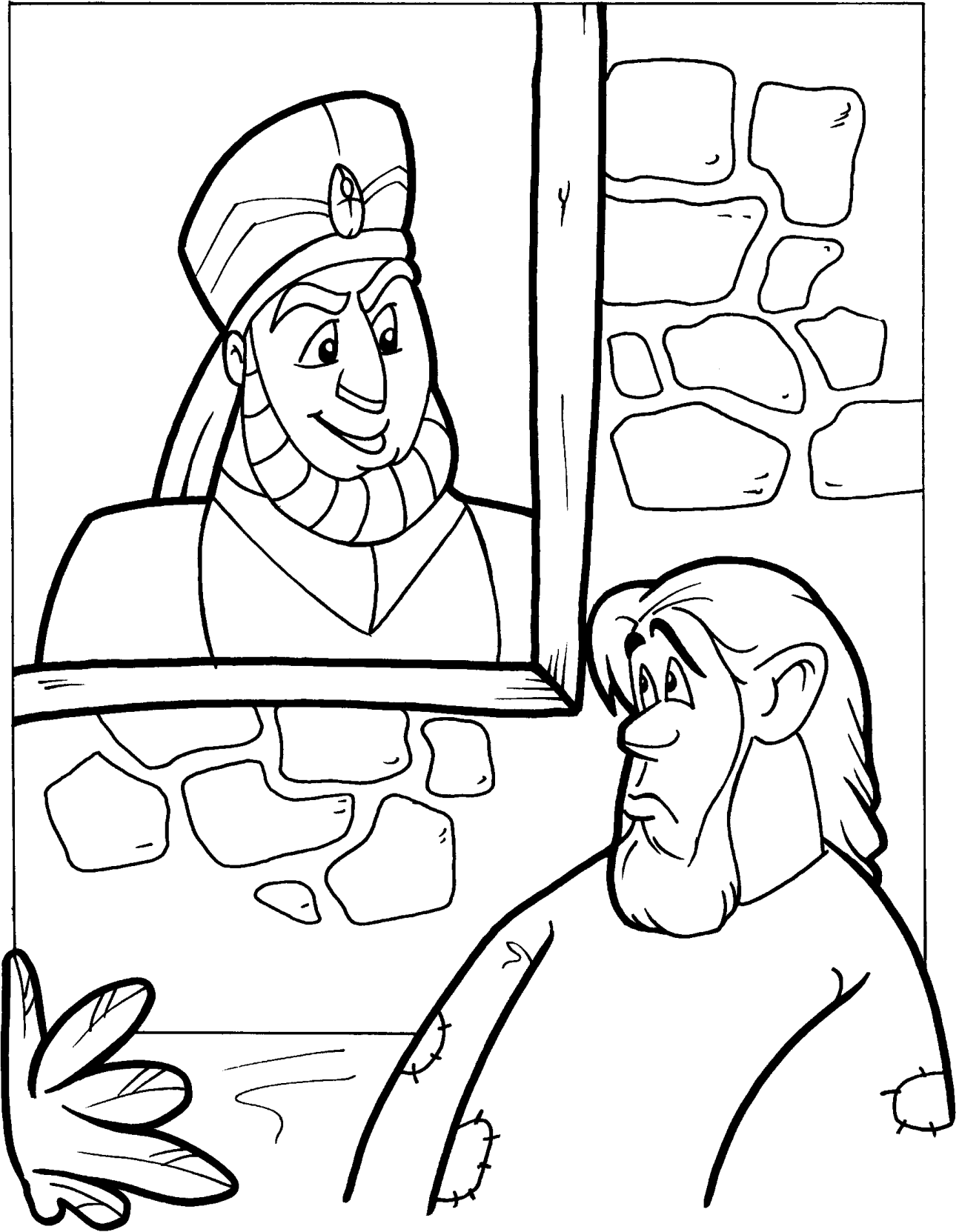


**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 211: THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS**  
**LUKE 16:19-31**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always dressed in the finest clothes. He was so rich that he was able to enjoy all the best things every day. There was also a very poor man named Lazarus. Lazarus' body was all covered with sores. He was often put by the rich man's gate. Lazarus wanted only to eat the scraps of food left on the floor under the rich man's table. And the dogs came and licked his sores. "Later, Lazarus died. The angels took him and placed him in the arms of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. He was sent to the place of death called hell and was in great pain. He saw Abraham far away with Lazarus in his arms. He called, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to me so that he can dip his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am suffering in this fire!' "But Abraham said, 'My child, remember when you lived? You had all the good things in life. But Lazarus had nothing but problems. Now he is comforted here, and you are suffering. Also, there is a big pit between you and us. No one can cross over to help you, and no one can come here from there.' "The rich man said, 'Then please, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house on earth. I have five brothers. He could warn my brothers so that they will not come to this place of pain.' "But Abraham said, 'They have the Law of Moses and the writings of the prophets to read; let them learn from that.' "The rich man said, 'No, father Abraham! But if someone came to them from the dead, then they would decide to change their lives.' "But Abraham said to him, 'If your brothers won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen to someone who comes back from the dead.'"

## 211. THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

LUKE 16:19-31



“There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and enjoyed all the best things every day. And there was a poor beggar named Lazarus, who was put at his gate, and his body was covered with sores.” **LUKE 16:19-20**

# 211. THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

## LUKE 16:19-31

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from the dead."* LUKE 16:31

### **Review Questions**

#### **True or False**

1. There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and enjoyed all the very best things every day.
2. There was a poor beggar named Lazarus, who was covered all over in sores and was put at the rich man's gate.
3. Lazarus only wanted to eat the very best things at the table with the rich man.
4. The dogs came and licked poor Lazarus' sores.
5. Lazarus died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's arms, but the rich man stayed alive.

#### **Questions**

1. What happened to poor Lazarus when he died?
2. What happened to the rich man when he died?
3. What did the rich man ask Abraham?
4. Did Abraham send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and give it to the rich man?
5. What did the rich man ask Abraham to do then?
6. What did Abraham tell the rich man?

## Lesson 211 Activity

### Hungry/Full

You will need a couple of pieces of bread or crackers

Choose one child to act as a rich man, and instruct the rest of the class to act as beggars, dependent on the generosity of others for their sustenance. Space the "beggars" around the room and instruct the "rich man" to pass through them giving some of them crumbs of bread or a graham cracker, choosing who he will give food to, and who he won't.

After a while, have the "rich man" switch places with one of the "beggars" and proceed in the manner demonstrated by the first "rich man." If time permits, give several children an opportunity to be the "rich man."

Ask several of the children what it felt like to be begging for bread with no response. Explain that this was Lazarus' entire existence.

Ask a couple of the "rich men" to explain how they felt to have something everyone else wanted. Explain that the rich man in today's lesson had enough provision to meet the needs of others and still enjoy his wealth, but didn't help the poor at all.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the provision of Heaven through the sacrifice of Jesus. This is a powerful story and a great opportunity to share the gospel. If any children have not responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.