

Give It Away Bigger Barns

Today's Bible Story: Give It Away (Bigger Barns) • *Luke 12:16-21*

Today's Bottom Line: Share what you have.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large.* Luke 16:10a (NirV)

Monthly Life App: 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.

1. Review Questions

Review Questions (consider asking the questions in the following order, since it's the story order):

1. What did the man who came to Jesus want Jesus to tell his brother? (*to share the family property with him*)
2. In the story that Jesus told, what problem did the rich man have? (*his land produced more grain than he had room to store*)
3. What was the rich man going to do to solve the problem that he had? (*he was going to build bigger barns to store all of the extra grain*)
4. What did the rich man tell himself that he should do since he had so much grain? (*relax and take it easy*)
5. Was the rich man going to share any of his extra grain? (*no*)
6. Why do you think God was upset with the rich man? (*the rich man was selfish; he could have shared his extra grain with a lot of people*)
7. What did God say to the man after the man decided he would take life easy? (*that the man was going to die that very night*)
8. Would the man get to enjoy his extra grain? (*no*)
9. Where does everything we have come from? (*God*)
10. If the rich man got a second chance, what do you think he should do with all of his extra grain? (*he should share it*)

2. Movers and Sharers

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: “Movers and Sharers” Activity Page (print page 3), scissors, markers, paper clips

What You Do:

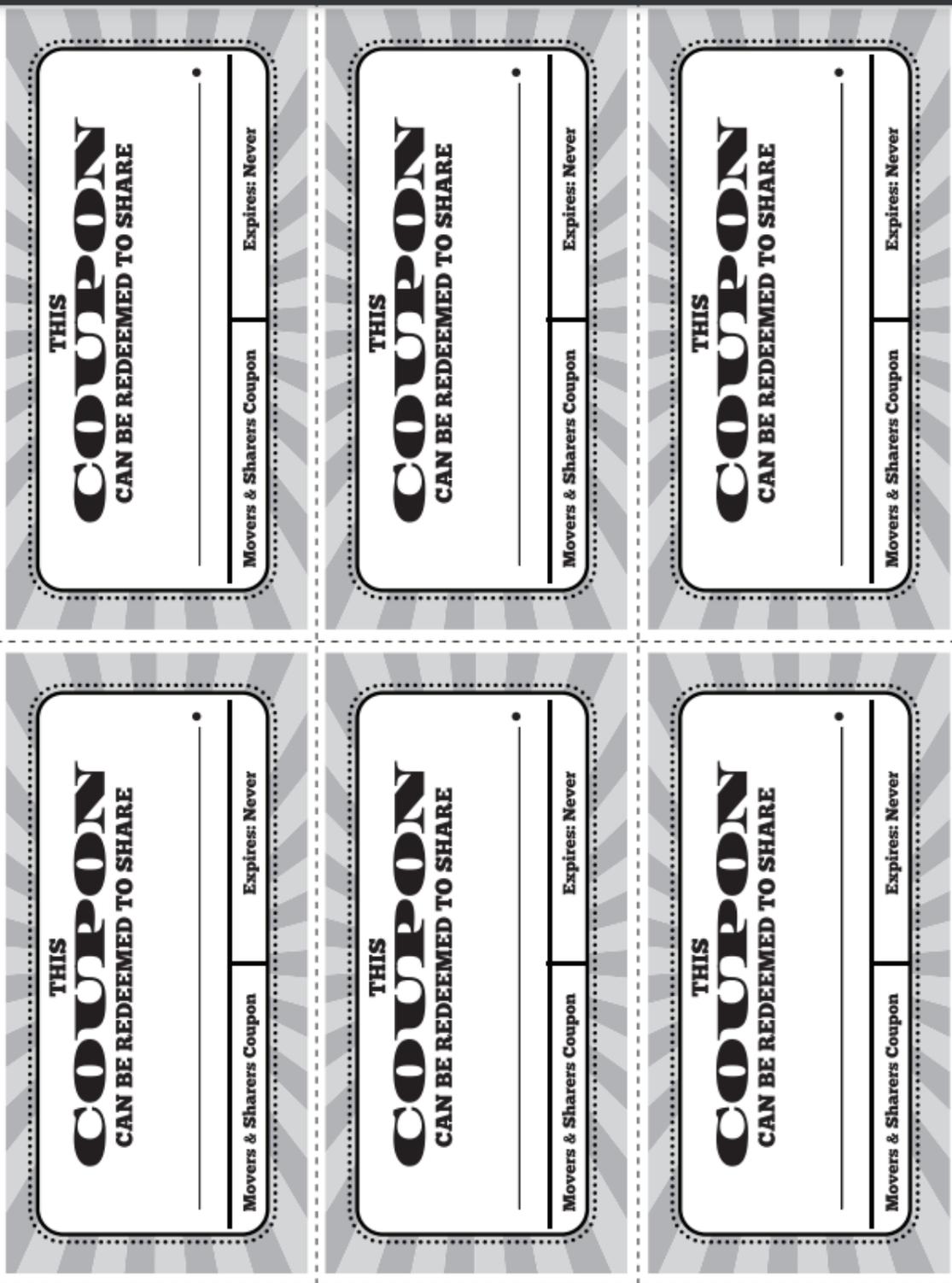
- Ask kids to think of what they have to share.
- Encourage them not only to think through physical items, but to also think about the skills and talents they have. Give examples like singing, good handwriting, being smart, etc.
- Provide each kid with a “Movers and Sharers” Activity Page.
- Encourage kids to fill in each coupon with what they can share. (For example: I can share my good singing voice, my love for baking, my skills in math)
- Once the coupons are filled out, instruct kids to cut out the coupons and paperclip them together.
- Ask kids to discuss how they plan on sharing their coupons. (For example: I can share my good singing voice by singing songs at a retirement home to make people happy! I can share my love for baking by making cookies for my neighbors. I can share my skill at math by helping a classmate out who has a hard time studying.)
- Remind them to hand out all of their coupons this week and complete their sharing ideas.

What You Say:

“Wow! I love hearing about all of the creative ideas you have. A lot of times, we only think of physical items and money when it comes to sharing, but God has given us so much more. From your talents to our hobbies to hard work and fun quirks, I’m so thankful that He has given you endless opportunities to **[Bottom Line] share what you have.** I can’t wait to hear the stories of how you shared what God has given you this week to make a huge impact around you!”

Prayer:

“Dear God, we are so thankful for people who share so that our world can be a better place. Help us be quick to love the people around us with what You have gifted us with. Help us remember that there is nothing too small or insignificant that You can’t use to do big things. Help us know that we can always **[Bottom Line] share what we have.**”



What to Do:
Print one for each kid.

"Movers and Sharers" Activity Page
January 2021, Week 2, Small Group 2-3

3. Ripple Effect

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Bible, hand sanitizer, bowls of water, and small items

What You Do:

- Let kids sanitize their hands since they'll be touching the same items.
- Encourage kids to get in pairs.
- Make sure that each pair has a Bible and instruct the kids to look up Luke 16:10 together.
- Review the verse as a group.
- Give each pair of kids a bowl of water and three small items.
- Invite the partners to drop their items in the water and observe how each item creates a different ripple effect, depending on the size.
- If time allows, let pairs trade items and experiment more.

What You Say:

"Did you notice that no matter how small or big the item, it still made a ripple in the water? We can easily think that we don't have a whole lot to share with other people when in reality, everything God has given us can create a ripple of goodness in the world! The more we are faithful in sharing the small things, the more God will trust us with the big things. I don't know about you, but if saying yes to **[Bottom Line] sharing what you have** leads to big opportunities to tell people about God's love, then I want to do it!"

Prayer

Parent: "Dear God, we are so thankful for people who share so that our world can be a better place. Help us be quick to love the people around us with what You have gifted us with. Help us remember that there is nothing too small or insignificant that You can't use to do big things. Help us know that we can always **[Bottom Line] share what we have.**"