

6KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

January 10th

Life App Definition

Responsibility — showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

Main Idea

In week 2, 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 help the people around him. We pray that as kids learn more about the parable of the rich man, they'll discover ways they can be responsible with sharing what they have.

Memory Verse

"Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large" (Luke 16:10 NIRV).

Bottom Line

Share what you have.

Monthly Profession

I will follow the Good Shepherd, and I know His voice. The voice of a stranger I will not follow.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- What did Ezra say that Jesus needed to tell his brother?
 - That he needed to divide their family property with him
- What did Jesus tell Ezra?
 - He told him to be on his guard against wanting to have more and more things.
- What type of story did Jesus tell?
 - A parable
- What did the rich man's field grow?
 - Grain/corn
- What problem did the farmer have?
 - He didn't have enough barn space to store all his grain.

- What did the farmhand suggest he could do with the extra grain?
 - That he could share some of the grain
- What did the rich man want to do?
 - He wanted to tear down his barns and build bigger ones.
- What did God say to the rich man?
 - He told him that He would take his life from him that night.
- Then what did God ask the rich man?
 - He asked him who would get what he had prepared for himself.
- Why do you think God called the man foolish?
- What are some things the man could have done instead of keeping all the grain to himself?
- Does God expect only people who have a ton of stuff to share?
- What are some things you could share with others?
- What is something we all have that we can share with others?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- No supplies needed

Activity

- Ask your children to share something that they would really love to get someday (let several kids answer).
- Ask them if it would be easy or hard to share that thing.
- Using the list below, have your children determine whether the gift would be easy or hard to share.
- Have them give a thumbs up if it would be easy for them to share it or a thumbs down if it would be hard to share it.
 - A puppy
 - Amazon gift card for \$1,000
 - A new phone
 - Disney cruise tickets for your family and a friend
 - Free ice cream for a year
 - A closet full of cool clothes
 - A brand-new gaming device
 - A year's supply of your favorite candy
 - Ticket to your favorite concert
 - God's love

- After you have gone through all the gifts, ask your children why they think certain ones would be harder to share than others.
- Ask them to share which gift would be the hardest to share out of all the ones we talked about.
- Ask them to share which gift would be the easiest to share.
- Call out a gift from the list above again, and ask your children to name someone they know who would benefit if that gift was shared with them.
- You can do this with a few different gifts.
- Remind your children that we don't have to have a lot to share with others.
- God asks us all to share what we have, and one thing we all have that we can share with others is God's love!

Prayer

Spend a few moments in prayer with your children. Spend time asking God to help both you and your children share what you have and thanking Him for giving you so much.

Dear God,

It's so easy for us to hold on too tightly to the things we have. Help us to let go when we see others in need and be willing to share what we have. You have given us so much—even Your own Son to die in our place. Help us to look for and not ignore opportunities to share what we have with others. Amen.