

City SG - 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*

1. Here, Take Mine

What You Need: Bowl (one per group), paper strips (one per child), pen, dice (one per group), gold coins (60 per group)

What You Do:

- Write down all kids' names on strips of paper and put them into the bowl. Set aside.
- Tell kids that they will have a chance to roll the dice to get coins.
- Give each kid a turn to roll the dice.
- Whatever number they get, give them that number of coins.
- If time allows, go around the circle a second time.
- After each kid has rolled, let them count up their coins and see who has the most.
- Then tell kids it's time to draw a name out of the bowl, but don't tell them why.
- Randomly draw a name out of the bowl. Instruct that kid to give some of their coins to someone else.
- Replace the name and draw again. Instruct that kid to give some of their coins to someone else.
- Repeat the process 8-10 times.
- If a kid's name is drawn and they don't have any coins, draw someone else.
- When you are finished drawing names, instruct kids to count up their coins again.
- Then dramatically declare that the winners are NOT the people who have the most coins, but rather the people who have the least coins.

What You Say:

"When we first started that game, it seemed like the goal was to get the most coins, but in the end it turned out that the real winners were the ones who gave their coins away. Jesus tells us through His parable: **[Bottom Line] Don't miss your chance to give.** We have chances to give things to others every day. **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time you gave something away and were glad you did.)**"

2. Nothing Lasts Forever

What You Need: Whiteboard, dry erase marker, eraser (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Draw a vertical line dividing the white board into two sides.
- Tell kids that they will be answering your questions with actions instead of words.
- Take suggestions from kids about things they like to do at Christmas time (i.e. decorate the tree, hang stockings, shop for Christmas presents, etc.), except instead of telling you, they have to act them out and let the group guess.
- When the group guesses the activity, write it on the left side of the board.
- After the ideas slow down, switch to the right side of the board.

- Ask kids to act out all the things they have to do in a normal day in addition to all of the Christmas stuff (i.e. sports, school, homework, etc.).
- As the group guesses the suggestions, write them on the right side of the board.
- When the ideas slow down, talk about how they spend their days.

3. Merry Versemas

What You Need: “Merry Versemas” Activity Pages (one per child), markers, scissors

What You Do:

- Hand out an Activity Page to each kid.
- Ask kids if they have handed out any Christmas cards yet. Have they gotten any?
- Tell them that today they will be making Christmas cards for family members: parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles/cousins, whoever they will see in the next couple weeks.
- Show kids where to cut apart the top and bottom cards and guide them to fill in the missing words on the cards.
- Then instruct kids to write “Merry Christmas” on the front and encourage them to decorate the cards to make them look nice.
- Each kid should take home both cards: one to keep and one to give away.

What You Say:

“This verse tells us that it is more important to DO good things than to HAVE good things. God’s Word says: **[Bottom Line] Don’t miss your chance to give.** These cards are a great way to share with others what we have learned here today. Take one of the cards home this week and put it in your room so you will remember the verse all week. Then you can give away the other card to someone in your family so they can learn the verse too.”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Gold coins from “Here, Take Mine” Activity

What You Do:

- Ask kids what things they have that they are thankful for.
- Go around the circle and have each kid say one thing they are grateful to God for giving them.
- Give each kid a coin and have them hold it as you pray.
- Have the kids leave the coins for next class

What You Say:

- “God, thank You for giving us the things we need, like food and water and places to live. Please help us to be grateful for what we have and remember not to miss our chance to give. We ask that You would help us to focus on what we have and what we can give, not how much we can get. Remind us this week that coins like these and the things they buy are not what really matters. Your Son Jesus and His sacrifice for us on the cross is what truly matters. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, hand out the “God Time” Sheets, and let kids know that if they bring it back the following week they will receive a prize.