

SOUTHVILLE WARRIORS

ETERNAL THINGS MATTER MOST

07.06.20 Session Aim

To know that life in all its abundance cannot be found in things.

To recognise the role of thankfulness.

Bible Verse/s

Luke 12:16-21

Fill your box!

Tell the children that they are allowed to fill a box with any of their favourite items, but they must be able to put the lid on. They then have a few minutes to fill the box. Ask the children to explain what they chose to put in and what they chose to leave out.

Reflect to them that they seemed to get a little worried as the box got fuller and they began to argue/discuss what they would put inside the box.

Say that Jesus told a story about a man who became worried about his possessions and where they would all fit

VIDEO STORY

➤ [Watch the YouTube video – The Rich Fool](#)

After watching the video, give the children a piece of paper and ask them to draw what they want their life to look like in twenty years. Get them to think about the following questions...

What would be important to you?

What would you enjoy?

What would you own?

What would make you feel...happy/sad/excited?

Who would you spend time with?

What would you want for your life?

Discuss why they want these things and if they think having those things would make them happy. Tell them that the most valuable thing in the world is to have a relationship with Jesus and that none of the toys, nice food or games compare to

him. He allows us to have those things, but we must give him time and make sure that we are thankful.

Memory Verse

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15

Following on from the video and previous discussion, read the children the memory verse and remind them life isn't about having lots of nice things but knowing Jesus as their friend. Remind them that we must not be greedy and that we must share our belongings with people who may be less fortunate, such as using part of their pocket money to buy something to put in the food bank, or using some spare change to put in a charity collection.

Thankful Jars

You will need:

- Empty Jar
- Paper
- Colouring pens or pencil
- Mem verse - “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15

Cut out some paper squares and get the children to write down things they are thankful for on each one, it could be a person or a toy, anything they are thankful for. Fold them up and put them in the jars. The children are free to decorate their jars how they like.

Once finished the children can put these jars next to their beds and pick out one piece of paper every night and ask the children to pray for whatever is on the paper and thank God for it.

Prayer time

Thank you Jesus for reminding us to be thankful. Thank you for everything that you have given us. We are sorry for sometimes forgetting to say thank you. Please help us to help others and give when they are in need and help us to remember that happiness is not found in things, but found in you.

Amen