



3rd-6th

# The Story @ Home

***Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story***  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2

**Lesson #2-22**  
**Mark 10:17-31**

## Story Connections

Last week, your child learned about Peter's Confession and Jesus' Transfiguration (Mark 8:27-9:8). This week, your child will continue in the book 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 young rich man who comes to Jesus asking what he can do to gain eternal life. (Mark 10:17-31).

## 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 young 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 young man to follow him and form a close relationship with him. But the young man's money proves to be an insurmountable obstacle, and so he walks away from Jesus. Jesus tells his disciples of the young 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.

## Bible Nuts and Bolts: Culture/Customs

Customs and cultures of today are very different in many ways from the first century Palestine era of this Bible story. Your child discovered the differences and similarities in housing, clothing, and more by playing a simple matching game.

## Learning the Story

Any passage of Scripture has innumerable themes and lessons for your child. However, a single lesson cannot cover everything. The following themes were the focus of this lesson.

A rich young man comes to Jesus and asks how he can inherit eternal life. A young man approaches Jesus and falls to his knees, asking what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to keep the commandments. The man replies that he has been doing so since he was a little boy. Jesus tells the man that he loves him and wants him to come and follow him, but first he must do one thing.

Jesus tells the rich man to give away all of his money; the man sadly walks away. Jesus sees that, though he means well, the man's heart is attached to his wealth. Jesus tells the man he love him, and wants him to follow him, but first he asks him to do one thing. Jesus tells the man to give all he owns to the poor and then to come and follow Jesus. But even though the man loves Jesus, he cannot part with his riches, and so he walks away.

Jesus tells his disciples that with God, all things are possible. 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. Only with God are all things possible!

## Spiritual Practice: Service

A love of money was the rich man's weakness. He put his money first. When we use our money to help others rather than spending it on ourselves, we put God first. The Living the Story activity had your child putting God first by creating donation boxes in order to gather coins to donate in order to help others.

# Try it @ HOME

## Lesson #2-22 Mark 10:17-31

### Last Week/ Next Week

Last week, your child learned about Peter's Confession and Jesus' Transfiguration, a blend of stories involving the Transfiguration and Peter's declaration of Jesus as the Messiah. This week, your child learned about the story of a young rich man as he questions Jesus about how to enter the kingdom and is surprised by Jesus's answer.

### Family Devotions

As you learn the stories this week and every week, reflect upon what God has to say to you and your family. Let the power of prayer in your heart and in this story help bring your family closer together this week, perhaps with these prompts below. Sing praises to God and proclaim God's glory as you celebrate the truth of God together.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 6:24	Mark 12:30	1 Timothy 6:10	Ecclesiastes 5:10a	Exodus 20:3	Matthew 6:33a	James 2:10
Just as we cannot follow different directions from two people at one time, we can't serve both God and money. Pass a penny around the table while committing as a family to serving God before money.	Say this verse out loud with your family, and create gestures to go with the words such as a heart shape with your fingers, pointing at your chest for soul, touching your head for mind.	Sometimes too much money can actually be a bad thing! We can get lost in loving the idea of being rich, and lose focus of our love for God. Close your eyes and open your hands and give God your full attention.	Do you ever feel that what you have is just not quite enough? Stop and think about all you have instead of what you don't, and give thanks to God with all of your heart.	The first commandment in the Bible teaches us to love God above all other things. Hold up your pointer finger and cheer for God together, possibly with the words, "God is Number One!"	God's kingdom should come first, before anything else in our lives. Go around the family dinner table and give thanks for God's love today above all other things in your life.	If we tell most of the truth, but leave out one or two important details, the truth is not being told. When we follow God's commandments, but leave out one or two details, are we following God's directions? As a family, say the commandments together and make a group pledge to follow them all to the best of your ability.