

Alley Rundown—January 10th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Give It Away (Bigger Barns) • *Luke 12:13-21*

Today's Key Question: What do you have that you can share?

Today's Bottom Line: Share what you have.

Monthly Memory Verse: “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...”
(Luke 16:10a NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

Begin your Service with Worship

WORSHIP: God So Good (Runtime 3:30)

Supplies Needed: Bag of Black Licorice (1 per Campus)

“Hey, everyone! Thanks for joining us today. By show of hands, how many of you have a best friend? (Pause for response.) How many of you have a favorite cousin? (Pause for response.) How many of you have a neighbor you really love to play with? (Pause for response.) I love seeing so many hands go up. This tells me each of you have a community of friends you love. All of us have people in our lives who we deeply care about!”

“When you’ve got someone who you’re close to, one of the best ways you can show you care about them is to SHARE things with them! Sometimes this is easy.”

Pull out a bag of black licorice.

“If I have a bag of candy that I don’t really like and someone asks . . .”

“Do you have anything to eat?”

You might just say “Sure.” and hand over the really nasty candy.

“Some of you have never come across a candy you didn’t like. So . . . When your cousin wants to eat your grandmother’s ‘famous’ deviled egg you’ve never liked that made its way on your plate, it’s easy to share. After you’ve defeated a video game you’ve owned for years and never play anymore, it’s easy to let your neighbor borrow the game. It’s not too difficult to let your little brother borrow a couple of LEGO® pieces from your massive tub of loose pieces when you really don’t care about those pieces anymore. But is it always easy to share? Not so much, right?”

“For the next few moments, let’s try something. I’ll put an image on the screen, and you’ll let me know if it’s EASY or DIFFICULT to share. If you believe the object is an easy share, you will indicate by giving us a big thumbs up. For those who disagree and find the subject difficult to share—don’t be shy—give a huge thumbs down. Make sense? Then let’s get to it.”

SLIDE: Sharing Slide 1: Platter of food

“Let’s say this is your plate! It’s a small MOUNTAIN of food. Would it be easy or difficult to share all this food with your friends?”

SLIDE: Sharing Slide 2: Video game console

“What about video games? How easy is it to share your games with your little brother or sister when there is only one controller? You wouldn’t be able to play with them.”

SLIDE: Sharing Slide 3: Pair of shoes

“Would it be hard to share your new shoes with your pals?”

SLIDE: Sharing Slide 4: Stacks of cash

“How about some cold, hard cash? If you shared it, there would be less money for you—how difficult would it be to share the love with your buddies?”

“We’ve heard it all our lives from the people in charge: ‘You need to share!’ Our mom wants us to share our video games with our little brother. The basketball coach wants us to share the basketball and not hog the ball. Teachers may ask you to share your hand sanitizer before lunch. Sure, sometimes this will be easy, but as you all just illustrated, other times sharing will be very difficult.”

“We love our stuff. Nobody wants something bad to happen to the things we cherish. But what if sharing was really important? What if it wasn’t just the adults in your life wanting you to share? What if it was God’s desire for you to share?”

“There is a story on this very subject in the New Testament Jesus told. Let’s dive in with this help of this week’s Episode! Take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:00)

“What a story! The man in the crowd was hoping Jesus would negotiate a plan with his brother to share the family property. However, Jesus took it a completely different direction. Jesus’ parable pointed to the importance of sharing what we own instead of accumulating more! We do not know how the man responded to Jesus’ story. It’s possible he let go of trying to acquire more. Maybe the man chose to share more of what he already possessed. When you look at the life of Jesus, He not only spoke on such topics—He also embodied the principle. Jesus lived a life of generosity! From the people He healed to the mouths He fed to the time He spent with others; Jesus did not hesitate to share with others.”

“This parable was told not only for the man in the crowd shouting to Jesus but for us as well! If you are a follower of Jesus, it is your responsibility to learn about Jesus and follow Jesus with your life. This means we should share with others. Instead of trying to protect what we own or worry about getting more, we can leverage what we own to love others.”

“Often we think to be rich we must acquire lots of money. However, to be rich in God’s sight, one must help others by sharing what you have. This could include sharing massive stockpiles of freshly picked fruit from a Skittle vine. Sharing your time with people who need some encouragement is a great way to help others. It could even include donating some of your toys to different charities.”

“As we close our time together, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“What do you have that you can share? It doesn’t need to be big, but sharing what you have—even if it’s small—can have a huge impact on others. But this isn’t always easy. Often, we worry and think about what we can get for ourselves. However, this is an opportunity to look to God for help us share what we have! Let’s pray right now and ask God for help.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard.

Lead students in the “All Together Activities” using the instructions on the Attached Sheet.