

Yr 2 The Rich Ruler Lesson, Luke 18:18-23

Opening Prayer: Jesus Prayer. *See Prayer Poster, Quiet the children down. It is best if they sit. Encourage them to close their eyes. Pray this prayer 10 X slowly and quietly.* This is a good prayer to help us focus on Jesus who is our true treasure. Find a sung version of it [here](#).

Gospel: [Luke 18:18-23](#) - Click to read the Gospel. Read from a Children's Bible, or watch an animated [video here](#).

Lesson: Jesus is our Treasure

What does eternal life mean? It means that we can go to heaven to live in God's Kingdom forever.

Review the ten commandments. Talk about how these are rules in life that will help us follow Jesus. They are not meant to make us sad but to make us happy because when we follow them, we will be living a good life as God wants us to so that we can live in God's Kingdom forever! *Each classroom should have a poster or posters with the ten commandments hanging on the wall.*

We know that Jesus brings the Kingdom of God to everyone. It is because of what Jesus did that we can go to heaven. When Jesus died and rose, he opened up our way to heaven. This is why we should always keep Jesus in the centre of our lives. He is our Saviour! He is our treasure!

How did the man in the story feel when Jesus told him to give up all of his treasure of money and things? He was sad because he did not realize that Jesus is the true treasure; better than anything in the world! Jesus brings love, peace, forgiveness, healing, happiness and life forever in his kingdom in heaven!

If we have lots of money can we still get to heaven? Yes! Jesus said it is hard for richer people to get to heaven (because sometimes they are tempted to think that they can do anything they want, and they don't need God) but he also said that with God all things are possible. So, we always turn to God and remember that we need him always, no matter how much money we have.

Craft: Jesus is our Treasure Craft

In Church: Look around. Do you see beautiful gold, silver and gem decorations there? They can remind us of our greatest treasure: Jesus!