

## MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA

**TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA:** Share the memory verse/big idea and talk about where it comes from (the Bible, the NEW Testament, the book of Luke, God said these words.) Discuss what the verse/big idea means.

**(All Ages) "Your heart will be where your treasure is." Luke 12:34**

### VERSE MOTIONS

**Heart-** hold both hands over your heart

**Treasure-** hold out both arms like carrying a big treasure box/chest

### PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us good things. Help us to love you more than our stuff. Show us how to share our things with other people and love them like you do. Teach us that loving Jesus and other people is a better treasure than any money or stuff we could have.

## BIBLE STORY AND REVIEW QUESTIONS:

Ages 3-Kindergarten: read all with questions. Under age 3: read **highlighted only** and skip questions.

**1. Jesus told a story about a farmer. "One summer all his wheat grew and grew in the fields. He had such a big crop! The farmer thought he was so smart because he had grown so much food for himself. 'I am not selling or sharing any of my wheat,' the farmer said. 'I will keep all of it for myself. I grew it, so I will keep it all. It is mine, mine, mine!'"**

**Review Question:** Did the farmer's fields grow only a little wheat or a lot of wheat? (*a LOT!*)

**Review Question:** What did the farmer decide to do with all the wheat? (*keep it all for himself*)

**2. 'But my barns are too small. I can't fit all of this wheat into my little barns. So I will tear down my tiny barns and build bigger ones! Then I will fit all of my wheat and my other stuff into the big barns.' So the silly, greedy farmer built big, new barns and filled them up with his stuff.**

**The farmer felt so proud of himself. 'Now I will have enough good things stored up to last for a long time-** years and years! I can rest, eat, drink, be happy and enjoy my life. **I'm so smart. I have grown so much wheat that I will never have to work again.'**

**Review Question:** What did the farmer do when he couldn't fit all the wheat into his small barns? (*tore down the small barns and built bigger ones*)

**Review Question:** What did the farmer plan to do now that he had so much food stored up? (*rest, eat, drink, be happy, enjoy life, not work ever again*)

**3. But that same night the silly, greedy farmer died. Now who did all the wheat belong to? The farmer couldn't use it anymore because he was gone. Jesus told this story to help us see that the things we have will only last for a little while. It's not right to try to get a lot of stuff for ourselves and be selfish. God gives us good things so that we can share with other people.**

**Review Question:** What happened to the farmer? (*he died*)

**Review Question:** What does God want us to do with the good things He gives us? (*share with other people, help others, not be greedy/selfish*)

**4. To know God and to love Him is better than being rich or having lots of things. God wants us to share with others who need help.** Whatever we do for God lasts forever and ever, which is so much better than any money or stuff here on earth. **Our hearts will show where we think our best treasure is.** If we think getting lots of stuff is our treasure, then our hearts will be sad and disappointed. But **if we believe that loving God and loving and sharing with others is best, our hearts will be joyful and show that our treasure is in heaven!**

**Review Question:** Is it better to store up treasures and stuff here on earth, OR treasures in heaven with God? (*treasures in heaven*)

**Review Question:** Your heart will show you are storing up treasures in heaven if you do what? (*love God, love other people, help people, share with people*)

## CRAFT

### "BARN AND SILOS"

Explain what a silo is and how farmers use silos to store corn, wheat, or other crops after they are harvested. Silos can hold a lot of grains and save them to be used later! The farmer in the story tried to store up too much stuff for himself and would not share with anyone.

Children will color and decorate their cardstock barn page and the cardboard tube "silo". Once they are finished decorating the tube, an adult will help hot glue the silo onto the page right next to the barn. Also attach the top of the silo- an upside-down cupcake liner- as the roof.



## ACTIVITY

### "BUILDING A BIGGER BARN"

1. Using blocks, encourage kids to build small barns. Talk about how the farmer grew so much wheat that he could not fit it all into his tiny barns...
2. So he decided to tear them down. (Have kids tear down their small barns.)
3. Then he built bigger barns that could fit all of the wheat inside. (Have kids build big barns with blocks.)
4. But then he died and could not keep his stuff anymore. (Have kids hand their barn to someone else.)
5. That's why God wants us to love other people and not be selfish. We can share what we have with others and help them, instead of keeping it all to ourselves. Then our hearts will be happier because we love God and love other people, and our treasures will be in heaven, not in silly barns! Okay, now let's all share our blocks and build something fun together.

## COLORING PAGE

## SONG

### "DON'T BE SELFISH"

(Sing to the tune of "London Bridge")

Give to others  
Share what you have,  
    what you have, what you have  
Give to others  
Share what you have  
Don't be selfish

Don't store it all up  
In a barn, in a barn, in a barn  
Don't store it all up in a barn  
Share God's gifts with others