

# Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, February 18, 2024

## JESUS AND THE RICH MAN

Mark 10:17-31

### Key Verse:

[Jesus said] “You lack one thing: go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor... then come, follow me.”  
Mark 10:21

### The Point:

Living in God’s kingdom is not about possessions, but about our love toward others.

### Making Connections:

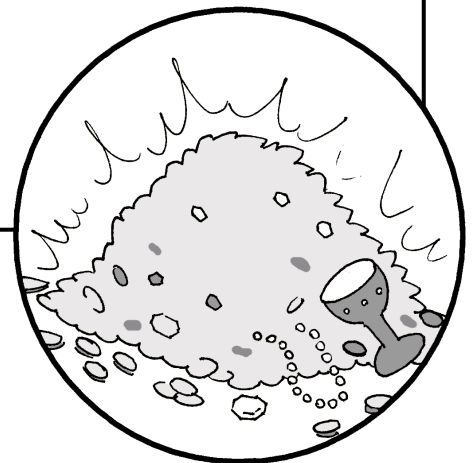
The Call to Serve

### Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Images of God

### Spiritual Practice:

Service



# BACKGROUND

## Making Connections

Last week, students learned about Peter's confession and Jesus' transfiguration. This week, the story will continue in the Gospel of Mark, moving from the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God and our call to show our love to Jesus through worship, to a specific story of a rich man who comes to Jesus asking what he can do to gain eternal life. Now we begin stories of Jesus' call to each of us to serve.

## Story Summary:

### *Jesus and the Rich Man*

The story of the day is more about grace than it is about wealth. It is more about love than it is about money. A rich man asks Jesus what he can do to save himself, and Jesus answers with love. Jesus tells the young man that that he loves him, and he calls the man to follow him and form a close relationship with him. But the man's money proves to be an insurmountable obstacle, and so he walks away from Jesus. Jesus tells his disciples of the man's dilemma, comparing the difficulty of a person gaining eternal life without God's help to the difficulty of a camel fitting through the eye of a needle. When the disciples ask how anyone can be saved, Jesus replies that there are some things people cannot do alone, but that God can do anything. It is only with God that all things are possible!

## The Point

**Living in God's kingdom is not about possessions, but about our love toward others.**

Wealth was considered a sign of God's blessing in Jesus' time. When Jesus tells the man that he must give up everything he owns, it seems both to him and the disciples like Jesus is telling him to abandon that with which God had blessed him. Jesus is not just asking for obedience. He is asking for sacrifice. He is asking for us to follow him to the cross.

## Bible Nuts & Bolts:

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## Spiritual Practice: Service

Jesus tells the rich man, "You lack one thing." What is that one thing? What is gained by selling everything? Jesus did not tell him to throw away his many things. He did not tell him to give the proceeds to the temple. He told him to give it to those in need. We can see what happens when we serve, but we are not likely to discover that "one thing" until we have given what we have out of joy and obedience, and have forgotten about our search for the answers.



# The Rich Young Man

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.



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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

1. A word shape consisting of four boxes. The fourth box is taller than the others.

6. A word shape consisting of five boxes. The first box is taller than the others.

2. A word shape consisting of seven boxes. The third and seventh boxes are taller than the others.

7. A word shape consisting of five boxes. The first, third, and fifth boxes are taller than the others.

3. A word shape consisting of four boxes. The third and fourth boxes are taller than the others.

8. A word shape consisting of five boxes. The first box is taller than the others.

4. A word shape consisting of seven boxes. The first, fourth, and seventh boxes are taller than the others.

9. A word shape consisting of eight boxes. The second and eighth boxes are taller than the others.

5. A word shape consisting of six boxes. The first box is taller than the others, and the sixth box is also taller than the others.

10. A word shape consisting of six boxes. The fourth, fifth, and sixth boxes are taller than the others.

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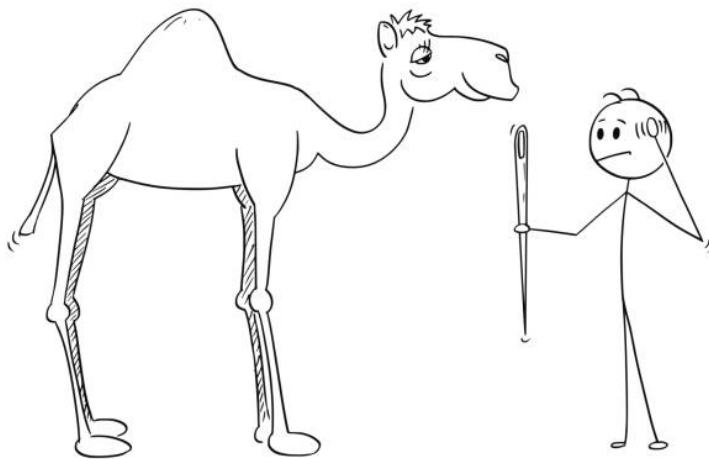
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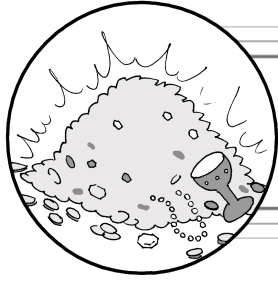


# Mark 10:17-31

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- GOD
- NEEDLE
- LIFE
- POSSIBLE
- HEAVEN
- COMMANDMENTS
- ETERNAL
- KINGDOM





# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

**NL**

**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

**Lesson #2-23**  
**Mark 10:17-31**

## LAST WEEK

The transfiguration reveals Jesus' authority as the Messiah, the Son of God (Mark 8:27-9:8).

## THIS WEEK

Jesus teaches his disciples about the cost of following him (Mark 10:17-31).

## THE POINT

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## STORY SUMMARY

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## NEXT WEEK

Jesus teaches his disciples as they walk toward Jerusalem. James and John ask for places of honor, but Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God is not about places of honor, but about service to others (Mark 10:32-52).

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

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## PRACTICE SERVICE

Jesus tells the rich man, "You lack one thing." What is that one thing? Jesus did not tell him to throw away his many things or give them to the temple. He told him to give them to those in need. Decide on one service project to work toward as a family during this Lenten season.

## Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme The Call to Serve??
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

## Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

### Sunday—Read Mark 10:17-22

Jesus and the rich man.

Share the one thing that would be the most difficult for you to give up.

### Monday—Read Exodus 20:12-16

Commandments to live by.

Find a video online that shows hand gestures for the Ten Commandments. (Search: ten commandments hand gestures video).

### Tuesday—Read Mark 10:23-27

Entering God's kingdom.

Jesus compares entering God's kingdom to a camel going through the eye of a needle. Make up other comparisons.

### Wednesday—Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10

The love of money.

Talk about the ways that the love of money can get you in trouble.

### Thursday—Read Mark 10:28-31

Eternal life to come.

Play a game of Follow the Leader. Now turn around and play it the other direction.

### Friday—Read Romans 8:18-25

Present sufferings, future glory.

Name one type of suffering that you will be most anxious to see go away when God's kingdom is known in its fullness.

### Saturday—Read Mark 10:32-34

On the road to Jerusalem.

Walk down the street, sidewalk, or through your home as you read this passage.