



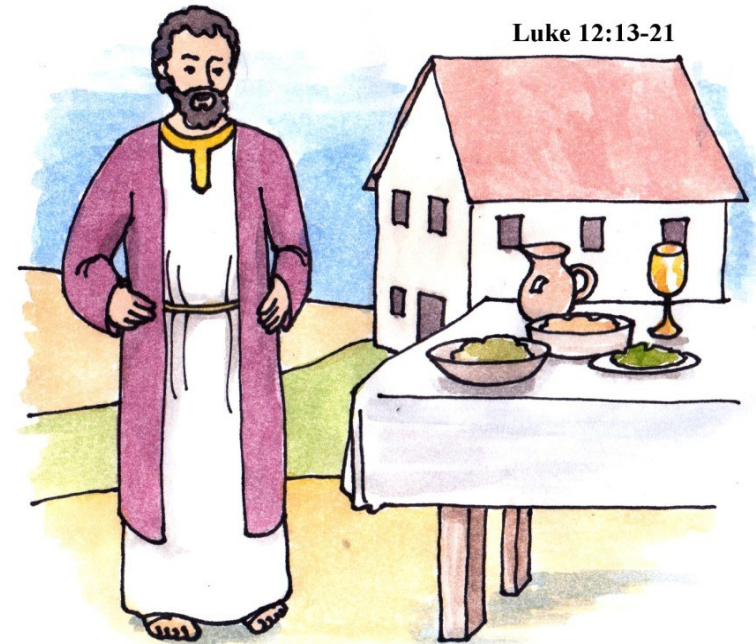
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Use the code at the bottom to find out
what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.

Luke 12:13-21



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Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.



This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!



Answer to the Rich Farmer Word-Find: Don't be greedy.
Answer to Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

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The Rich Farmer Word-Find

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does NOT consist of POSSESSIONS." There was a rich man whose LANDS PRODUCED a BOUNTIFUL HARVEST. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have SPACE to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall TEAR down my BARNs and build LARGER ones. There I shall store all my GRAIN and other GOODS and I shall SAY to MYSELF, "Now as for you, you have so MANY good things STORED up for many years, REST, EAT, DRINK, be MERRY!" But GOD said to him, 'You FOOL, this NIGHT your LIFE will be DEMANDED of you; and the THINGS you have PREPARED, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not RICH in what matters to God.

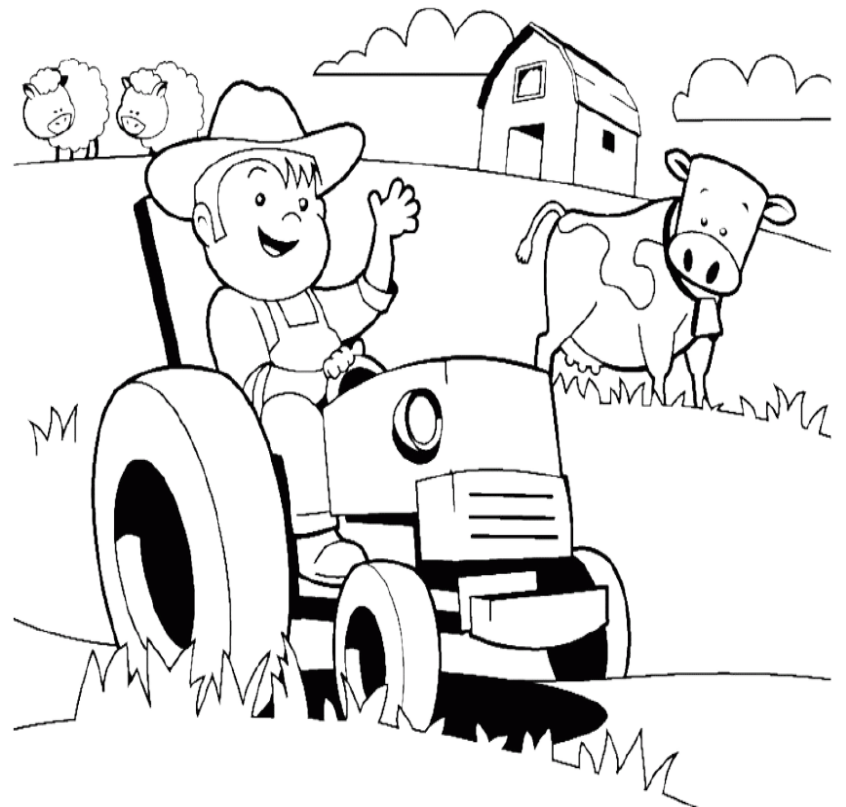
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Find the words from today's Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



In our Gospel story today, we hear all about how a rich farmer. This is a busy time for farmers, they supply all our food, our milk, our fruit and vegetables, our bread, our meat. Can you colour in the picture of the farmer? If you know a farmer perhaps you might give them the picture to say thank you.

THANK YOU FARMERS!



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