is all about today. Let's take a look..."

**CG: Week 2 Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:58)**

"See, the rich man had the chance to show generosity with his extra grain and food, but he didn't. He missed out on his chance to give. In fact, that's our Bottom Line for today.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** "Don't miss your chance to give. Read that with me."

**KIDS: [Bottom Line]** "Don't miss your chance to give."

"Now that was a powerful story that Jesus told. When it comes down to it, I don't want to be like the rich man in the story. I don't want to miss out on my chance to give. And when I think about it, this really isn't just about presents at Christmastime. We should be on the lookout for ways we can be generous all throughout the year. Let's look at our Bottom Line again."

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** "Don't miss your chance to give. We can use the time we have right now to show generosity to others. Sometimes we think we're too busy, or we're too nervous about what people might think, and we skip helping or giving to others. But when we really pay attention to the people around us, we'll discover all sorts of ways we can help. There might be kids in our class who could use some notebook paper or a pencil. And there's definitely an adult at home who could use some help around the house."

"How about we pray and ask God to help us show generosity and not miss out on a chance to give to others?"

**Pray:** "God, thank You for all the things You've given to us. You never miss out on a chance to give, and we don't want to either. Help us to think of others—of those who don't have as much as we do. Help us to be generous like You. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

In Small Group, you'll talk about all sorts of ways you can make sure you don't miss your chance to give. Have a great time in Small Group. See you next week!"

*Dismiss children to their small groups.*