

# SABBATH SCHOOL

## Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

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Level 2 • Unit 7 • Week 2

### RICH FOOL

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

To show that we can be very rich, but if we do not share, we will be poor in happiness and not share in God's Kingdom (Luke 12:16-21).

#### **ATTENTION GETTER:**

Do: Show the children a treat—such as candy, cookies etc. Begin to eat the treat and make great expressions of delight and enjoyment as the children watch.

Ask: Do you think I am enjoying my treat? How many here are now enjoying the treat?

Answer: Only one.

Ask: What could be done to make more people enjoy this treat?

Answer: Share! Share the treat.

Do: Share the treat with the children.

#### **BIBLE LESSON:**

Say: Today we are going to learn about someone who did not share. The story is in Luke 12:16-21. This story is called a parable.

Ask: Do you remember what a parable is?

Say: A parable is story that is true to life, but teaches a lesson about God and His way.

Here is the story: There once lived a very rich man. He owned land that was very good. The

land grew many good crops. It produced more than he could use. There was so much that he didn't know where to put it all. So he built more places to store his crops, because he wanted to keep everything for himself. He thought that he could be happy a long time with all the crops and food. But he did not live for a long time. Instead he died very soon.

Ask: Since the rich man had more than he could use, what do you think God would have wanted him to do?

Say: God would have shared. God is a loving, sharing God. He gives us the earth and the sea and all that is in them. He will, in the future, share His kingdom with us also. He says in Luke 12:32-33, "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." He tells us to sell what you have and give to the poor so that we can have riches in heaven that will not grow old.

Ask: What does God consider as riches in heaven?

Say: The good and kind things that we do are riches in heaven. We can share. We can help other people to be happy. We can help people to learn about God. God remembers when we do good things for others.

The rich man could have shared some of his good crops with those who did not have any.

When Christ returns, He will say, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom...for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in" (Matthew 25:34-35). These people will ask about when they did this, and Jesus will answer, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (verse 40). The blessed who will be in God's Kingdom will be the ones who shared—giving the needy food, drink and a place to stay.

Ask: Do you think the rich man will be one of the blessed when Christ returns?

Say: No! He did not share his food with the poor. Therefore he did not give food to Christ.

Ask: Did all those riches help the rich man after he died?

Say: No! This man did not know love or follow God's way of sharing, so he could not share God's Kingdom with Jesus Christ.

The kingdom of God is a wonderful place that we want to be in. To be in God's Kingdom, we do not have to be rich or be super smart or have perfect bodies. It requires that we be like Christ, who shares. He shares all things with us.

**LESSON APPLICATION:**

Supplies: Food (such as cut-up vegetables, strawberries, grapes, crackers, sliced cheese, etc.)  
Trays  
Plates and napkins  
Long paper to make banner (butcher paper or printer paper)

Do: After children have washed their hands, have them arrange trays of food to share with the congregation after services.

Make a banner wishing the congregation a happy Sabbath. Have children decorate the banner and sign their names. Hang the banner behind or in front of the serving table.

Have the children stand behind the serving table to hear at least some of the "Thank yous" and to acknowledge some with "You're welcome."

**Music:**

Sing the following words to the tune of "Brother John." Do the motions as directed.

*"Are You Sharing"*

*Words*

*Motions*

Are you sharing, are you sharing  
All your things? All your things?

Put hands out as if serving a tray of food.  
Make a big circle with arms.

Entering the kingdom,  
Entering the kingdom  
Yes we are, yes we are.

March in place.  
Wave hands.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

# *family activity*

## **THE POINT:**

To show that we can be very rich, but if we do not share, we will be poor in happiness and not share in God's Kingdom (Luke 12:16-21).

## **ASK ME...**

- If we have plenty, what should we do?
- What are "riches in heaven"?

## **FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:**

As a family, read the parable of the sheep and the goats from Matthew 25:31-46. Talk about why it's important to help others and share with the needy.

Plan a service project. For example, give food to a local food bank, give away clothing that your family has outgrown, etc.

Have a "family sharing evening" in which you give each other something. Share things you can do, rather than gifts you can buy. For instance, mother makes a special meal. Kids do an extra chore. Dad provides some entertainment, etc.

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