

Theme: **Materialism**

Time: **15 to 20 minutes**

Group size: **5 or more**

Supplies: Newspapers, construction paper, tape, and a Bible.

Form groups of no more than five. Distribute the supplies. Say: **Using only the supplies you've been given, you're to build a sturdy, free-standing building or other structure at least 3 feet tall. Go.**

When groups are finished, measure their structures to make sure they're 3 feet tall. Praise kids for their creativity and artistic flair. Then read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Ask: **How is constructing our buildings like storing up riches? Say: Luke tells about a person who stored up earthly treasure but whose plans weren't in line with God's. The result was disaster. Let's see how well your structures stand up when tested by the Word of God.**

Go to each structure and lay a Bible on top of it. The structures will most

likely collapse. Ask: **How did you feel when I set the Bible on your structures? What would you have done differently if you had known I was going to test your structures with a Bible? How is this experience like the way some people structure their lives?**

**Dates Used:**

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