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Go And Make Disciples

The Cross and Beyond

Lesson 42:

**Jesus Gives Words of Warning
and Hope**

Scripture

Luke 12:1-48

Memory Verse

But put God's kingdom first. Do what He wants you to do. Then all of those things will also be given to you. Matthew 6:33 (NIRV)

Lesson Goals

Understand that Jesus had practical advice to share with His disciples.

Understand that we should also accept the advice Jesus gave.

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

As we looked at the death and resurrection of Lazarus, we learned that God doesn't always do things the way we expect them to be done. In our lesson today, we will learn that Jesus had very practical advice for His disciples and for those who listened. There was advice giving warning and advice giving words of hope for the future.

The first piece of advice that Jesus had to give was to **be genuine**. Jesus warned His disciples to be careful about being pulled in to the Pharisees' way of doing things. Jesus said, "They just pretend to be godly." (Luke 12:1b NIRV) Jesus doesn't want us to pretend. He doesn't want us to "do all the right things" with hearts that have no desire to be close to God. God knows when we are genuine. He also knows when we are pretending. Jesus assured His disciples that "everything that is secret will be brought out into the open. Everything that is hidden will be uncovered." (Luke 12:2 NIRV)

Jesus' second piece of advice was for His disciples to **be encouraged**. Jesus said that our fear and reverence should be reserved for God. No man deserves it. Jesus shared that "[God] even counts every hair on your head!" (Luke 12:7b NIRV) If God knows how many hairs are on my head, then I can be sure He knows everything else about me. And only God is able to provide everything I could ever need!

Jesus offered a third piece of advice - **be bold**. When you have the opportunity to speak out for God, do it! Those who speak up for God in front of others will be spoken about by Jesus in front of God's angels. "But what about someone who says in front of others that he doesn't know Me? I, the Son of Man, will say that I don't know him," said Jesus. (Luke 12:9 NIRV) Surely you don't want to pass up the opportunity to tell others about God and His gift of salvation!

The fourth piece of advice Jesus offered was to **be on your guard**. What exactly should you be on your guard against? Well, many things, actually, but here Jesus said, "Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has." (Luke 12:15 NIRV) Jesus even told a story to illustrate the point. He talked about a rich man who had a really good crop at harvest. The problem was that the rich man didn't have a place big enough to store it all in. It obviously never crossed his mind to give away the extra to those who were less fortunate. Instead, the rich man tore down the barns he had so that he could build bigger ones. Then he could store his crops for many years, take life easy, and have a good time. What he didn't know was that

Application

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Our wants and desires make us think it would be better to do all the things we want to do first, and then make time for God. God turns that idea on its head, though! When He is the first One we think about, when He is who we want to please, all the other stuff falls into place.

Are you willing to let God be in control of your life? He is more than capable! If you are interested, let's talk.

And if you are a believer, if you have chosen to follow Christ, are your priorities right? Have you put God's wants and desires before your own? If you have, then you have already seen Him take care of things you once worried about. If you haven't, will you commit to do that right now?

his life would end that very evening. He wouldn't be able to enjoy anything he had stored. Jesus said, "That is how it will be for anyone who stores things away for himself but is not rich in God's eyes." (Luke 12:21 NIRV)

And then, the fifth, and last, piece of advice Jesus offered in this conversation was to **be ready**. Jesus talked about being dressed and ready with your lamps burning. That reminds me of the story Jesus told about ten bridesmaids. Do you remember it? We studied it several months ago. There were ten bridesmaids who went out to meet the groom. Five of them were prepared and had enough oil for their lamps; five of them were unprepared. When the groom didn't come as quickly as they expected, only the five bridesmaids who were prepared were able to enter the wedding. The thing is, Jesus wasn't talking about weddings; He was talking about when He comes back.

Jesus said, "It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready when He comes." (Luke 12:37 NIRV) And then Jesus shared something amazing. For the servant of His who has been faithful and is ready when Jesus returns, Jesus Himself, "the Bridegroom," will wait on us at the supper He will give! Can you imagine - being waited on by Jesus? It's hard to believe, isn't it? But His words are faithful and true.

How about you? Are you genuine before God and others or is your faith just a game you play? Have you been encouraged in your walk with the Lord? He knows all about you and still loves and cares for you! Are you bold with the Good News that is your great privilege to share? Are you on your guard against things that would take the place of God in your life? And are you ready for Jesus to come back? You know, it could be today!

Preparing for the Next Lesson

Jesus' Parable of the Great Banquet



Preschool Lesson

Teachers:

Bring several nice toys. For example, video games, dolls, remote control cars, etc.

Reveal the toys you brought. Allow your students to make comments about the toys.

One day when Jesus was talking with His followers, He told them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.” (Luke 12:15 NIV)

Did you know that? Life isn’t about whether or not you have the newest game system. It’s not about how many toys you have at all.

Jesus explained with a story.

“There was a rich man whose land produced a great crop. He brought it so much from his fields that his barns wouldn’t hold it all. So the man thought, and he thought, and he thought. He was trying to figure out what to do about all the crops from his fields.

“He had an idea. ‘I’ll tear down the barns I have,’ said the rich man. ‘Then I can build bigger barns!’ He thought that he would never worry about anything else if his bigger barns were full. He would have enough stored away for a long time. Then he could take it easy and have a good time.

“But God’s plans were different. The rich man hadn’t even asked God what he should do. God told him he had been very foolish. He was about to die and would never get to use all that he had stored.”

God doesn’t want us to be like the rich man. God wants us to ask Him to show us His plan for our lives.

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Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Encourage your students to be creative in making a memory verse poster that can be displayed in their homes.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring marshmallows for a snack today. Talk about Jesus' return. Read Acts 1:9-11.
- Re-enact the lesson.
- Listen to Crystal Lewis' "People Get Ready."
- Sing "Be Bold," "The Lord Has a Will," "Seek Ye First," or another song related to the lesson.
- Have each student trace their hands on construction paper. Within the outline for each of the fingers and the thumb, print the five pieces of advice Jesus gave in our lesson. (be genuine, be encouraged, be bold, be on your guard, be ready)
- Dig Deeper: Discuss each of the parables in more detail and talk about their applications for our lives.

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Trace the letters.

BE

READY!

Focus on the Story

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Story Title:

Scripture References:

Main Characters:

Story Summary:

When?

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Where?

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Word Search

K Y B D R W O S U L W G R L M
C H E U N G O D T M G O K L Y
E E L O B E L I A V O D F A T
U W C Y R F S S H A D H O N E
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H A P E M J E S O N W S
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R I C H M A N Y V I T E
D S E R E G T E R R B N
L C A E L S T O R Y S J
L B I G G E R T H E R T

JESUS

STORY

RICH MAN

GOOD CROP

BARN

BIGGER



Preschool Word Search

P R J E S U S T H A I N
E I M A R B A R N S S D
H A P E M J E S O N W S
B M P C G O O D C R O P
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