

**KIDS
3RD-6TH**

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THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

Luke 16:19-31

Key Verse:

“[Abraham] said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Luke 16:31

The Point:

God calls us to care for those others do not.

Making Connections:

Journey to the Cross

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Translation

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

Last week, we read in Luke 15:1-32 the Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and Prodigal Son. All three parables in this story paint a picture of repentance and a loving God who seeks us and rejoices when we return to God. In this week's story, we learn about repentance through a different kind of seeking done by God: God seeks to care for those who are poor and neglected in the world.

Story Summary:

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a man who was poor named Lazarus. The rich man lived extravagantly. Lazarus lived near the rich man but went hungry every day. Lazarus wished for the rich man's table scraps, but the rich man ignored him.

Soon, both men die. When he dies, Lazarus is carried to be by Abraham's side in blessedness, but, the rich man is sent to a place of suffering. He sees Lazarus with Abraham, and asks Abraham to have mercy on him. The rich man wants Lazarus to bring him relief from the agony he is facing. However, Abraham denies the rich man's request, reminding him that, while he was living, the rich man got to experience good things, and Lazarus did not. Now, the situation is reversed: Lazarus gets to experience good things, while the rich man does not.

The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's house, in order to warn his brothers about his situation, to which Abraham says no. Abraham tells the rich man that his brothers have the law and the prophets to listen to, and they should obey them. The rich man tells Abraham that if someone visits them from the dead, they will repent;

however, the story ends by Abraham telling the rich man that if they do not listen to the law and the prophets, then they will not listen to someone who is raised from the dead.

The Point

God calls us to care for those others do not. God cares and provides for those who do not have the necessities of life. We are called to take part in what God is doing. Today's story is one of many stories in the Bible that illustrate how those who are in need are cared for by God. As people of faith, we are also called to pray for, serve, and work for justice on behalf of those who feel abandoned and neglected by society.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

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Spiritual Practice: Prayer

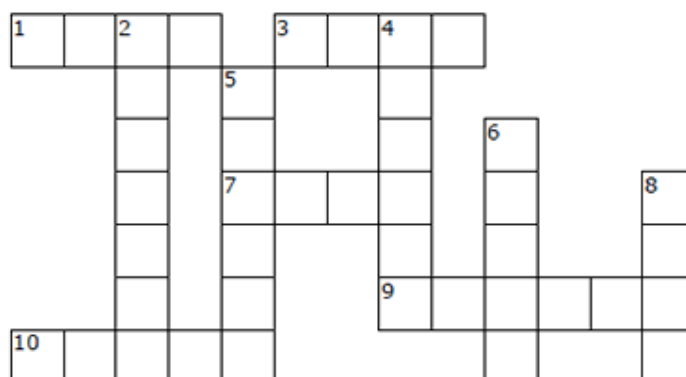
As Christians, we are called to live lives of prayer. We pray for all people in the world, including those who are neglected and ignored like Lazarus. Prayer is one of many ways in which we can care for those who are on the margins of society. In today's lesson, your class will pray for those in our world who do not have what they need for a healthy life.



The Rich Man and Lazarus

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This puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)



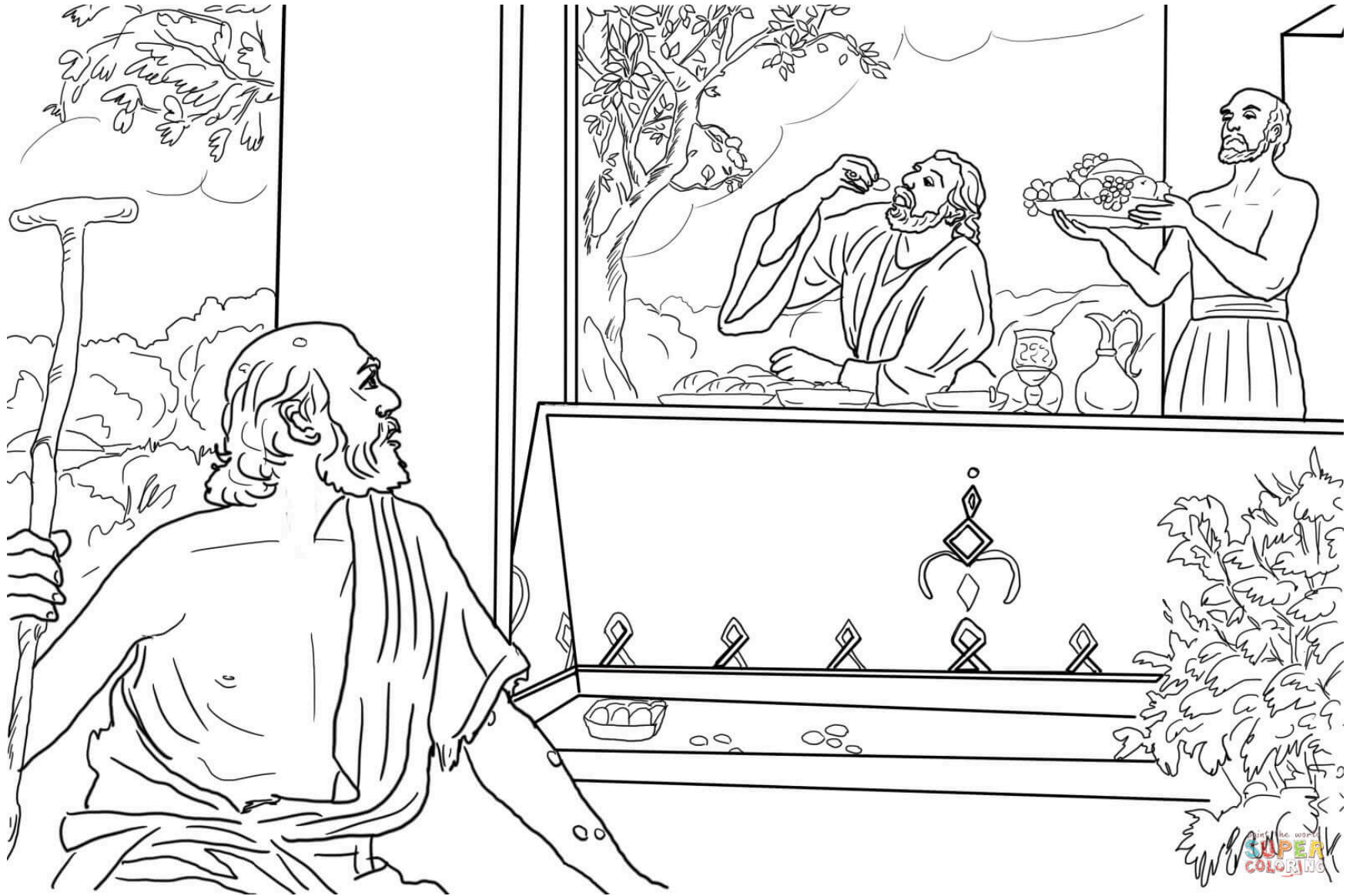
ACROSS

1. Having a lot of money or valuable possessions
3. To tell someone of possible danger or harm
7. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit
9. The fleshy part in the mouth that is used in tasting
10. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid essential for most plant and animal life

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2. To soothe someone in a time of pain or suffering
4. To change your behavior because you are sorry for what you have done
5. A poor person who lives by asking others for money or food
6. Extreme physical or mental pain or suffering
8. Stopped living

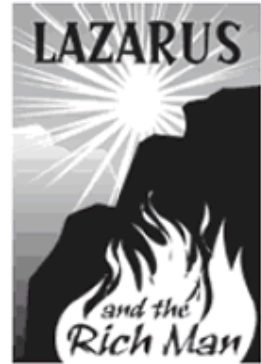
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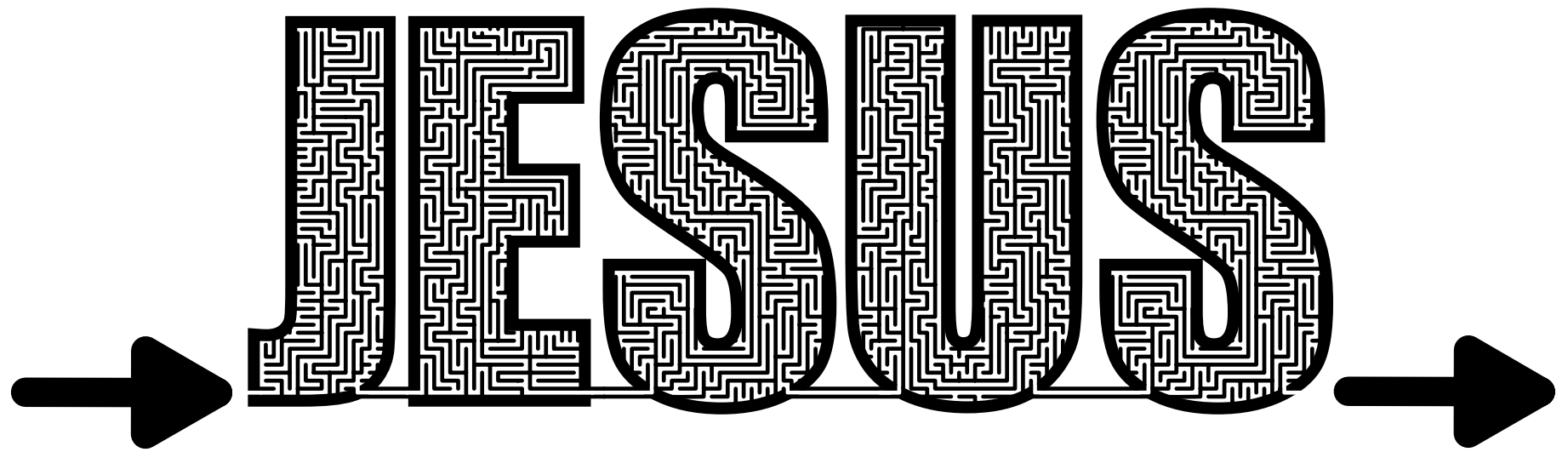
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GOOD	TABLE	LICKED	PURPLE	DRESSED
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BURIED	SORES	FINGER	REPENT	LUXURY





THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

Lesson #3-29
Luke 16:19-31

LAST WEEK

Jesus tells three parables. In the first two, when a sheep or a coin is lost, a great effort is exerted to find it. The third is the Parable of the Prodigal Son, where the father rejoices when a wandering son returns (Luke 15:1-32).

THIS WEEK

Jesus tells a story of a rich man and a man who was poor named Lazarus. They both die, and while Lazarus is comforted, the rich man suffers. Each experiences the opposite of what happened in their lives (Luke 16:19-31).

THE POINT

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STORY SUMMARY

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Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a man who was poor named Lazarus. Lazarus went hungry, but the rich man ignored him. Both men die. Lazarus goes to a place of comfort with Abraham, but the rich man is sent to a place of suffering. He sees Lazarus with Abraham, and asks to have Lazarus bring him relief. Abraham refuses because while the man was living, he lived in comfort, and Lazarus suffered. Now, the situation is reversed. The man then asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, but Abraham says that if they do not listen to Scripture, then they will not listen to someone who is raised from the dead.

PRACTICE PRAYER

We pray for all people in the world, including those who are ignored like Lazarus. Prayer is one way to care for those who do not have the things they need for a healthy life. This week, watch or read the news together and pray for those who are in need.

NEXT WEEK

Jesus teaches his disciples that he will soon suffer and die in Jerusalem. He then heals a man who is blind and accepts the repentance of a rich tax collector named Zacchaeus (Luke 18:31-19:10).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✝ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Luke 16:19-31

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus reminds us that God loves everyone, especially those who feel abandoned. Make a list of people in your community who might feel abandoned. How can you show love to them?

Monday—Read Luke 16:1-13

We are reminded that serving God is important. What is one way you can serve God this week? Plan a small project for your family to do together.

Tuesday—Read Luke 16:14-18

We are all encouraged to serve God and live in God's kingdom. Try reading or listening to the Bible passage in a different translation, which you can find online. Is it easier or harder to understand? Why?

Wednesday—Read Luke 17:11-19

Though ten men were healed of leprosy, only one—the outsider—praised and thanked God for the miracle. Draw a picture of something you would like to praise and thank God for today.

Thursday—Read Luke 18:1-14

Jesus tells two parables. The first is about a widow asking for justice who receives it because of her persistence. The second compares the empty prayer of a self-righteous Pharisee and a repentant prayer of a tax collector. Act out these stories.

Friday—Read Luke 18:15-17

Even when the disciples try to turn them away, Jesus blesses the children. Get a bowl of water. Dip your finger in the water and use it to trace a cross on each other's forehead or hand, while you bless each member of your family.

Saturday—Read Luke 18:18-30

Sometimes, being a follower of Jesus means giving our whole lives to God. Think of one thing you might be able to "give up" today or tomorrow to help you focus more on God. Use the time you would spend doing that activity for prayer and listening to God.