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# Give it Away

**Bible Story:** Give it Away • Bigger Barns • *Luke 12:16-21*

**Bottom Line:** Share what you have.

**Memory Verse:** "Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large." Luke 16:10a, NIV

**Life App:** Responsibility- Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

## Activity #1- Bible Story

Parents, read through this week's Bible story with your child or check out our video teaching on this page. This week we are learning about the rich man who built bigger barns to store his grain. We'll learn how we can share what God has given us.

## Activity #2- Acting it Out

**What you need:** Scrap paper, pencil, jar or bowl

**What you do:**

- Write the following scenarios on small scraps of paper (one scenario per paper scrap)
  - Sharing your snack with someone
  - Giving someone money
  - Mowing the lawn
  - Opening a door for someone
  - Giving someone a hug
  - Giving away toys
- When you're finished, fold the scrap papers and place them in a jar or bowl.
- Take turns with your child(ren), each of you drawing a paper out of the jar or bowl and then acting out the scenario. If someone gets stumped, give them a word or two as a hint (or let them skip one and leave it for you to act out).

**What you say:**

"We're going to play a game where one person acts something out without making a sound. If you see something laying around that you can use as a prop, grab it and use it, but no talking! The other person has to guess what the actor is doing."

When you're finished, say, "Do you know what all of those actions had in common? They were ways we can share what we have with others."

## Activity #2- Discussion Questions

1. In Jesus' story, what "problem" did the rich man have? *(His land produced so much grain that he didn't have room in his barns to store it all.)*
2. What did the man decide to do to solve his problem? *(Build bigger barns)*
3. Why do you think God was upset with the rich man in the story? *(The rich man was selfish; he could have shared his extra grain with a lot of people.)*
4. Have you ever had a hard time sharing something you loved?
5. This week, what's one way you can share what you have with someone else?

*Parent: Tell a story about a time when you struggled to share something. Then, tell a story about a time you shared what you had. Talk about how you felt after each experience, and how those feelings were different in each situation.*

### Prayer:

"Dear God, it's so easy for us to hold on too tightly to the things we have. When we see others in need, help us to be willing to share what we have. You've given us so much! You even gave Your own Son to die in our place. Help us to look for opportunities to share what we have with others. Amen."