

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE FOOLISH RICH MAN / DON'T WORRY

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LUKE 12:13–34

Matthew 6:25–34

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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:

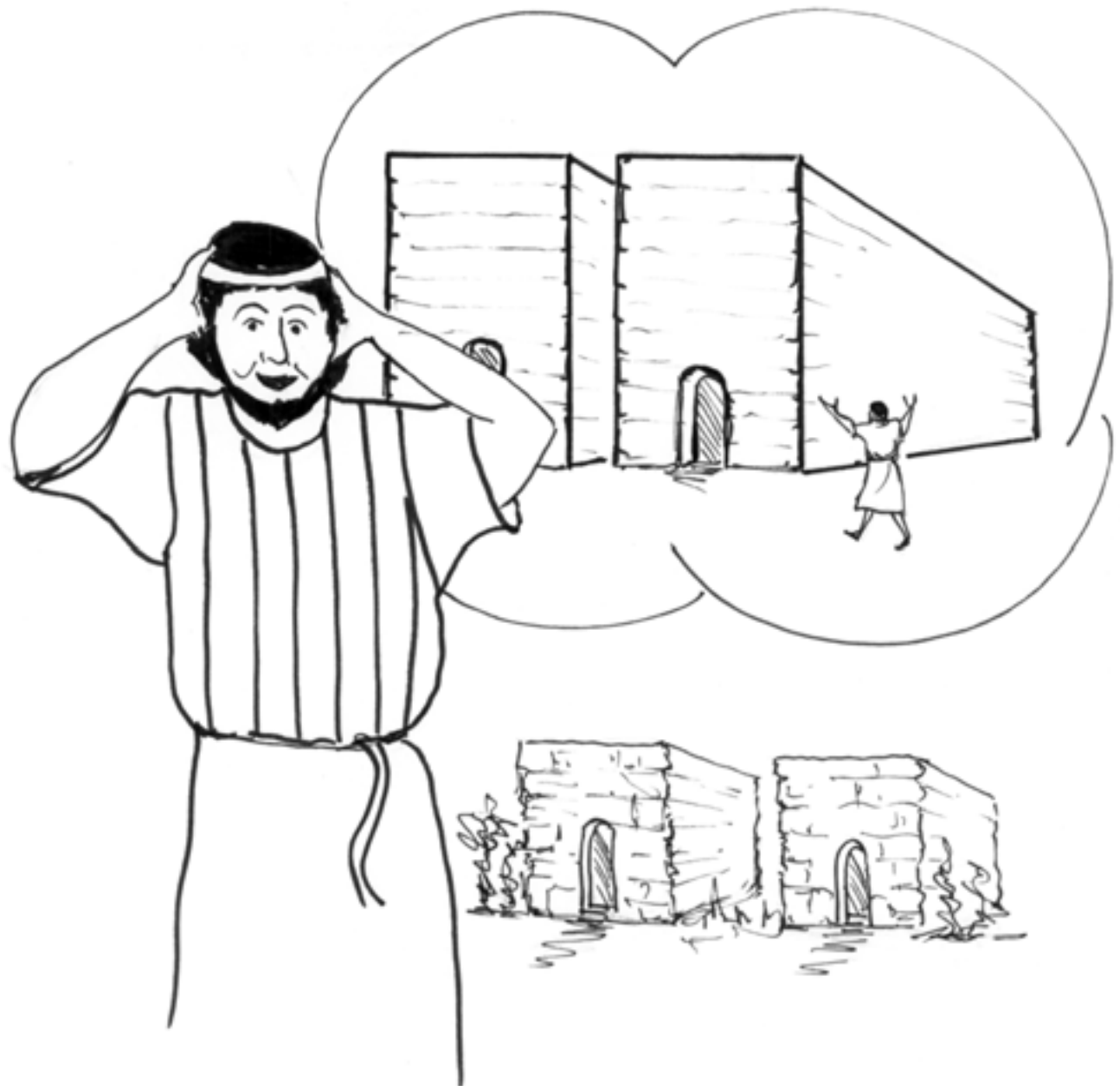
**A rich farmer
planted grain on his land.**

**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.'**



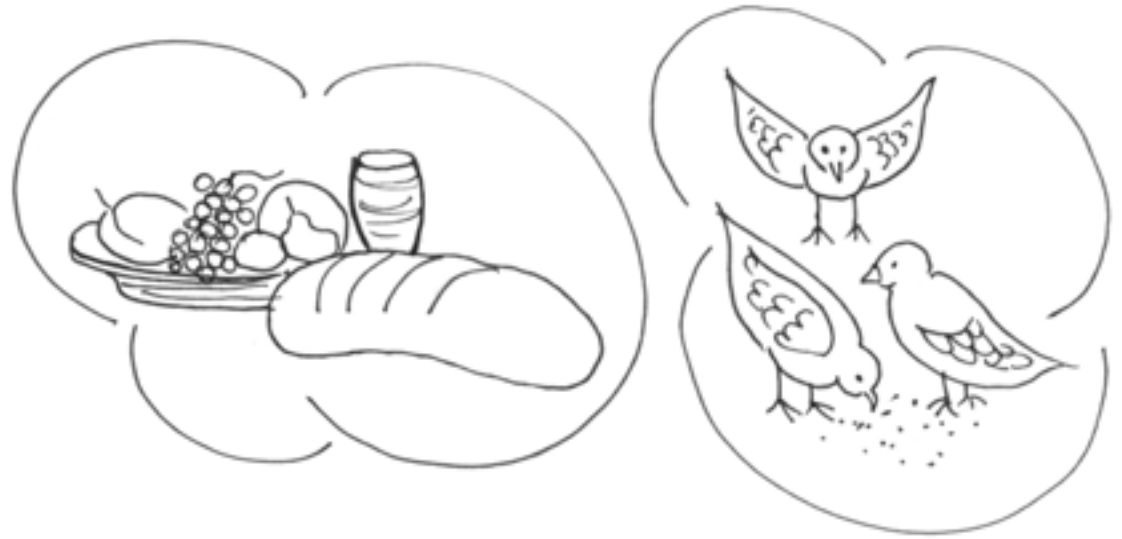
**God said to the man,
'That is foolish!
Tonight you will die.
Who will have the things
you stored in your sheds?'**

**'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.**

