

Q5

LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus and the Rich Man

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Bring some kids up to the front to act out the actions mentioned in the paragraph below.

I have a question for you guys. Have you ever wondered what you have to do to get to heaven? Do you have to jump up and down 20 times? (allow kids to answer). Of course not! What about patting your head and rubbing your belly, does that get you to heaven? Nope, that would just be silly!

Well in today's lesson we are going to learn what it really takes to get to heaven, and what happened when a rich man asked Jesus how to get there.

Song

My Hope Is in the Lord

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: Jesus doesn't care about the rules as much as he cares about the heart. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What did the rich man ask Jesus? (What he had to do to get to heaven)
- What was Jesus' answer to the question? (follow the 10 commandments and sell everything he owns and give all his money to the poor)
- True or False: Jesus cares more about the rules than anything else. (F)

Jesus cares way more about our hearts than rules! You could be the best rule follower in the whole entire world, but it wouldn't be enough to make it to heaven. That's because getting to heaven isn't about sticking to the rules, it's about loving Jesus and accepting him into your heart! If you have Jesus in your heart you'll make it to heaven even though you might break a rule from time to time.

Now, that doesn't mean you shouldn't follow the rules or obey. God gave us rules to keep us safe and to help us to follow him. It's still important to follow the rules and to do good things, but at the end of the day, making it to heaven is all about Jesus.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Go (point out) and sell all (arms out) your possessions and give the money (pretend to count money) to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven (Point up). Then come, follow me (point up)." Mark 10:21 *(Repeat)*

This verse is how Jesus answered the rich man's question about how he could get to heaven. Jesus had a reason for answering the question the way he did. He was testing the guy. The rich man acted like he really wanted to follow God until he realized what it would cost him. The rich man hoped that just being a good guy who followed most of the rules would be enough. But, Jesus said he needed to be willing to give up everything to follow God. That answer wasn't what the rich man wanted to hear. He had a lot of stuff and he loved his stuff more than God.

That's the whole point of this lesson. God should be our first priority. We should love him more than anything else. He wants our whole heart, not just part of it!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Live it Out

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

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

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.