

**Today's Bible Story:** Never Enough (Bigger Barns) • *Luke 12:13-21*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Share what you have.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much. Luke 16:10a NIV

**Monthly Virtue:** Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

## Opening Activity

*Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed.

### What You Do:

- Direct the kids to stand up in the middle of your Small Group space.
- Explain that you'll ask questions and kids will share their answer by moving to one side of the room or the other.
- Direct the kids to run to the right side of the space if their answer is "yes."
- Direct the kids to run to the left side of the space if their answer is "no."
- One at a time, ask each question below, allowing time for the kids to run to the sides to show their answers.
- Continue until all questions have been answered.
  - Would you share your bed with a puppy?
  - Would you share your kitchen with a snake?
  - Would you share your milk with a cat?
  - Would you share your phone with a parrot?
  - Would you share your favorite stuffed animal with your dog?
  - Would you share your new soccer ball with your cat?
  - Would you share your backyard with pet chickens?
  - Would you share your bedroom with a fish in a fish tank?
  - Would you share your ice cream with a llama?
  - Would you share your home with a pet tarantula?

### What You Say:

"Isn't it funny how it's easier for some of us to share certain things than it is the rest of us? Some of you answered yes and some of you answered no to those questions. Different things hold different importance to each of us. God made us with different likes and dislikes. Our lesson today was on the importance of sharing.

## Bigger Barns Relay

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

*Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** Blocks, timer, various relay obstacle items, and masking tape

### What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Use the masking tape to create a start line and a finish line for both teams.
- Give each team at least 20 blocks and set them behind the starting line.

- Set out the relay obstacle items beside each team.
- Instruct each team to choose one representative from their team to build a barn for their team with the blocks.
- Direct the representative to carry down as many blocks as they can to the finish line, build with what they have on the other side of the line, and go back to the starting line to grab more blocks.
- Every time the builder comes back, instruct the opposite team to weigh down the builder with the various items to try to make their task more difficult.
  - For example, a team can give the builder a ball to carry, a bunch of hats to wear, swim goggles to wear, etc.
  - Opposite teams can only add two things on the person each round, but the person will get more weighed down as they go!
- Set a timer for three minutes and start the relay when you start the timer.
- The team with the biggest barn when the timer goes off, wins!
- Repeat with a different kid as the builder as time and interest allow.

### **What You Say:**

“Our game was a lot like the story today. The more the stuff, the easier it is to be distracted from your mission. God has called you to **[Bottom Line] share what you have**. We all have a gift from God. It’s okay to have things, but God doesn’t want our things to get in the way of what we set out to do. God wants us to clearly see the amazing plans for us. One of the greatest ways you can love God is to **[Bottom Line] share what you have**. It’s even better if we can use what we’ve been given to share God’s love with others.”

### **Verse for the Month**

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much. Luke 16:10a

### **Prayer Activity**

#### **What You Do:**

- Give every kids blank paper.
- Marker/Crayons
- Ask probing questions to help them come up with how they have seen God working.
- Then draw or write about it.

#### **What You Say:**

“One of the coolest ways you can **[Bottom Line] share what you have** is to share your story—the story about what God has done in your life. It’s the story of how you’ve seen God working. This could be a big thing you’ve seen God do in your family, for one of your family members, or even for you personally. It could also be an everyday moment like joy during a really hard day.

“This week, we’ll use this journal to help us share our story with others so they can see the love of God through us. Let’s pray together.

“God, thank You that You have given us everything we have. Everything we have is from You. Please show us how we can use what You have given us—our time, our abilities, our stuff, our story—to show Your love to the people in our lives. We love You. Amen.”

