

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

Luke 12:16-21

Luke 12

¹⁶And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He

thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for

many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did the rich man tear down his barns and build bigger ones?
5		2.) Once the rich man had plenty of grain, what did he do?
5		3.) What would happen to the man that night?
5		4.) Why shouldn't we store up treasures here on earth?

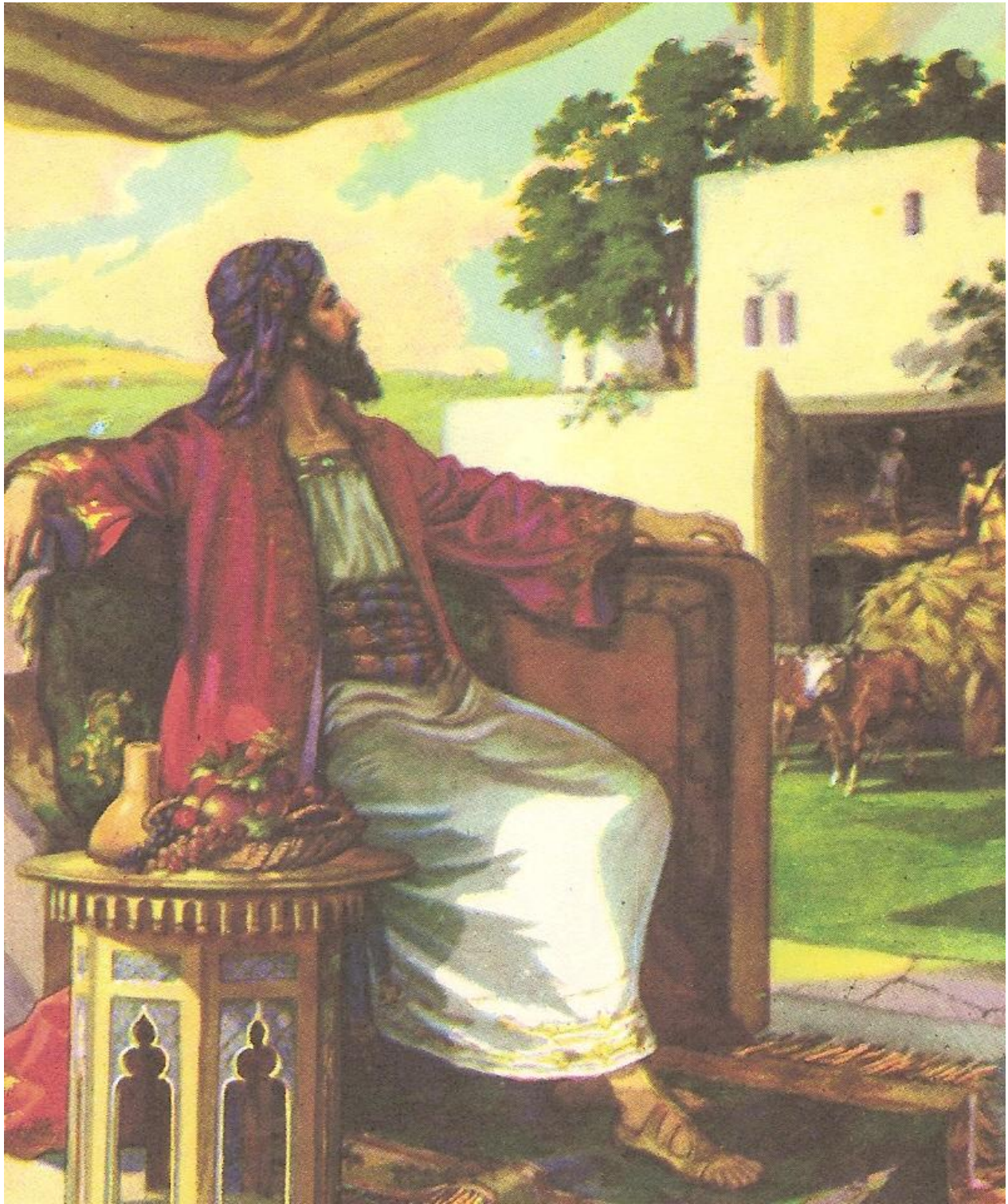
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 6:21</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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This rich fool stored up his treasures on earth, not in heaven

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BARNES

Students will make barns to help them remember that the rich fool tore down his barns to build bigger ones to store up all his treasures on earth.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Barn Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Tape
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
6. Paper Plates
7. Yellow yarn (1/2 inch pieces)
8. Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a barn pattern for each student onto 67 lb. white cardstock.
2. Have students color the barn pattern with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the barn on the solid black lines. Students will fold on the dotted lines.
4. Help students tape the roof on.
5. Tape the barn to a paper plate.
6. Glue small pieces of yellow yarn (for grain) around the barn.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their barns, remind them of what the Bible verse says. The rich fool stored up his treasure here on earth and was not rich in the ways of heaven. Help students understand that they should store up their treasures in heaven rather than here on earth.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

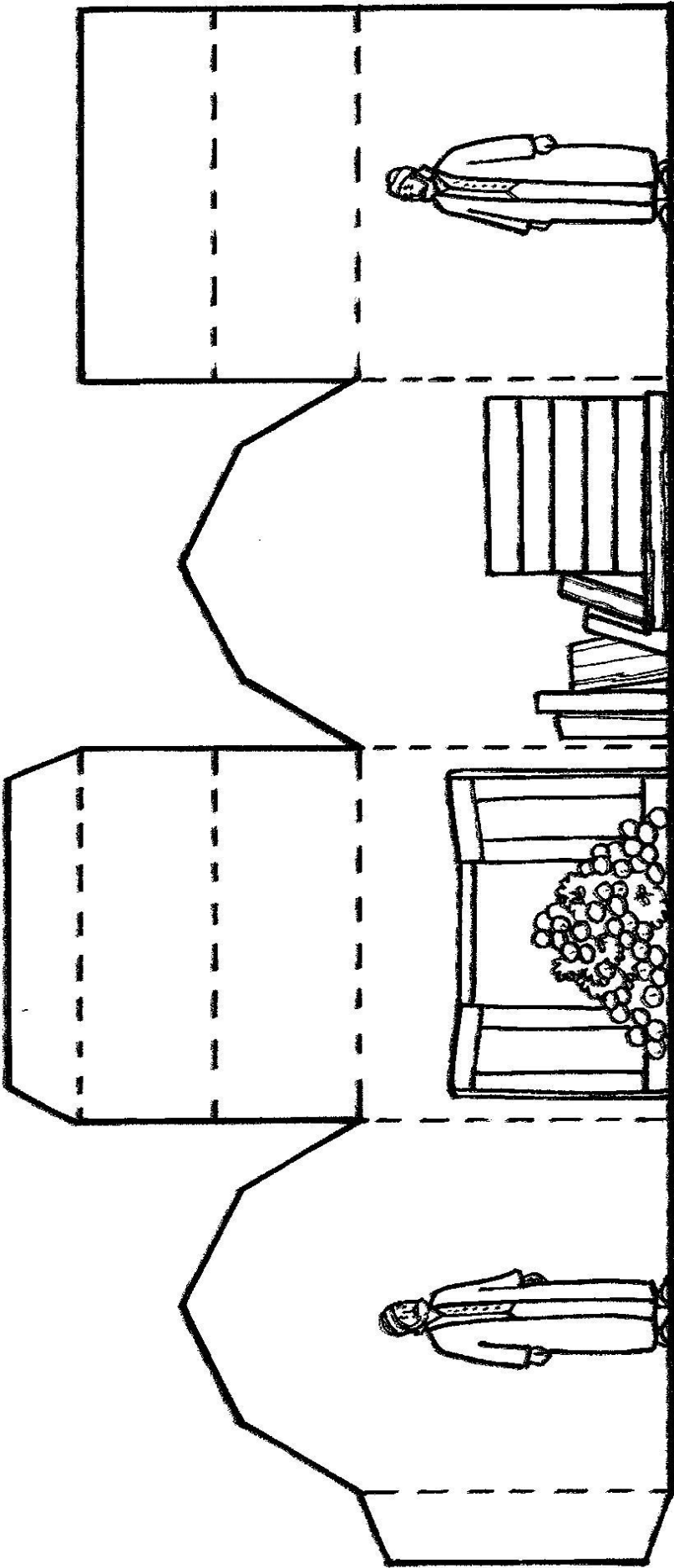
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BARN PATTERN

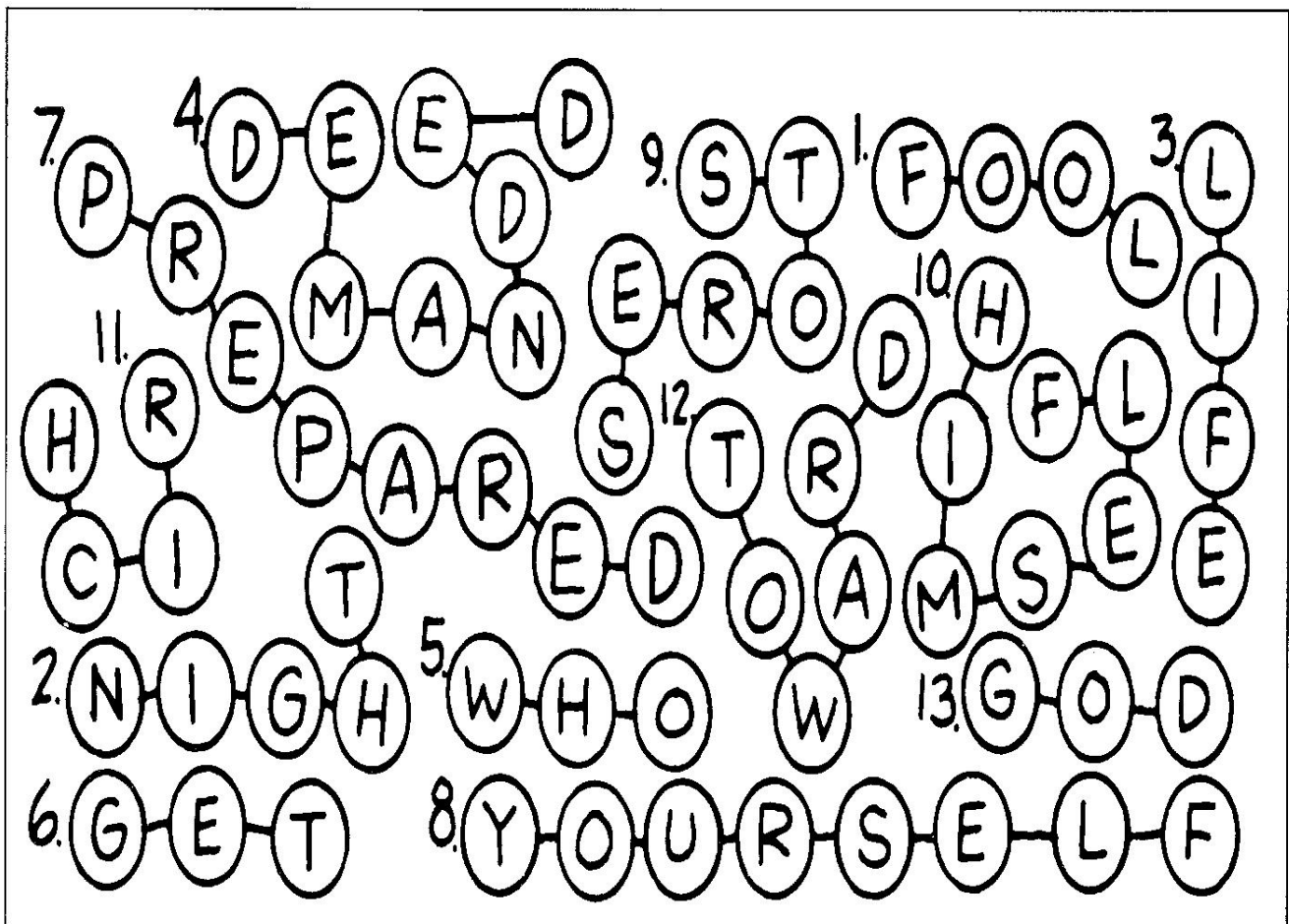


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Read Luke 12:16-21. Start with chain #1 and follow the line of letters to find the first word. Write the word in the first blank. Fill in the other words to find out what happened to the rich man.

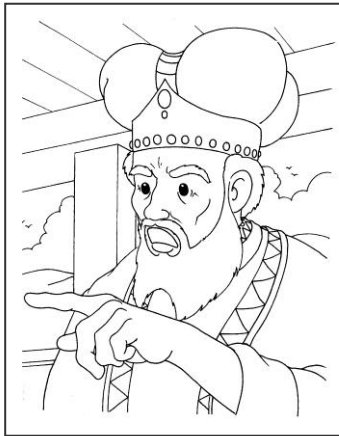
"But God said to him, 'You _____ 1 ! This very _____ 2 your _____ 3
will be _____ 4 from you. Then _____ 5 will _____ 6 what
you have _____ 7 for _____ 8 ?'" "This is how it will be with anyone
who _____ 9 up things for _____ 10 but is not _____ 11 _____ 12
_____ 13 ." Luke 12:20, 21



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Jesus told a story called a parable. A parable is a story with two meanings. There is an earthly meaning and a heavenly meaning.

Jesus told this story: A rich man had land that produced a good crop. He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops." So the rich man decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones to store his grain. Then the man decided to relax because he had plenty of good things stored up for himself.

But that very night the rich man would die. Jesus asked who would get the riches he stored up for himself.

Jesus explained the parable by saying, "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

For more details, please read Luke 12:16-21 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the rich man tear down his barns and build bigger ones?
2. Once the rich man had plenty of grain, what did he do?
3. What did Jesus say would happen to the man that night?
4. Why shouldn't we store up treasures here on earth?

MEMORY VERSE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

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