



Parent Cue
PRETEEN
January 2021
Week Two

Use this guide to help your family learn how we can have faith in God.
First watch this video: cedargrove.org/kids-online-services. Then follow up with the activity below!
For worship music, try Orange Kids Music on Spotify <https://spoti.fi/2TqDhBJ>

BIBLE STORY

Bigger Barns
LUKE 12:16-21

MEMORY VERSE

WEEKLY:

“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

MONTHLY:

“Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large.”
Luke 16:10a NIV

LIFE APP

Responsibility - Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

KEY QUESTION

What do you have that you can share?

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

ACTIVITY

DRAW IT

WHAT YOU NEED:

Scrap paper, pencil, jar or bowl

WHAT YOU DO:

On small scraps of paper, write down the names of people who fit the following categories. Write one name per piece of paper.

- ◆ an elderly neighbor
- ◆ a friend who is sick
- ◆ a teacher or coach
- ◆ a family member
- ◆ a family in need
- ◆ your church
- ◆ someone who didn't get much for Christmas

When you're finished, fold the papers and place them in a jar or bowl.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Let's take turns taking out one scrap of paper at a time and reading what's on it. Then, let's both think of ways we can share what we have with whoever is on the paper."

Take turns drawing a paper out of the jar or bowl. When you're finished, say, "There are lots of ways we can share what we have with others. We can give our time, our money, our talents, and our possessions (our stuff)."

Depending on your current circumstances, choose one of the ideas you came up with and put it into practice! Together with your child, find something to share with one of the people on the list above.

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight.

"Dear God, it's so easy for us to hold on too tightly to the things we have. When we see others in need, help us to be willing to share what we have. You've given us so much! You even gave Your own Son to die in our place. Help us to look for opportunities to share what we have with others. Amen."



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GOD VIEW

The connection between responsibility and God's character is shown through God's big story. Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

LUKE 12:16-21

Key Question:

What do you have that you can share? From an early age, most kids are taught to share. As they get older though, the stakes get higher and it can take more effort to share. As we ask this question, we pray that preteens will see that they can share more than their stuff. They can share their time, their friendship, and their talents.

In week two, we head to **Luke 12:13-21** where we find a parable Jesus told about a rich man who was focused on the wrong thing. As a successful farmer, his land produced a large amount of crops. He decided to build bigger and bigger barns to collect it all. He might have had a lot for himself, but he failed to think about how he could have helped the people around him.

Lesson Recap:

Someone was trying to get Jesus to settle an argument. They were wanting to make sure they got a share of money, and felt angry that they weren't receiving it. This person asked Jesus to make his brother share. But Jesus gave an interesting answer. He wanted to make sure people did not prioritize material things, and told a story about that.

In Jesus' story, the man had so many things that he had to build a bigger barn. He thought he could relax and enjoy life, but before the day was done his life was over! None of our material things will last forever.

Jesus reminded His people that God handles everything we need. We might not always have every little thing we think we want, but we will have what we need. God promises this!

Bottom Line:

Share what you have.

Sometimes we are on the receiving end of someone's generosity, but other times we get to show responsibility by sharing and being generous to others. When we realize that God has given us everything we have, we're more likely to share with others. We pray that as kids learn more about the parable of the rich man, they'll discover ways they can be responsible with how they share what they have.

Meal Time:

Q&A FOR KIDS: What is something you're responsible for that you really enjoy doing?

Q&A FOR PARENTS: When you were a kid, what kind of responsibilities did you have around the house?

