

Hide a surprise for your children somewhere in your home. Give kids instructions to find the treasure. After kids have found the hidden item, read Matthew 19:16-30 together. Ask kids to tell you what the ruler treasured. Discuss some of the items your family treasures and remind kids that a relationship with Jesus and His gift of salvation are the greatest treasures we could ever have.

Toward Jerusalem

The Rich Young Ruler

Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30

Preschool

Key Passage: Luke 18:31

Big Picture Question: Why was the rich young ruler sad? He loved other things more than he loved Jesus.

Christ Connection: *The rich young ruler loved his things more than he loved Jesus. Jesus wants us to be happy to give up anything to follow Him. Jesus is better than any treasure on earth. When we trust Jesus, we get eternal life.*

Kids

Key Passage: Luke 18:31

Big Picture Question: Can a person earn his way into heaven by doing good deeds? No, salvation is a gift from God.

Christ Connection: *The rich young ruler loved his possessions more than he loved Jesus. Jesus asks us to be willing to give up everything and follow Him because He is ultimately the only One worth following. Jesus is better than any treasure on earth. As people who know and love Jesus, we receive eternal life.*

