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But God said to him, "You are very, very foolish! This is the night that you are to die. You have paid attention to the things that you own. You have *not* paid attention to living close to me in prayer and worship. You cannot take your barns and all your possessions with you. What good are they now?"

Jesus wanted us to listen carefully to this story and to learn the answer to this question. "What is most important in life?" Not things, but living close to God.

1. In the story Jesus told, a farmer was very rich. Where did he store the food and grain and what he owned?
2. He had a problem and wondered what to do. What was his problem?
4. In the story, God told the man he was foolish because he was always thinking about what he owned. He should have paid attention to what instead?
5. When the man died, would he take his things with him?
6. Jesus wanted us to learn what is most important in life. Are things most important? What is most important?
8. What is the book the priest is holding in the drawing? What do we learn from the book? Coming to church helps us live close to God.



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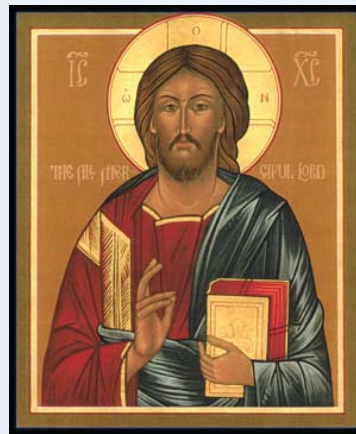
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3. How did he solve his problem?
4. In the story, God told the man he was foolish because he was always thinking about what he owned. He should have paid attention to what?
5. What did God say was going to happen to the man that night?
6. Would he be able to take his many things with him?
7. What is most important in life?
8. How do you stay close to God?

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1. Who does the Lord tell a parable about?
2. What does the rich man want to do with his crops? Have you ever wanted to save something for another day? What? Why did you want to save it?
3. When will the man's soul be required of him? What does that mean?

4. Where will his crops be then?
5. What is in your "barn?"
6. Are the things your own more important to you than your relationship with Jesus?
7. What does the gospel mean when it says be "rich toward God?" Why should we be rich toward God?

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1. What does the rich man have more of than he needs? What do you have more than enough of?
2. What does the rich man think he should do with his excess? What else could he do with it?
3. What is the problem with the man's plan according to God?
4. What does this say about us?
5. What does the gospel mean when it says be "rich toward God?" What could the man in this story do to be rich toward God?
6. What could you do to be rich toward God?



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1. What is the man in this story busy thinking about?
2. What should he be busy thinking about according to this gospel? Why?
3. What does it mean to be rich? What does it mean to do an action toward someone?
4. What does a person have to do in order to be rich toward someone? So, what do you think being rich toward God means?
5. What are you busy worrying about? How can you give that part of your life away to God?
6. What would you have to do in order to be rich toward God with that part of your life?