



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for October 25, 2009  
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**"Jesus and a Rich Man"**

**Lesson Text:** Mark 10:17-31

**Background Scripture:** Mark 10:17-31

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus... said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven" (Mark 10:21).

**Mark 10:17-31**

17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach your students that although money can be used for God's purposes, it often comes between us and God.

**TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. Jesus showed the rich young man that he loved money more than he loved God.
2. Love of money can keep us out of heaven.

**PLANNING LESSON AIDS:**

For Telling the Lesson, you will need a picture of a rich man kneeling before Jesus.

For Helping to Remember, bring for each student a scrap of fabric 6 inches square, a piece of string 8 inches long, and three or more pennies.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student as a review of keywords from the lesson text.

**TEACHER'S NOTES:**

Time: A.D. 30

Place: Perea

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem for the last time when a rich young ruler came running up to Him (cf. Matt. 19:16; Luke 18:18). When the man knelt down and called Jesus "good Teacher," Jesus questioned why he would call Him good but would not accept Him as the Son of God.

When asked, "What must I do to get everlasting life?" Jesus quoted the six commandments dealing with one's fellow man.

The young man thought he had followed these rules all his life. He failed to realize that no one can qualify for heaven by doing good deeds. His attempts had resulted only in pride.

Jesus' next command was for the man to give away everything he owned and then follow Him. The man sadly walked away, for he was unwilling to part with his wealth. He loved his things and money more than he loved God or other people.

Jesus then told His followers that it is very hard for the rich to enter the kingdom of God. Securing eternal life is humanly impossible; only God can do it. God can do all things. We trust God for salvation; we obey Him to show our gratitude.

**BEGINNING THE LESSON:**

Many people think that God always rewards the good and punishes the bad in this life. If this is true, it would also be true that anyone who is rich is good and that anyone who is poor is evil.

In our lesson today we will talk about a rich man who found out from Jesus that his money was actually keeping him out of heaven. Jesus said that it is very hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of God.

**TELLING THE LESSON:**

One day a rich young man came running up to Jesus. He knelt down (show picture) and said, "Good Teacher, what must I do to get everlasting life?"

Jesus reminded the young man of six of the Ten Commandments - the ones that tell how to treat other people. Jesus said do not murder, do not be unfaithful to your wife, do not steal, do not tell lies, and do not want anything so much that you cheat people. He also said to honor your father and mother.

The man seemed happy to hear this because he had been keeping all these commandments since he was a boy. Because of this, the man thought God owed him.

Jesus loved this man as much as He loves you and me. He looked him in the eye and told him to do just one more thing. He was to sell all he owned and give it to the poor in order to have treasure in heaven; then he was to follow Jesus.

The young man walked away sadly, for he was very rich. Jesus had shown him that he was trusting in his money instead of God.

Jesus looked at His followers and said, "It is very hard for rich people to enter into the kingdom of God. They trust in their riches instead of God."

The amazed disciples asked, "If it is hard for rich people to enter heaven, then who can be saved?"

Jesus answered that it is impossible for people to save themselves. Only God can save people. God can do all things.

Then Jesus added that people who have left everything for Him will receive rewards and will have life forever.

### **HELPING TO REMEMBER:**

Distribute pieces of fabric, strings, and pennies. Have students put the pennies on the fabric and gather it up into a loose bag. Tie it with the string so that the pennies jingle when the bags are shaken. Remind the children that even a big bag of money cannot get them into heaven. Only Jesus can bring them into heaven.

### **TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

The rich young man said he had been keeping the commandments all his life. Do you think he had never broken any of these commandments? He probably had either broken them all or wished that he could break them and get away with it.

The Ten Commandments show us how to live, but obeying them will not get us to heaven. Giving money to the poor is good, but it will not get us to heaven. Jesus was showing this man that he loved money more than he loved God or other people; so he did not deserve heaven.

People who trust in their money forget God. They cannot pay their way into heaven. Only God can do that. He did it by sending Jesus to die in our place.

Once you have trusted in Jesus to take away your sins, you can serve Him by obeying the Ten Commandments. You can give money to the poor and use your money to help people hear about the love of Jesus. God rewards that.

### **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:**

**"Jesus... said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven" (Mark 10:21).**

Jesus was asking the rich young man to trust in Him for all that he needed. Even if we had a lot of money, it could be lost or stolen. We cannot depend on it.

Jesus wanted the man to love Him instead of loving money. Possessions are nice, but they do not last. Money matters most when it is spent to help people and to show them who Jesus is. When we spend our money that way, we are storing up treasures in heaven that will last forever.

### **CONCLUSION:**

We cannot earn our way into heaven. The rich man in our lesson thought that eternal life was inherited through human effort rather than being a gift from God. He was blinded by his wealth, which he was unwilling to give up. If he had sold all he owned and gave to the poor, then he would have received eternal life.

What is most important to you? Are you willing to give it up for God? The more we learn to trust Him, the more readily we will reorder our priorities to put God above everything else. When we choose Jesus above all else in the world, we find our treasure in heaven!

**PRAYER:**

Dear God, we thank You that we are able to trust You for all that we need. Help us to love You more than our possessions. Help us to store our treasure in heaven, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:**

Next week's lesson is "A Holy People." God has given us salvation and hope, so we should be holy as a way of honoring Him. Study 1 Peter 1:1-25.

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**LESSON WORD SEARCH:**

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Find the following keywords from the lesson.

IMPOSSIBLE	KINGDOM	BROTHERS	RICH MAN
MASTER	SISTERS	CAMEL	MOTHER
COMMANDMENTS	LAST	FIRST	ASTONISHED
POOR	JESUS	NEEDLE	INHERIT
KNEELED	TREASURE	WIFE	CHILDREN
HOUSES	FATHER	ETERNAL LIFE	HEAVEN

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**SOLUTION TO WORD SEARCH:**

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