

The Rich Ruler *Mark 10:13-20, 32-34*

The Ministry Years of Jesus: Lesson 5

Note: When you see typing in “CAPS” like this, make sure you are drawing on the sketchboard as you teach

Introduction: If Jesus came to our city today, and people lined up the streets to see him, do you think Jesus would pay any attention to children?

- 1). Jesus came to a certain city, and people brought the children to Jesus.
 - a) **DRAW HEADS ON CROWD.**
 - b) The disciples saw the parents bringing children to Jesus and rebuked them. (**DRAW HEADS ON THE DISCIPLES**). They must have been thinking that children were a waste of Jesus' time.
 - c) Surprisingly, Jesus got very mad at the disciples for doing this.
 - d) Why? Because God **LOVES** and created children. And since Jesus is God, Jesus loves children too.
 - e) Jesus told the people to not hinder the children to come to him, because heaven is for children too (**DRAW HEADS ON THE CHILDREN**).
 - f) Jesus put his hands on the children and blessed them.

- 2). Jesus said some amazing words. He said that the only way people are going to get into God's Kingdom, is to come to God like the children did to Jesus.
 - a) The children came *wanting and trusting Jesus*.

- 3). Some people that day listening to Jesus probably didn't want Jesus, and did not believe and trust in Jesus. People who think they don't want or need Jesus is called being prideful. Pride is when you think you can do it all yourself, and don't need any help. So Jesus made a key point...
 - a) The only people that are going to make it to heaven are **HUMBLE** people.
 - b) Humble people admit they need God.

- 4). Immediately after this, a man came to Jesus **DRAW IN MAN ON HIS KNEES** and fell on his knees in front of everyone and asked a very important question...
 - a) Good teacher, what must I do to go to heaven?
 - b) Instead of answering the man directly, Jesus asked him a question back. He asked, "Why do you call me **GOOD**"?
 - c) Why do you think Jesus asked that question? (Because the only one truly good and perfect is God. So, if the man was calling him good, he was really calling him God).
 - d) Jesus reminded the man that a good person is one who keeps God's Commandments

1. **START TO NUMBER THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

2. Briefly mention each one.
3. Take more time on sins kids would understand.

- 5). The man surprisingly said he had kept all those commandments! Wow.
- a) Do you think you've kept God's commandments? Go through some again.
 - How many have ever lied? What does that make you? A liar.
 - How many have ever stolen anything? What does that make you? A thief.
 - How many here have disobeyed your parents? God calls that being rebellious.

6). If we break even *one* of God's laws, it is called **SIN**. The punishment for sin is **DEATH**.

7). So here is a very important question. Draw in the title: **WHO WILL BE IN HEAVEN?**

- a). Humble people will be...humble enough to come to Jesus like a child and say "I need you." Or, like the rich man who thought he never sinned and thought he was a good person? Who will be in heaven?
- b). Would the rich ruler go to heaven thinking he is a good person?
- c). Do good people go to heaven?
- e). Go over the Ten Commandments again. God gave us His law to show us that we don't love God as we should. We sin everyday.

8). Jesus and the disciples left that city and headed towards Jerusalem (**DRAW IN THE HEADS OF THE DISCIPLES AND JESUS**).

1. Jesus pointed to the city and predicted that soon he would be arrested, killed, and then rise from the dead in three days.
2. Why would Jesus die?

Transition to the Gospel:

Jesus chose to die, because either we get punished for disobeying God, or someone else like Jesus would give his life and die in our place, for our sins, so we don't have to.

Jesus, God's son, loves us so much, this same Jesus that did all these miracles in the true stories we have told you, came to earth and lived a perfect life. Jesus never once told a lie. Jesus never once stole something. Jesus never once disobeyed or disrespected His earthly mother. Jesus is holy and perfect because He is God in the flesh. *John 3:16 says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him will not die but will have everlasting life."*

DRAW IN THE CROSS

God also tells us "*For the wages of sin is death* (Hell and separated from God forever) *but the free gift of God is eternal life.*" God is telling us here that because we sin we earn death and separation from Him forever in Hell.

The good news is that this same Jesus in the story today, is really God in the flesh. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. Jesus never lied or stole anything! Because Jesus was PERFECT AND HOLY He could take what we deserve for our sin--DEATH--Jesus died in our place on the cross 2,000 years ago. Jesus allowed Roman soldiers to nail spikes through His hands and feet to nail Him to the cross. God tells us...

- 1. Now take your red paint and press firmly on the cross where Jesus' hands and feet would be so that red blood pours down the page**

that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (Hebrews 9:22).

- 2. Paint in red the word TURN**

or repent of our sins...repent or turn means to realize our sins are bad, and God doesn't like it. Most people think sin is okay. But we need to realize how bad our sin is. We turn away from *thinking* sin is okay, to realizing how awful sin is to God.

- 3. Paint in red TRUST**

We must trust in Jesus to save us from our sins, and we will be forgiven. Other words for TRUST are: BELIEVE or FAITH. Jesus died for our sins and was buried for three days. But Jesus did not stay dead!

- 4. Now take the yellow paint and paint yellow glory coming from the tomb**

Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered death, and is alive today. We trust a living Savior. **ONLY JESUS CAN SAVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS.**

Conclusion: Have the children pray in their own words to Jesus to be saved.

