

This parable reminds us that God gives us everything we need and that we don't have to keep storing stuff up so that we have more and more. It is better to share with other people.

### **STORY (Luke 12:16-21)**

**(You'll need the yellow wool, an old box - not the same one you'll be using for craft, or duplo to make a barn).**

Wheat grows on a farm. We'll pretend that the yellow wool is wheat. Today's story is all about a farmer who was very good at growing wheat on his farm. When you grow wheat on a farm, you must store it somewhere. (Your child can build a quick structure with Duplo or pretend a small box is a barn)

The farmer had a barn and it was big enough for him to keep his crops in until the next year when he would grow some more. Put some 'wheat' into the barn. He had all he needed. The next year though, the farmer had an exceptional harvest – that means he grew more wheat than he was perhaps expecting. Show your child a large bunch of wheat. What should he do with the extra? The farmer decided he would keep it all for himself and just take life easy, but it wouldn't fit in his barn. He decided to pull down his barn and build a bigger one to store it all in. (Break up the Duplo barn and leave the pieces lying about)The farmer pulled down his barn ready to build a new one the next day, but that night he died. He never got to build the bigger barn or take it easy and enjoy his life....

We probably all have enough clothes, food and money, don't we? But people always want more. This farmer didn't want to be generous with the extra stuff he had, he wanted to keep it all for himself but in the end, he never got to enjoy any of it.

Jesus reminds us that God gives us things so that we can be generous with them, not so that we can just get more and more.

### **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for everything that you give us. Help us remember that even though cool stuff is great, it is even better if we remember to share our things with other people.

### **CRAFT**

Use a box and tape to make a barn with your child. Cut out windows and doors if necessary. They can paint it if they like, and then use the wool (wheat) as food for the animals. What else can they put in their barn?



