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LIFE OF JESUS

## Jesus And The Rich Man

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## Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about an important conversation that Jesus had with a rich guy. One day, Jesus was teaching the people when this guy came running up to him with a question. He asked, "Jesus, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He was asking Jesus how to get to heaven. Jesus' first answer was exactly as the guy thought. Jesus said that you need to obey the 10 commandments. Great! The rich guy was really good at following the rules. He thought he was guaranteed heaven based on his good deeds. But, Jesus wasn't done. Then Jesus told the guy to go sell all his stuff and give his money to the poor. This is not what the rich guy wanted to hear. See, he was super wealthy and had all the money and stuff he wanted. He loved his money more than anything. Jesus was testing his real love and commitment to God. Was he willing to give up his stuff to follow Jesus or not? Sadly, the rich guy walked away from Jesus. He didn't want to give up his stuff. He loved money more than he loved God. So kids, remember that God wants to be your first love, not your second or third. Follow Jesus with your whole heart.

**Big Idea**

*Jesus doesn't care about the rules as much as he cares about the heart.*

**Key Question**

*Why did the rich guy walk away sad?*

**Memory Verse**

*Mark 10:21 "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

### Classroom Agenda

- (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: Is there one item in your life that you just can't live without? Why?** (Tip: There should be nothing more important to us than a relationship with God. This is what a rich guy learned.)
- (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because he loved his stuff more than he loved God.** (The rich man was excited to learn how to follow Jesus until he discovered what it would cost him. He didn't want to give up his stuff to do it. He thought following some rules would be enough to win God's love. But that's not how it works. God loves us already. He wants us to love him more than anything else in our lives. He doesn't just want us to follow rules. He wants to be our first priority and wants us to do what honors him because we love him.)
  - Bonus Questions:** What did the rich guy think he needed to do to get to heaven? Why did he walk away sad? **4-5th** How do you think God wants us to look at money and the stuff it can buy?
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read Matthew 6:24. How can money cause trouble in our lives? Why does Jesus say you can't love both God and money?** (Answer: Money can make us greedy. We just want more so we can buy more stuff. And, when we have money, we can be fooled into thinking we don't need God. We can do it all on our own. But, that's not true. Everything we have is a gift from God, even our money.)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGODkids.org](http://pursueGODkids.org) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: LESSON REVIEW JEOPARDY

### Instructions:

- Divide the class into 2 teams. Give each team a bell or ringer. Read a question from below. First to ring gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer. Team with the most points, wins.

### Questions:

1. Who were the main characters in our story today? (Rich guy and Jesus)
2. From what book is our memory verse found? (Mark)
3. T or F: The guy was excited to give up his stuff. (F)
4. What question did the guy ask Jesus? (how to get to heaven)
5. Is this story in the OT or NT? (NT)
6. What rules did Jesus refer to? (10 Commandments)
7. Why did Jesus die for us? (Sins)
8. T or F: Following the rules is most important. (F)
9. Why was the rich guy sad? (didn't want to give up money)
10. What do we have to do to get to heaven? (trust in Jesus)

**Supplies needed:** 2 Bells/Ringers

## OPTION 2: THE STORY OF THE RICH GUY BOOK

### Instructions:

- Give each kid a Story template (page 5). Have the kids place each page in front of them on the desk. Allow them to color each picture on the page.
- As they color, read the story from Mark 10:17-22. Then, as a class, work to get the pages into the correct order to tell the story. Once in the correct order, have them stack them together to make a book. Have them staple the left side of the pages together.

**Supplies needed:** Story template (pg. 5, precut, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Staplers

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When a rich man asked Jesus how to get to heaven, it taught us all an important lesson.

## Key Points:

- The rich man thought he had to \_\_\_\_\_ something to be saved.
- Jesus reminded him about some of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The rich man was pretty proud that he kept \_\_\_\_\_ of the rules.
- Jesus doesn't care about the \_\_\_\_\_, he cares about your \_\_\_\_\_.

## Memory Verse:

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## Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Is there one item in your life that you can't live without? Why?*
3. *What did the rich guy ask Jesus? What are the 10 Commandments really about?*
4. *What did Jesus tell the rich guy he had to do? Why did Jesus tell him to do that?*
5. *Read Matthew 6:24. How can money cause trouble in our lives? Why does Jesus say you can't love both God and money?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

**Instructions:** Color the picture.

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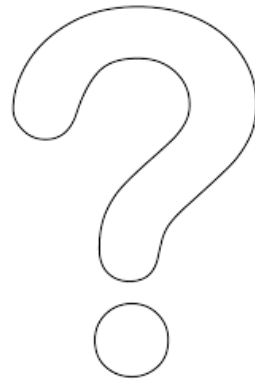


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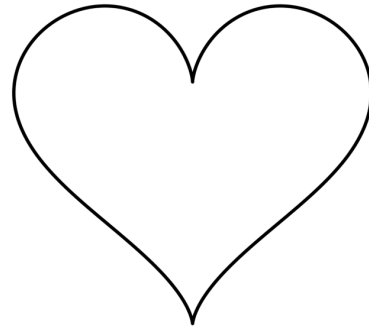
RICH MAN ASKS A QUESTION



JESUS TELLS HIM TO GIVE AWAY HIS STUFF



LESSON: GOD WANTS OUR WHOLE HEART



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