

## The Rich Fool!

This is the name of our Bible story. Do you wonder why Jesus called this man 'foolish'? It must mean that **what he did was very silly and foolish**, so he wanted people, like us to know **not** to behave like that!



## The Story of the Rich Fool

One day a man was in a crowd listening to Jesus. The man said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide with me the property our father left us." Jesus saw that the man wanted money and things. Jesus did not want to be the judge and tell the man's brother to do that. But instead, Jesus said, "**Be careful and guard against all kinds of *greed*.** A person's life is **not** measured by all the things he owns."



So Jesus told this story: "A rich man had lots of fields and one year a particularly good crop had grown. He did not have enough room to store all the wheat!



So, he decided to pull down his barn and **build a bigger one** to put all his crops into.



He was sure he would have many years to enjoy himself now that he was so rich!

He thought, "I will rest, eat, drink and enjoy life!" He decided to eat an enormous meal and drink lots of wine!



But God said to him, "Foolish man! Tonight you will die. So who will get those things you have prepared for yourself?" That night he died and all of his wealth was no use to him.



Let's all remember this story and not be selfish and proud like that man!

Most of us like to have some nice things and sometimes have some favourite treats. That is OK. (Mine is Carrot Cake!) I wonder, what is **your** favourite food?

But Jesus wants us to remember that whatever we have on earth will one day finish or fade away. Smart bikes or fast sports cars will **not** drive us to heaven!

One day he will call us home to be with him. This will be much more wonderful than life on earth! We will enjoy seeing Jesus face to face and being children in our heavenly Father's house! **God wants us to start loving Jesus now.**

**This is why loving God and others must be more important now than anything we own. You can't take it with you!**



This parable about the foolish rich man is found in Luke 12:13-21.

Verse of the week:

*Jesus said, "Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. A person's life is not measured by the many things he owns."*

*Luke 12:15*

## Prayer

Dear Father God,

Help us to remember all good things come from you. Thank you for the good things we have to enjoy. Help us to think of Jesus as our best friend. We want to love you first before anything else.

Amen

## Links

### Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeilvKrnMXM> Come and go with me to my Father's house

### Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syYixa4ZRPY> Crossroads Kids Club - God's Story (2 minutes 17 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwn4XtgyVeA> A good, short cartoon version (2 mins)

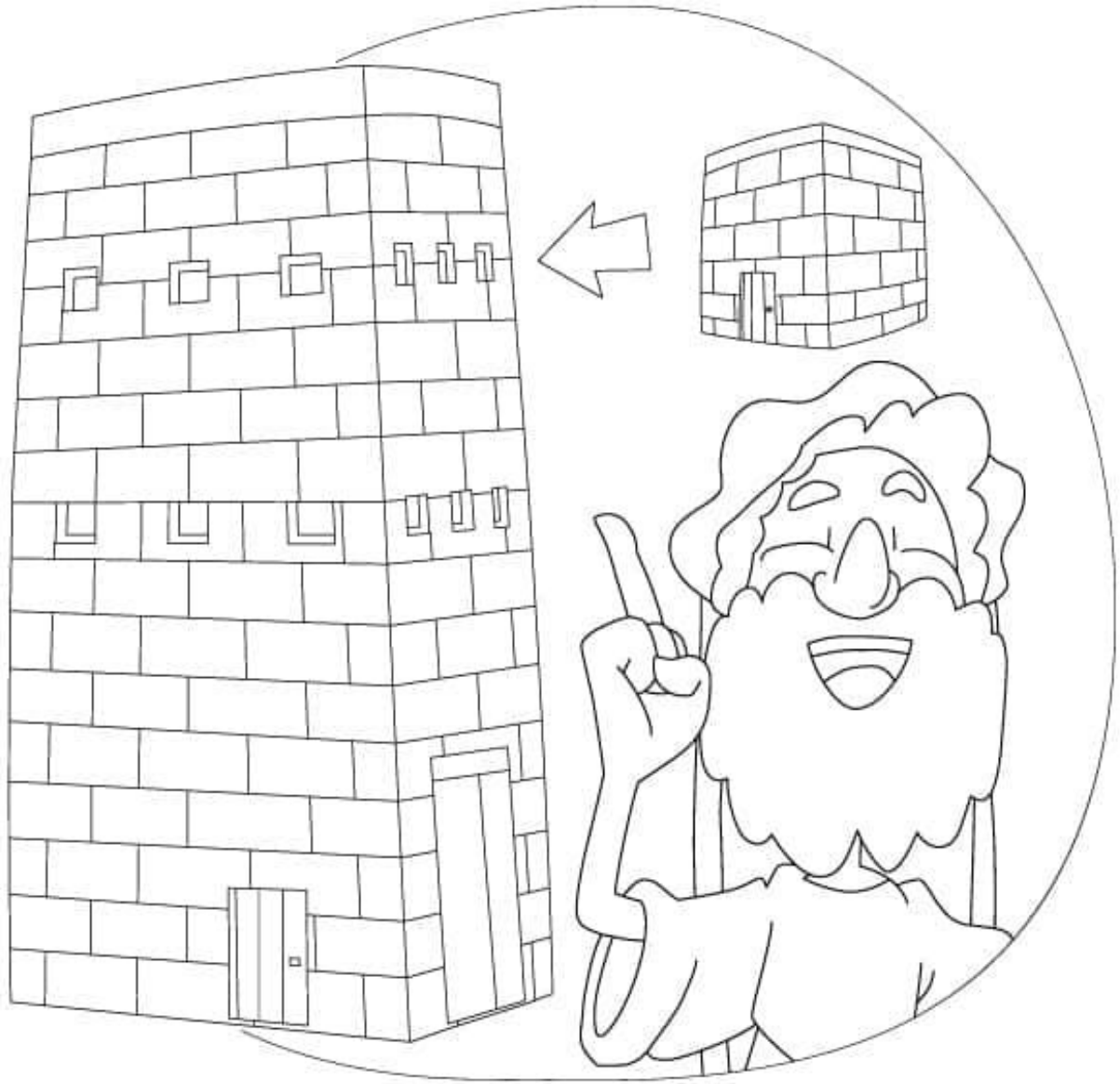
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yS0pS0kV6uQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxmM60CI8kk> These two videos both show the same short "Western" style rich cowboy man story. The first one is just the video with background music. The second one adds the story told using the old language of the KJV (*King James's Version*)

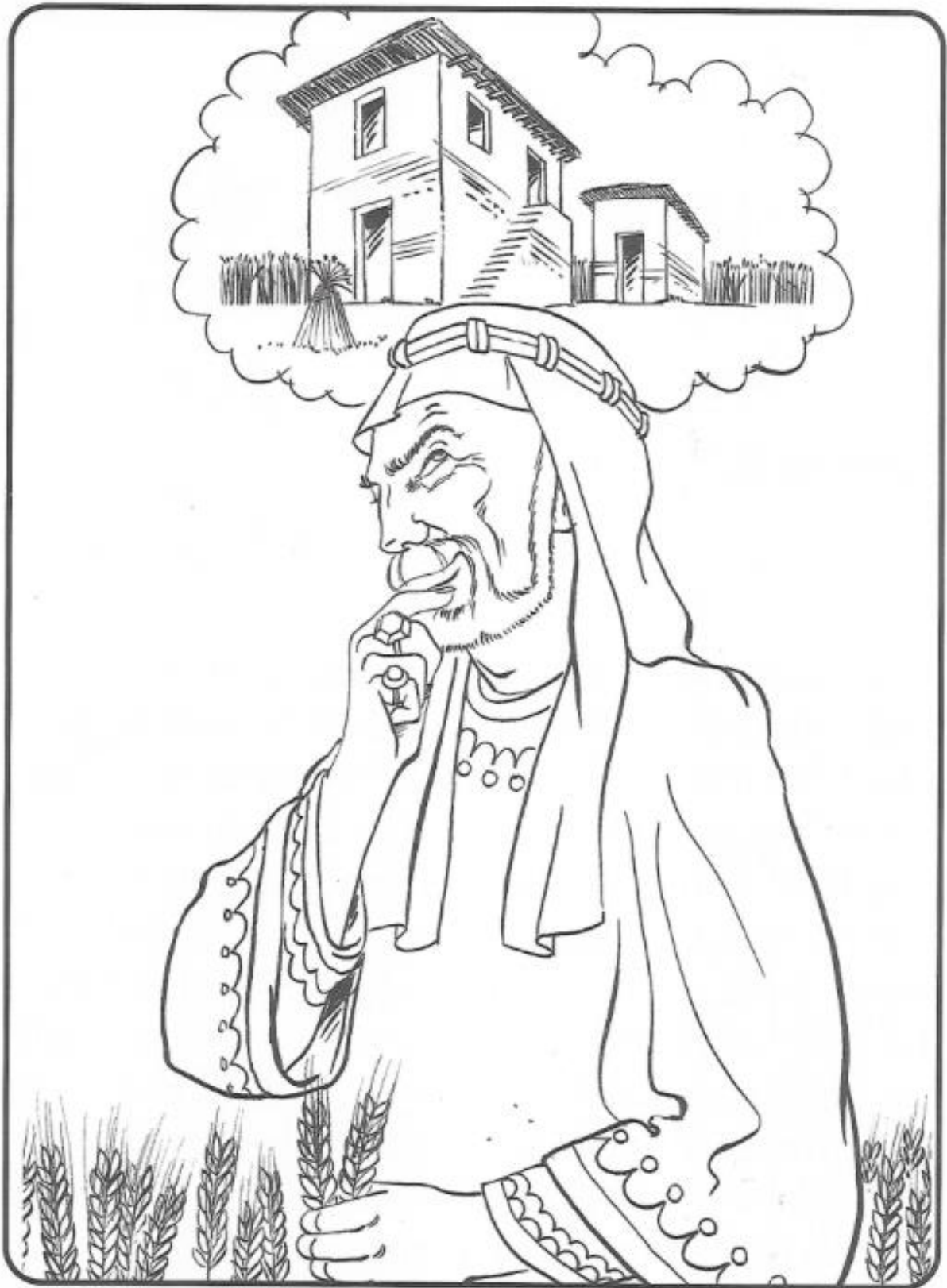
### Powerpoint Slideshow.

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rich-fool/> The words are written under the PowerPoint pictures.

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# The Rich Fool - Luke 12:13-21

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