



DAY 5: Less is More!

Pope Francis says something very interesting and a little confusing in his encyclical to us. He says “less is more!”. What does that mean? He is telling us it can be better to have less things. He says that always getting new things “confuses our hearts and keeps us from appreciating what we already have.”

This can happen to grown-ups and kids! These things we keep buying and storing up could be toys, games, electronics, clothes, food, cars, almost anything!

What Does the Bible Call Us to Do?

Today, read a story about someone who was NOT a good caretaker. Read the story of *The Greedy Farmer*, Luke ch. 12:13-21. What do you think would happen if everyone in the world was like the greedy farmer? Does this remind you of another story you read this week? In *The Manna story*, people gathered more than they needed, and worms got in the bread. Remember, when we are selfish, people waste and not everyone has enough.

Creation Care “R”

Today’s Creation Care “R” is very important! The word is REMEMBER! Sometimes we forget what is most important in our lives, just like the greedy farmer did.

We can get distracted by buying things, being greedy, worrying too much, or doing too much that we forget it’s most important to do simple things. Instead, we can spend time with family, have quiet time, spend time in nature, or most importantly, spend time praying to God.

HOME CHALLENGE: Simplify Your Life a Bit!

Work with your family this weekend to give away some things you don’t use anymore. Sort through your clothes closets, bookshelves, and your toys and games for things that are cluttering up your life. BUT, don’t just throw them away, find someone else who can use them!

Keep practicing or catch up on other Home Challenges too!