

Yr 2 The Rich Man and Lazarus Lesson, Luke 16:19-31

Opening Prayer: Our Father, Отче Наш. *See Prayer Posters.* Find an audio version that the children can sing with [here](#).

Gospel: [Luke 16:19-31](#) ←Click to follow link
Or listen to the Gospel told for younger children [here](#). You can watch a [video here](#)

Lesson: Appreciate and Share the Gifts that God has given us.

A parable is a story that explains something. Jesus told parables to help people understand things about God and God's kingdom.

The rich man in this parable had lots of wonderful things, didn't he? What kinds of things did he have? Discuss.

What about us – do we have wonderful things in our lives? Discuss. This is a good opportunity to build an awareness of all the gifts that we don't necessarily think of as gifts – clean water, warm clothes, doctors, even our physical abilities etc.

We are blessed to live in a place where, if we work hard, we can have a nice house, food on our table etc. We have to remember, that some people for many reasons are not able to do the same e.g. some countries are poor, some have not had good families to help them, some have other things happen in their lives etc.

The rich man in the story didn't realize that everything he had was a gift from God. He thought that he was more special than the poor man and he certainly did not share his gifts with him, did he?! Unlike the rich man, if we really understand that all we have is gift, then we will be less greedy about the things that we have. We will know that what we have is not really ours. We will realize that God loves all people and asks us to share the things that he has given us. *This is a perfect time to work on building an "Attitude of Gratitude" in the children.*

Let's make a Giving Jar that we can fill with money and share with others!

Craft: Giving Jar Craft. See craft page

In Church: Listen to the prayers that the priest prays and that we pray. Can you hear some things that we are grateful to God for? Say a special thank you to God for all that he has given you.