# Talk About It:

- What's one big thing you would like to save up your money to buy?
- Who are the people in your life you trust the most? [Trust means believing that someone will do what they say, that you can rely on them, and that you can be safe with them.]

### **Read About It:**

Read Luke 12:13-21, The Parable of the Rich Fool

15 Jesus said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.
17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.'
18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.

19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'

21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

- The rich man thought he could take care of himself and trusted that his wealth would make him happy and give him a good, easy life.
- What did Jesus say is more important than being wealthy (having lots of money)?
- We can lose our wealth and we don't know what will happen tomorrow, but we can trust that God is always with us, God always loves us, and God is always good. God can be trusted, and we can put our hope in him.

### Sing About It:

Get up and moving with this great song about putting your trust and hope in God.

In You Alone (Lifetree Kids, Rocky Railway VBS, Group Publishing)

# Think About It:

- The rich man in today's story trusted more in himself than he trusted in God.
  - What would happen if you only trusted in your money, and then you lost it all?
  - Why is it better to put our trust in God instead of in ourselves or what we can do?

Putting our trust in God is much better than putting too much trust in ourselves, money, other people, or what we can do or accomplish. People, money, things – they all fail. But God never fails. When we put our trust in God, we believe that God will do what he says he will do and that God knows what is best for us.

### Make It:

Another word for trust is "rely." We can **F**ully **R**ely **O**n **G**od. Hey, those letters spells FROG! Follow the instructions on the next page to make your own FROG to help you remember to fully rely on God.

#### Do It:

Do you trust that you can poke a hole in a bag of water and not get wet? Try this at home. You will need: a zip-top plastic bag, a well-sharpened pencil, and water.

1. Fill the bag about 3/4 of the way full with water and seal it shut.

2. Hold up the bag with one hand and use the other hand to firmly push the pointy end of the pencil through the side of the bag. Continue pushing it until the point is also coming out the other side of the bag.

What happened? Did you get wet? Sometimes in life, we can feel like we're getting poked with holes. Friends move away, family members get sick, or our pet dies. It hurts, but trusting God is a bit like trusting that you wouldn't get wet when poked the pencil through the bag. We CAN trust God, even when it seems like everything is going wrong.

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### **Pray About It:**

Ask God to help you trust him, no matter what.

#### Memorize It:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

**You will need**: an empty toilet paper roll, construction paper, paint, stapler, glue, and markers

**Step 1**: Paint or color your paper roll the color you would like your frog. Let it dry.

**Step 2**: Cut 2 strips of construction paper for the legs. Bend in half leaving enough overhang for the feet.



**Step 3**: Staple the legs to the side of the paper roll. Bend up the bottom of the strips for the feet.



**Step 4**: Use some scrap construction paper to cut out 2 eyes and glue to the top of your paper roll. Or glue on google eyes if you have them.



**Step 5**: Cut a small strip of construction paper for the tongue. Curl the tongue and glue to the paper roll. All done! Now remember to Fully Rely On God!

