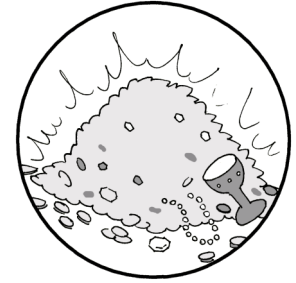


Lesson #2-25***Jesus and the Rich Man***

Mark 10:17-31

**Key Verse:**

[Jesus said] "You lack one thing: go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor... then come, follow me."

Mark 10:21

The Point:

Living in God's kingdom is not about possessions, but about our love toward others.

Unit Theme (March 1—March 22)

The Call to Serve

Doorway to the Kingdom

Participate in a moving object lesson.

You will need:

- † Chair or card table
- † Blanket
- † Large garbage bags
- † Crumpled paper

Preparation:

1. Fill the bags with the crumpled paper.

Instructions:

1. In today's story, the young rich man loved his money too much to give it away even when Jesus tells him to. Sometimes it is hard to let go of things, even when we know we should. But what happens when our stuff gets to be too much, and we cannot fit through the doorway?
2. Make a small "doorway" by putting a blanket over a chair or table. **Let's pretend this is our entrance to God's kingdom.**
3. Bring out the garbage bags that are stuffed with the crumpled paper. **Now, let's pretend that these are bags of money and things we really like. Can we get through the doorway with our bags?**
4. Give each student a large bag, and encourage them to go through the entrance.
5. **With the entrance so small, and our bags so big, we found out that we had to let the money go in order to get through the entrance. That is what Jesus was really saying to the young man. Jesus was telling him that God and other people come first, before any of our stuff.**