# **Journal Page**

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

#### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- How have you seen God provide for your family?
- How do you know if something is a want or a need?
- What current needs does your family have? Pray and ask God to provide.

### **Jesus Taught About Possessions**

Luke 12

## STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE NOT TO WORRY BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.

Thousands of people came together to listen to Jesus' teaching. Jesus said, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed. True life is not found in what you own."

Then Jesus told the people a parable: "A rich man owned land that produced many crops. He didn't have anywhere to store all of his crops, so he said to himself, 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then, I'll have so much stored up that I can stop working and relax.' But God told the man, 'You are a fool! You will die this very night, and then what good is everything you have stored up?'"

Then Jesus told His disciples, "Do not worry about your life or your body. Think about the birds: They do not plant or collect grain, yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth more than birds?"

Jesus also said, "Think about the wildflowers. They don't work or make clothing, yet they are lovelier than a great and rich king in his fancy clothes. If that is how God takes care of grass, how much more will He do for you?"

"Seek God's kingdom," He said, "and God will provide what you need." Finally Jesus said, "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in heaven lasts forever. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Christ Connection: Jesus is our greatest treasure. Jesus left His place in heaven to live humbly on earth. Jesus obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give generously and trust God to provide everything we need.



#### **Treasure Box**

For each letter, list something you treasure—or value very much.





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