LET IT SHINE
6. Rich Fool

OBJECTIVES
Show that God wants us to share. We should not be like the selfish rich man!

PREPARATION
If you have time before class, ask around to see if anyone has building blocks that could be made into a small barn, then taken apart and made into a larger barn. This would be a good way to illustrate what the rich man wanted to do. Print out all of the activities you want to use. There is a picture story you can use to have the children say the pictures as you point to them while telling the story. I would use this as a review after teaching the lesson. Then if you want to allow each child to glue pictures to create his or her own picture story to take home, have the graphics cut out. Show them your picture page so they will know where to place each graphic. If you feel your children are too young, or you won't have time, you could just print out one completed picture story for each child. Print the CPR cards.

BIBLE STUDY: Luke 12:16-21

LESSON
As you teach about the rich man, show how boastful he was, and how he kept saying "I" and "my." Emphasize that the reason he was foolish is because he wanted to keep everything for himself. He had not thoughts of helping others with his great wealth. There is a coloring page, which stresses that it is good to grow crops and it is even OK to have a big barn. But it is not OK to be selfish.

ACTIVITIES

Have the children trace the word "God." Circle the correct answers together to be sure they circle the right ones. If you plan to glue, you may want to do this before the coloring page, and then you can give out each coloring page as a child finishes gluing.

Sharing: You could have a container with plastic fruit or play boxes of cereal, etc. to teach the children more about sharing. Or you could even save empty boxes of real food, and tape them together for this illustration. Talk about sharing with those who don't have as much as we do. Let the children take turns handing out food to the rest of the class. If your class is large, you may want to hand out the food yourself because if one child does not get a turn to "share" he or she may be very hurt. Another idea would be to bake some cookies to share with your class.

SONGS AND PRAYER
Thank God for all the wonderful things He has given us, and ask Him to help us all share. If you know the song, "It Isn't Any Trouble Just to S-M-I-L-E," you could add a verse: It isn't any trouble just to S-H-A-R-E, It isn't any trouble just to S-H-A-R-E, If anyone's in trouble, it will vanish like a bubble if you'll only take the trouble just to S-H-A-R-E." Select easier songs for younger students, such as "Pound, Pound, Pound, Saw, Saw, Saw."