



## Unit 23, Session 4

# Jesus Taught About Possessions

Luke 12

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**Story Point:** Jesus taught people not to worry because God provides for our needs.

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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.*



## EXPERIENCE the Story

*The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.*

- For each letter, list something you treasure, or value very much:

A -

I -

C -

L -

D -

M -

E -

N -

F -

O -

G -

R -

H -

T -

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How can we live as people of God?

### CHRIST CONNECTION

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## **APPLY** the Story

- Find John 14:25-26 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for providing for your needs. Ask God to give you a generous heart and an attitude toward possessions that brings Him glory.

### **READ THE WORD**

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 30:18        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timothy 6:17-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James 4:1-2         | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 20:35        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 10:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 2:15       |