



# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Luke 12:13–21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God.”

## Some things to think about...

In this week’s Gospel, Jesus teaches that material things are not the most important thing. Instead of grain and goods, for us this might be fancy clothes or a new phone. If we trust in God, He will provide what we really need. We should also share what we have, instead of keeping it all for ourselves.

## Activity

Complete the activity on the next page with your group.

## Teacher’s Notes

In this Gospel reading, Jesus warns against greed by telling a parable about a rich man who stores up wealth but forgets what truly matters. The man builds bigger barns to keep his surplus crops, thinking he can enjoy life without worry, but he dies that night, leaving everything behind.

Jesus teaches that real treasure isn’t in possessions but in being “rich towards God”—living with faith, kindness, and generosity. This reminds children that true happiness comes from loving God and helping others, not from having lots of things.

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## Activity: True treasure hunt – Leader's guide

**Aim of activity:** To help children understand that true treasure is not about having lots of things, but about loving God and helping others.

### You will need:

- A small box or a decorated "treasure chest" (can be a shoebox)
- Paper hearts (cut out beforehand)
- Coloured pens or crayons
- Bible or access to read Matthew 6:21

### Instructions:

- **Discussion Starter:** Begin by briefly summarising the parable in simple words. Ask: What do you think is more important—having lots of toys and money or being kind and loving to others?
- **Treasure Chest Activity:** Give each child a paper heart and a pen. Ask them to write or draw something that makes them "rich towards God" (e.g. sharing, being kind, praying, helping someone).

- **Filling the Chest:** One by one, children place their hearts inside the "treasure chest," explaining what they wrote. Emphasise that these are the treasures that matter most to God.
- **Wrap-Up:** Read Matthew 6:21: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Explain that God wants us to store treasures in our hearts, not just in barns or boxes.

**Alternative Version:** Hide the paper hearts around the room and have children find them like a treasure hunt before sharing their thoughts.