

The Parable of the Rich Man – preschool
Luke 16:19-31
September 25, 2022

Opening Play and Circle time

As the kids arrive, give them a coloring page and have them color it. Also have different medical supplies (bandages, gauze pads, gloves, thermometer). Talk about what the different items are used for.

Say: I am glad to see you here! We will have lots of fun together today. Let's start with a song. *Sing this song to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."*

**We are welcome here,
God's children everyone!
Let's play and sing and
Have some fun, and
Learn what God has done- YEAH!**

Say: We are going to talk about how it is important to help other. Let's make the letters of the word using our bodies.

H – Hold arms above head, legs apart
E – Put both arms and a leg out to the side.
L – Put one leg out to the side
P – Curl one arm down, hand on hip.

Say: What do you think our story is about today? Our story is about helping! Who helps you? How do you help other people?

Prayer:

Say: Before we read today's Bible story, let's pray a song prayer together! (To the tune of London Bridge)

**Thank you, God, for loving us,
Guiding us, helping us!
Thank you, God, for helping us.
Help us help too!
Amen.**

Open the Bible

– The Parable of the Rich Man Story

Say: We're going to read today's Bible story (Read the story provided)

Give the kids the leaflet. **Ask:** Who is pictured here? (Lazarus) What kinds of things did Lazarus need? (food, clothing, shelter, medicine, bandages, etc.) Did the rich man help

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him with those things? Jesus told this story because he wanted people to understand that it is important to help others. God wants us to help!

Add things to the picture of Lazarus to show the kinds of helpful things the rich man could have given him. What could he have given him for his sores? Here are some bandages you can put over his sores. Add things or draw items on the picture to give Lazarus what he needs. (*Pictures of food, cloth, money etc.*)

Ask: What did Jesus want people to learn from this story? Right! God wants us to help!

Object Lesson on the parable (This is a fun way to illustrate the story. Blow up a balloon. Bring a paper plate or pan and salt and pepper. Share that the balloon will represent Heaven. Sprinkle the salt into the plate. Tell the group that the salt stands for the rich man. Now sprinkle pepper into the plate. Share that the pepper is for Lazarus. Now rub the balloon in your hair (or someone else's hair) to create static electricity. Put the balloon up to the plate. Instantly, the pepper will cling to the balloon, while the salt stays in the plate. Share how Lazarus went to Heaven because He believed in Jesus and the rich man did not go to Heaven. Let them try the trick with extra balloons.)

Activate Faith – Get Well Cards

Supplies: paper and markers or crayons

Say: We have people in our congregation that are sick. Do you know anyone who is sick? Do you know anyone who is sad and would like a card? Let's make a card and give it to someone we know to help them.

Have kids choose paper/cards and add their own details using supplies available.

If there is more time:

Show the pictures on the back of the leaflet and discuss how you could help in that situation.