

An Enormous Harvest

A story based Luke 12:13–21

One day Jesus told a story...

Once upon a time, there was a very rich farmer. The farmer had a big house, and a big farm, and lots and lots of land. The farmer built a big shed to hold all the grain that grew on the land.

One year the farmer's grain grew, and grew, and grew. There was so much grain it wouldn't all fit into the shed. "I need to build a bigger shed," the farmer decided. "I will keep all this food for myself."

The next year, the same thing happened. The farmer

planted more grain and soon had another enormous harvest.

"I will build an even bigger shed," the farmer decided. And that's what he did.

"Ah," the farmer said, "I have such good ideas!" Now the farmer had three storage sheds, one, two, three. And each one was filled to the top with grain. The farmer had way more than he needed.

I wonder what God thought about the farmer keeping everything?

Message Plate

The rich farmer was so busy building barns to store all the grain he did not have time to show God's way of sharing and caring. Make a message plate as a reminder of what Jesus wanted people to know.

You will need

Disposable kitchen foil plate; small nail; towel; and this pattern

Instructions

1. Place this pattern inside the foil plate.
2. Place the plate on top of a folded towel.
3. Carefully poke a nail through each dot on the pattern.
4. Remove the pattern.
5. Punch two holes in the top of the plate and thread a length of yarn through the holes to make a hanger.



Jesus told a story about someone who stored many things in a barn/shed and did not share them.

1. Inside this barn, draw some gifts you have – maybe a toy or a book, a smile, or hands to help others.
2. Think about all the gifts that we can share with others.

