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One day the country mouse visited his cousin in the city. While he was there, the city mouse showed him all the food in his house. There was a big cheese on the table, and butter, and sausage, and other foods that mice simply love to nibble at.

“I'd like to be a city mouse, said the country cousin. But just then a cat came into the room. “Hurry, run for the hole in the wall,” said the city mouse. So they both ran for their lives. But in his hurry the city mouse ran right into a mousetrap, and “whang!” He was dead!

The country mouse got into the hole before the cat caught him. As soon as he had his breath back, he left the house with all the good eats and went back to the country. “I'd rather be safe than rich,” he said.

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### QUESTIONS TO TALK

**ABOUT:** Where did the country mouse go for a visit? What happened to the rich city mouse? What did the poor country mouse decide? Why did Jesus warn us about wanting to get rich? What does our Holy Bible verse say is better; a little with the Lord, or a lot without Him?

**Bible Reading for older children and Grownups:  
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### OUR PRAYER:

Dear Father in Heaven, You know what we need and what is best for us. Please give us only what is good for us, and also enough to help others. Help us not to want great riches without You, and remind us that it is much better to have little and a life with You, than a great treasure and much trouble. Amen.



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