Bible Stories for Young Children
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THE FOOLISH RICH MAN /
DON’T WORRY

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Jesus was speaking to a crowd, when a man called out saying, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me the money our father has left us.’

Jesus said, ‘Be careful. Don’t be greedy. Owning lots of things won’t give you life.’
Then Jesus told this story:

A rich farmer
planted grain on his land.

It grew well
and he harvested a huge crop.
One day he thought to himself, ‘My sheds are too small for all my grain. What shall I do?’

‘This is what I’ll do,’ he said. ‘I’ll pull down my little sheds and build bigger ones. I will fill them with the grain and my goods. I will have enough to last me for a long time. I won’t need to work. I can have a good time.’
God said to the man, ‘That is foolish! Tonight you will die. Who will have the things you stored in your sheds?’

‘This is what will happen when you live for yourself and not for God.’
Jesus then turned to His disciples and said, ‘Don’t worry about the food you eat, or the clothes you wear. Your life is far more important than these things.

‘Have a look at the birds. God feeds them, and you are more important than the birds.'
'Have a look at the wild flowers. They are beautiful. If God looks after the flowers which don’t last, how much more will He look after you. He knows that you need these things.
'What your Father really wants to give you is His kingdom.'

This kind of treasure will never run out or be stolen.