

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

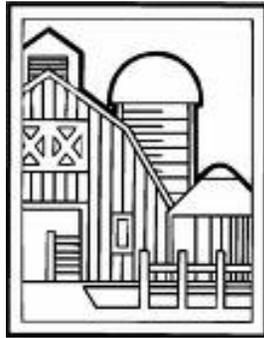
August 4, 2019

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-2

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21



8th Sunday after Pentecost

Good morning! I love bubbles, don't you? I'm going to blow these bubbles and keep them all to myself. I even brought my own bag to keep them in. (blow bubbles into the bag, ask another adult to help you hold the bag if needed) They're ALL MINE!! And when I run out of room in this bag, I'm going to fill more bags! AND, I get to keep them ALL!!! I'm rich! In fact, I'm the richest bubble owner in the world!

Would you like to see how many bubbles I own? (open the bag to show the kids without looking in the bag yourself) See, I have so many bubbles you can't even count them, but you can try! (allow for response) What?! The bag is empty? Did YOU steal my bubbles...what happened to them? (allow for responses) All of my precious bubbles are gone...maybe I should have just shared them with you and then we all could have enjoyed them.

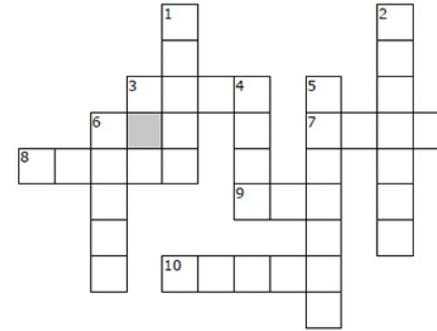
In our gospel lesson from Luke this morning we heard Jesus tell the parable of the rich man. There was a rich man who had lots of grain from his farm. So much grain that he couldn't fit it in his barn, so he decided to tear down his barn to build a bigger barn! He didn't even consider sharing his grain, he wanted to keep it all for himself. Kind of like my precious bubble collection. Just when the rich grain keeper stored up all the grain, he died! And guess what? He couldn't take his grain with him. What do you think the rich man should have done instead of building bigger barns? (allow for answers) Yes, he could have shared some of that grain with others who needed it.

God gives us all that we need and more! And, out of gratitude for all that we've been given, we should joyfully share with others. Can you practice that this week?

Let's pray together. Gracious and giving God. You give us all that we need and more. Help us to joyfully share our gifts with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Ruth Gilmore's book, Scolding the Snakes

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

rich	judge	crops	brother	barns
life	eat	fool	teacher	drink

Activity: Make a list or draw a picture of all of your toys. On a sheet of paper write the word "Keep" *these are the toys that you play with often* and on another, write the word "Donate" *these are the toys that you've outgrown*. Sort your toys into those two piles. Take your donate pile to a local shelter or children's hospital so that others can share in your abundance.

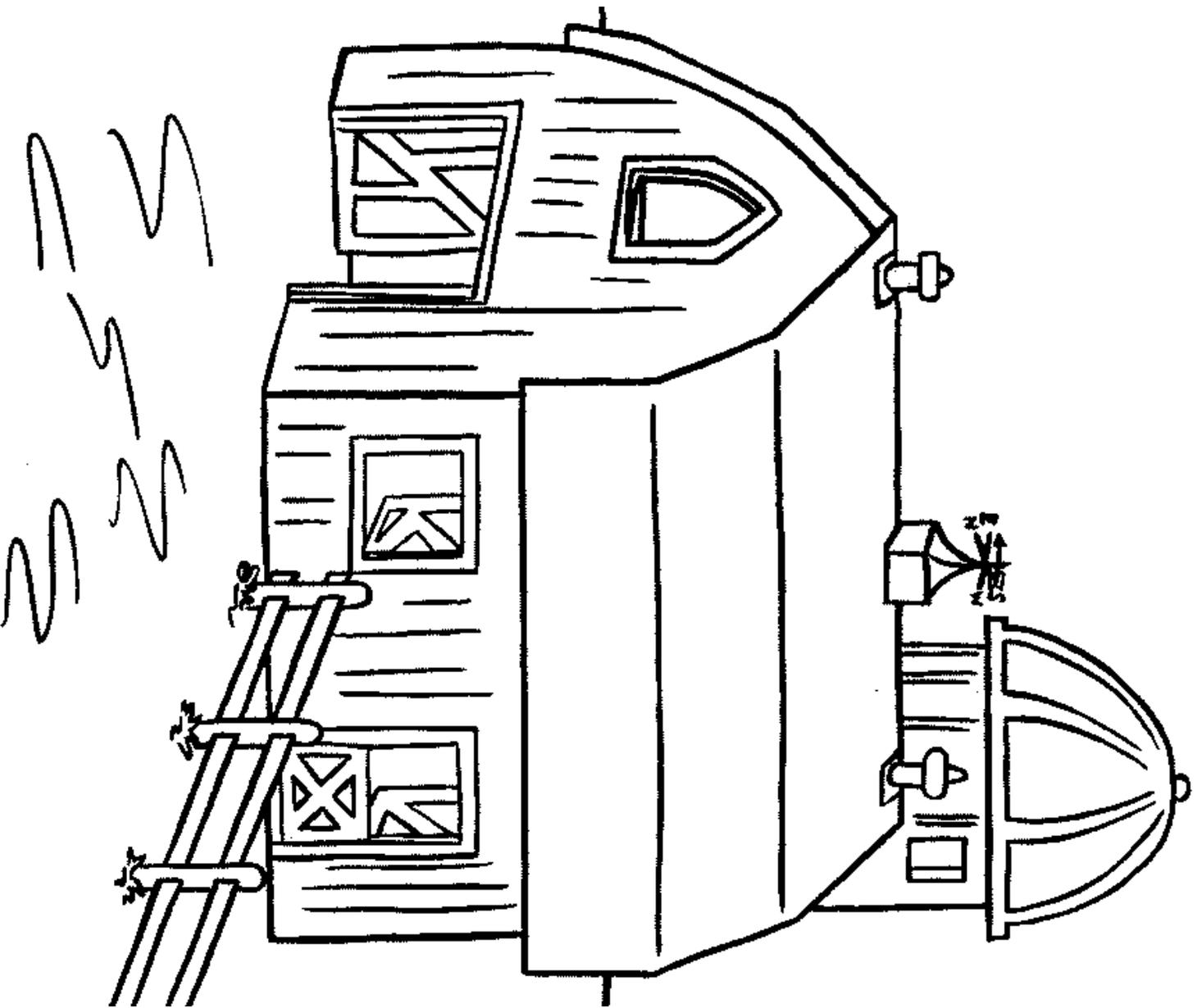
Discussion Question: All around the world, there are children in need of food, clothing, and a roof over their heads. Some children don't even have clean water to drink. Talk with your Pastor, Sunday School teacher, and family about how you can help other children. There are several organizations that need volunteers and you are never too little to help. Begin by keeping those children in your daily prayers.

Family Table Prayer for August:

For family time and longer days
For heartfelt hugs and the warm sun's rays
For blessings Lord that only you give,
Thank you, Lord, for this life that we live. Amen.

August Memory Verse: Psalm 113:3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

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The Parable of the Rich Fool

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' "

Luke 12:18 (NIV)