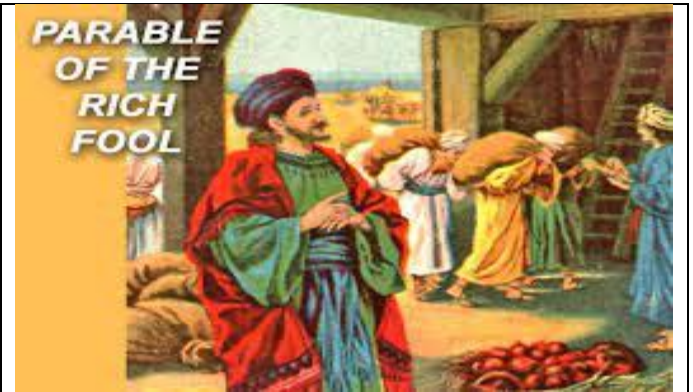


July 27 Fourth Parable of the Summer

Theme: "The Parable of the Rich Fool"

Scripture; Luke 12;13-21 This is how it is with those who pile up riches, but are not rich in God's sight.

Object; lots of expensive looking objects.



God Garden's Skit

(KIDS can stand in a line, waiting to say their lines, meanwhile acting along, or enter as needed. KIDS can have their own lines, or several lines, or different little groups can have their own lines, or they can all say all the lines together.)

NAR. 1 There once was a rich man, in a land most abundant. He had everything needed to be filled with happiness and contentment. And the workers of his land enjoyed peace and fulfillment.

WORKER 1a; Life is good.

WORKER 1b; We have enough food.

NAR. 2; But there came a day. when the mean rich man saw, that he could have more. He was struck with selfishness. So, he laid down the law!

WORKER 2a; Our boss has become harsher.

WORKER 2b; He will work us harder.

NAR. 1; As the mean rich man grew greedier and greedier, he forced his workers to work harder and harder with less and less food. And so, very soon, they could not work at all. This was not goo-od.

WORKER 3a; I'm so hungry I could holler.

WORKER 3b; He's not even giving us a dollar!

NAR. 2; With the money the mean rich man made. he bought lots of stuff. Every day he bought something. but it was never enough. He needed more storage. Soon he had no room for his junk. Everything needed a shelf, a drawer, a closet or a trunk!!!

WORKER 4a; Why has he bought all this stuff?

WORKER 4b; Our life is now very, very tough.

NAR. 1; Soon there was nothing left for the mean rich man to buy! The workers were penniless, and were ready to fall. But blinded by greed, he could not hear their call.

WORKER 5a; Too tired to walk.

WORKER 5b; Too tired to crawl.

NAR. 2 One day, the mean rich man encountered Jesus and said to Him, "Good Master, What do I need to do to enter Heaven? I have always kept the 10 Commandments."
Jesus replied; "There is just one thing more that you need to do. Sell all that you have and give the money to the poor. You will have riches in heaven. Then, come, and follow me,"

NAR. 1 At first the mean rich man could not believe it! Then he thought about it and he opened his eyes. "I don't think I have been very wise!" My things are piled high here, there and everywhere. I have never even used them.
I have never even needed them!" And realizing he was no longer happy, he asked himself, "What am I doing? I am not being fair. This is like a nightmare."
Tearing open the closets, the drawers and the storage doors, with a humble heart, he cried out...

Rich Man; "No more, No more! I don't need all this stuff! I don't need all these jars and jugs, I don't need all these pants and mugs."
Today, I am giving everything AWAY for I am following Jesus starting TODAY.

WORKER 6a; Hooray! This is good news! Our mean boss is now caring.

WORKER 6b; Hooray! Our mean boss is now sharing.

NAR. 2 A real lesson learned! The most valuable part is that true joy is found in sharing and in caring straight from the heart! This is how we can do right in God and Jesus' sight.

Prayer; Hello God. Please keep reminding me that I need to remember to share with others who are not as fortunate as I am. Help me to remember that I should give to others as You have given to me. Amen

Let's sing about Jesus!

Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear.
Things I would ask Him to tell me, if He were here.
Scenes by the cities, Tales of the sea.
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children, stood round His knee.
And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me.
Words full of kindness, Deeds full of grace.
All in the lovelight of Jesus face.

Teach me to follow His lessons, I love to hear.
And be His sons and His daughters, when He comes near.
Love one another, forgiving each one.
Listening to Jesus, He'll say "Well done!"

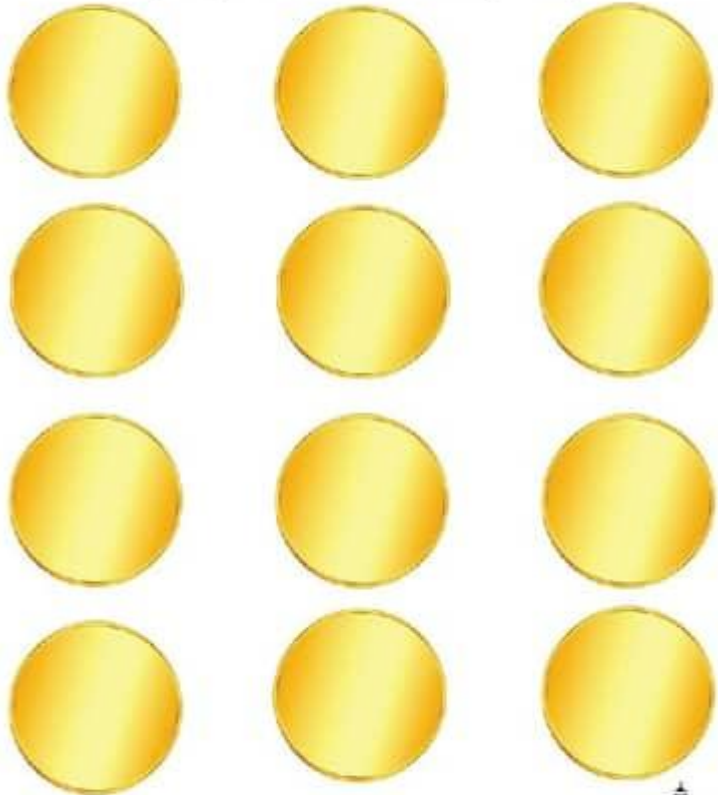
Let's do Crafts

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matthew 6:19-21



Using a saucer size shape, Trace around it on black construction paper. Cut a small piece out of the top of the pot, just the size of the gold coins. Tape a small plastic baggie on the back of the pot so the coins will fall into it (and not on the floor 😊). Write your name on it with white crayons.

Write examples of things you can treasure on these pieces of gold, then cut them out and place them in your pot of gold!
(examples: Jesus, the Bible, serving others)



Pictures for your Parable Booklet; This is the fourth Parable (story told by Jesus). If you need the first three, look for the parable of The Good Samaritan, The Mustard Seed, and The House on the Rock.

