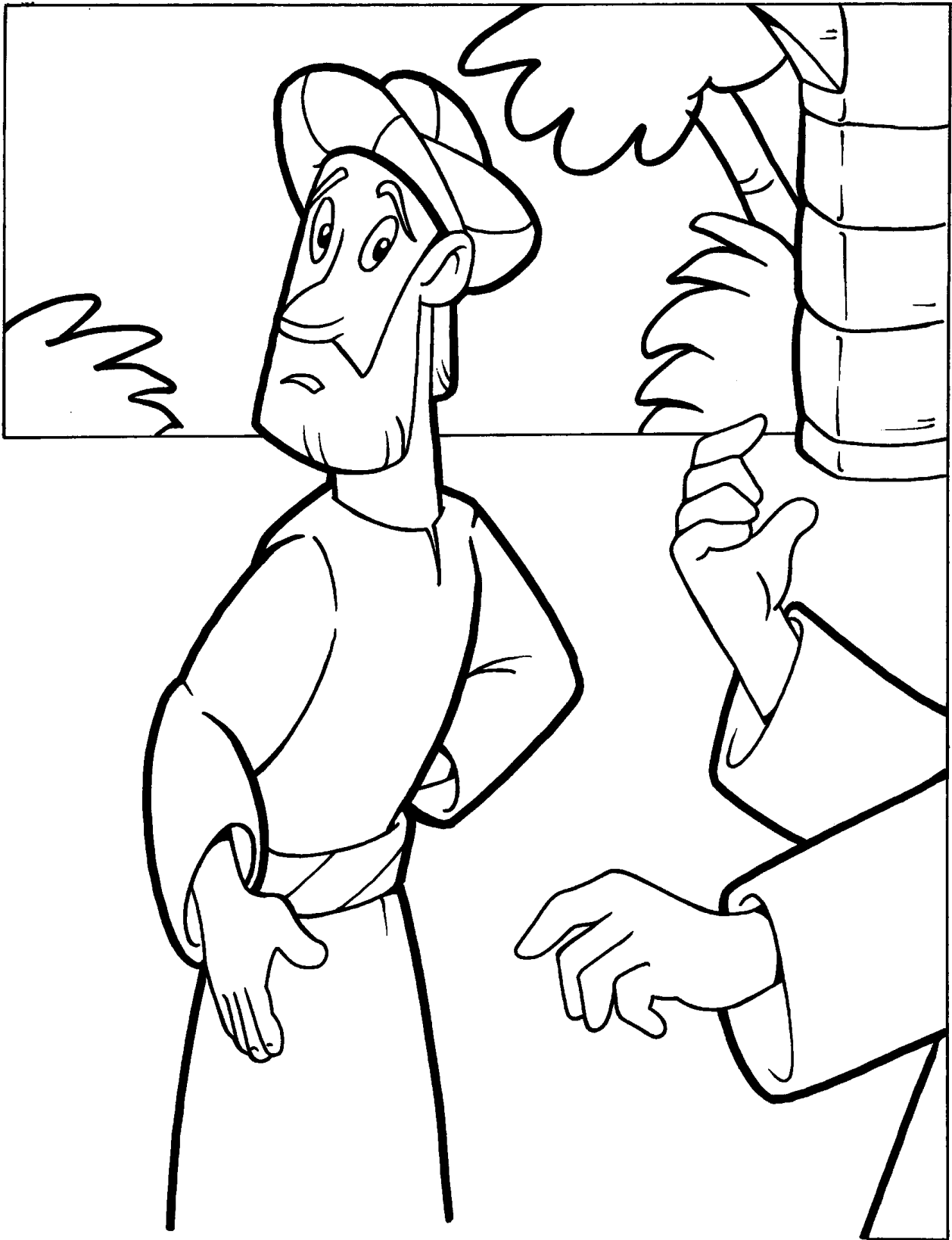


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 214: THE RICH YOUNG RULER
LUKE 18:18-27

A ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God. And you know His commands: 'You must not commit adultery, you must not murder anyone, you must not steal, you must not tell lies about others, you must respect your father and mother'" But the leader said, "I have obeyed all these commands since I was a boy." When Jesus heard this, he said to the leader, "But there is still one thing you need to do. Sell everything you have and give the money to those who are poor. You will have riches in heaven. Then come and follow me." But when the man heard Jesus tell him to give away his money, he was sad. He didn't want to do this, because he was very rich. When Jesus saw that the man was sad, he said, "It will be very hard for rich people to enter God's kingdom. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom." When the people heard this, they said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus answered, "Things that are impossible with men are possible with God."

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"Now when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, 'There is still one thing you need to do. Sell everything you have and give the money to those who are poor. You will have riches in heaven. Then come and follow me.' And when he heard this he was very sad, because he was very rich." **LUKE 18:22-23**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." LUKE 18:27

Review Questions

True or False

1. A ruler asked Jesus, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?'
2. Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God.'
3. Jesus told the ruler, 'You don't know God's commandments.'
4. God's rules are "You must not commit adultery, you must not steal, you must not murder, you must not lie about someone, and you must not honor and respect your father and your mother."
5. The young ruler said, "I have not obeyed these since I was a little boy."

Questions

1. What are some of God's commandments Jesus said in this story?
2. Did the young ruler obey these commandments all his life?
3. What did Jesus say that the young ruler still needed to do?
4. What happened when Jesus told the young ruler to sell everything he had and give it to the poor then follow Him?
5. Why was the young ruler sad?
6. What did Jesus say about rich people getting into heaven?
7. When the people asked, "Who can be saved, then?" what did Jesus answer them?

Lesson 214 Activity

Give It All to Jesus

MATERIALS:

Magazines with lots of pictures – kid magazines if available (or copies of the pictures included in this lesson)

Construction paper – one sheet for each child

Glue sticks

Scissors

A large basket or big paper bag with a sign that says “Jesus” on it

Take magazines (or you can use the printed pictures of the toys in this lesson) and instruct your students to cut out pictures of the things that they really like. Have them paste these pictures to a piece of construction paper.

When they are all done, pass a basket around the room and have your students deposit their collages in the basket or bag as an act of surrender, giving the things we really love to the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Explain that the rich young ruler struggled with giving up wealth, but our individual struggles could be over many different things. God wants us to surrender all to Him.

OPTIONAL GAME:

The Hokey Pokey

Have your class assemble in a circle around the room. Lead them in the "Hokey Pokey" song. Begin with "put your right hand in" and add individual limbs with each verse. Finish the song with "put your whole self in."

Explain to your class that this is what we must do for God; give Him our whole selves.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of confession and commitment to make Jesus first priority. If any children have not responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.



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