

ALLEY SG – January 13- 14, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Never Enough (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: *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NIV)*

1. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: "Story Strips" Page (one per kid), pens, and markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a copy of the "Story Strips" Page.
- Give each kid a pen.
- Set out the markers.
- Direct the kids to use the comic strip boxes in the "Story Strips" Page to illustrate and tell a story of something that happened to them recently.
 - Share that it doesn't need to be an elaborate story. It could be something as simple as a trip to the grocery store with a parent.
- Once everyone has had a chance to finish their comic strips, invite each kid to share their story with the group while showing their illustrations.
- Say: "One of the ways we can share what we have with others is to share what God has done in our lives. Sometimes that can feel scary or intimidating. Maybe we aren't sure how people will react. But one of the best ways we can begin feeling more comfortable with sharing what God has done in our lives is by sharing with people who make us feel safe. Our small group should always be a place where everyone feels safe!"
- Ask: "Would anyone like to share a story with the group that tells a little about what God has done in their lives?"
 - It may take your prompting for the kids to think of a story to share.
 - For example, this could be a short story about how they made the decision to follow Jesus. But it could also be a story about a time when they could tell that God was helping them. Maybe they moved somewhere new, and God provided them with a friend. Or maybe they asked God to help them do their best during baseball tryouts and they made the team.

2. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Divide your group into pairs. (If your group is larger, make groups of three kids.)
- Give each team a Bible.
- Direct the kids to work together to look up the verse reference you give them (They are listed below) in bold print.
- Once every team has finished, give each group a chance to read their verse out loud for everyone.
- After each group reads their verse, ask: "What are we supposed to share?"
 - **Proverbs 22:9:** *Share your food*
 - **Romans 12:13:** *Share your home*
 - **Luke 3:11:** *Share your clothes and food*
 - **Luke 8:39:** *Share what God has done for you*
 - **Mark 16:15:** *Share what God has done for the world*
 - **Acts 2:45:** *Share your property and possessions*
 - **Acts 4:33-35:** *Share your profit*

- Say: “We all have opportunities around us to share.”
- Ask: What are some ways you can share with people around you?

3. Discussion Questions

- What do you have that you can share?
- Why is it sometimes hard to share?
- Is it more difficult to share your things or your story?
- Why do we have a responsibility to share with others?
- Who are some people you can share with?

4. Pet Project Prayers

What You Need:

“Pet Project Prayers: 2” Page (one per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Give each kid a copy of the “Pet Project Prayers: 2” Activity Page and a pen.
- Encourage kids to use the spaces provided to list prayers about specific opportunities in their lives when they can be challenged to share.
- Examples might include:
 - Share my story with my friend.
 - Share my things with my sister.
 - Use what I have to help others
- Tell the kids these should be brief reminders that will help guide them when they pray at home.
- Encourage kids to take their page home and place it somewhere they will see it.
- Challenge them to set time aside in the week ahead to pray each day.
- Say: “Praying doesn’t have to be complicated or take a long time. Just taking a little time talking to God each day is a great way to spend time with God and also to stay focused on how we can share.”

4. Pray

- “God, thank You that You have given us everything we have. Everything we have is from You. Please show us how we can use what You have given us—our time, our abilities, our stuff, our story—to show Your love to the people in our lives. We love You. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, ask each kid to tell their parent something they are going to share with someone this week.