WEEKLY RESOURCES

Sunday February 20

Parable of the Richman and Lazarus

In Luke 16, Jesus taught His disciples about money. The Pharisees listened, and they did not like what they heard. The Pharisees loved money. (See Luke 16:14.) Then Jesus told them a parable about two men. The first man was rich, wearing expensive clothes and feasting daily. The second man, whose name was Lazarus, was poor and sick. He sat outside the rich man's gate. Lazarus suffered greatly, and he died. Then the rich man died too.

Nothing the rich man had on earth helped him in eternity. The parable reveals that the rich man went to Hades. *Hades* is a Greek word that translates to "hell," the place of the dead. Luke says that the rich man was in torment there. (Luke 16:23) He looked up and saw Abraham, the father of the Jewish faith. At Abraham's side was the poor man, Lazarus.

Lazarus was comforted in heaven while the rich man suffered in hell. There is a great chasm between heaven and hell, and no one can cross it. No one can change his mind and trust in Jesus after he has died. Lazarus was saved by faith, but the rich man was consumed by his wealth. He devoted his life to living in luxury, and he did not love God or other people. In his suffering, he asked Abraham to warn his brothers.

Abraham refused. Sending Lazarus would not help. The rich man's brothers had access to God's Word, and Scripture is clear about salvation. Even a miracle would not convince the brothers, as Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead and the religious leaders still plotted to kill Him. (See John 11:43-53.)

Those who receive salvation from Jesus have changed hearts; they treasure Jesus above any earthly treasure. Getting into heaven has nothing to do with who you know, what you wear, or what you do. Entering into heaven requires faith in Jesus, the Son of God.

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Bible Story: Parable of the Wedding Feast

Luke 16:19–31 ● Read the bolded text for younger kids.

Jesus had been teaching His disciples. He told them parables, or stories, to help them understand things about God and His kingdom. One day, Jesus told His disciples a parable about a rich man and a poor man.

Jesus said, "Every day, a rich man dressed in nice clothes—**purple and fine linen.** He ate whatever he wanted. But a poor man named Lazarus sat at the rich man's gate. **Lazarus's body was covered with sores,** and he was hungry. **Lazarus wished he could eat even the crumbs and scraps of food that fell on the floor under the rich man's table. Instead, wild dogs came and licked his sores.**

"One day, Lazarus died. The angels carried him to heaven, where Abraham was. The rich man died too, and he was buried. The rich man did not go to heaven; **he suffered without God in the place where there is sadness and pain.** The rich man looked up, and he could see Abraham far away in heaven with Lazarus.

"The rich man called out, 'Father Abraham! **Have mercy on me!** Send Lazarus to help me. **I am suffering!**'

"Abraham replied, 'Son, remember your life. You had so many good things, and Lazarus had nothing but trouble. Now Lazarus is comforted here, while you are suffering.'

"Then Abraham said, 'There is a great divide between us, like a pit, and no one from here can cross over to you; neither can anyone from there cross over to us.'

"The rich man said, 'Then **father Abraham,** please send Lazarus to my father's house on earth. I have five brothers. He could warn them so that they will not come to this place of suffering and pain too.'

"But Abraham said, 'They have the Scriptures—**the Law of Moses and the writings of the prophets.** They should read and learn from that.' "The rich man argued, 'No, father Abraham!

But if someone came ***to them from the dead, then they will repent.*** *They will turn from their sin and turn to God.'*

"But Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to the Scriptures, **to Moses and the prophets,** then they will not listen even if someone comes back from the dead.' "

Christ Connection: Those who receive salvation from Jesus have changed hearts; they treasure Jesus above any earthly treasure. Getting into heaven has nothing to do with who you know, what you wear, or what you do. Entering into heaven requires faith in Jesus, the Son of God.

Key Passage: Matthew 13:10-11

The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

Big Picture Question

Preschool: What is heaven? Heave is a place where God is.

Elementary: What happens when we die? Those who trust in Jesus will be with God forever. Those who reject Him will suffer without God forever.

Bible Story Review

Preschool/Kindergarten

1. What was the rich man's life like? (He dressed in nice clothes. He had a nice house. He ate wonderful foods.)
2. What was the poor man name Lazarus' life like? (He was hungry, He didn't have a house, but sat outside the rich man's house.)
3. Where did the rich mango after he died? (To a place without God, where he was in pain.)
4. Where did Lazarus go when he died? (To heaven, where he was no longer hungry, hurting or sad.)
5. What is heaven? Heave is a place where God is.
6. What did the rich man want Lazarus to do? (To go to the rich man's fathers house and tell his brothers how to go to heaven.)

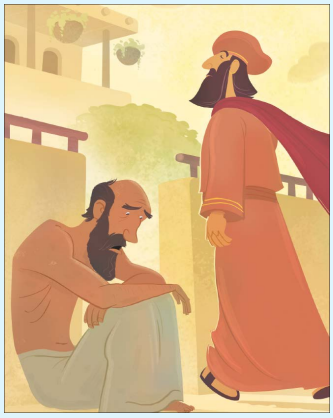
Where can we learn about God and how to get to heaven? (in the Bible.)

Elementary Kids

1. How much money did the man give each of his servants? (five talents, two talents, and one talent; Matt. 25:15)
2. How many talents did the servant with five talents earn? (five more, Matt. 25:16)
3. How many talents did the servant with two talents earn? (two more, Matt. 25:17)
4. What did the servant with one talent do? (He buried the talent in the ground, Matt. 25:18)
5. What did the master say to the servants who earned more money? ("Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matt. 25:21,23)
6. What did the mast r do with the servant's one talent? (He gave it to the servant with 10 talents, Matt. 25:28)

Christ Connection

Jesus taught in parables so His followers would understand how to live in anticipation of His second coming.

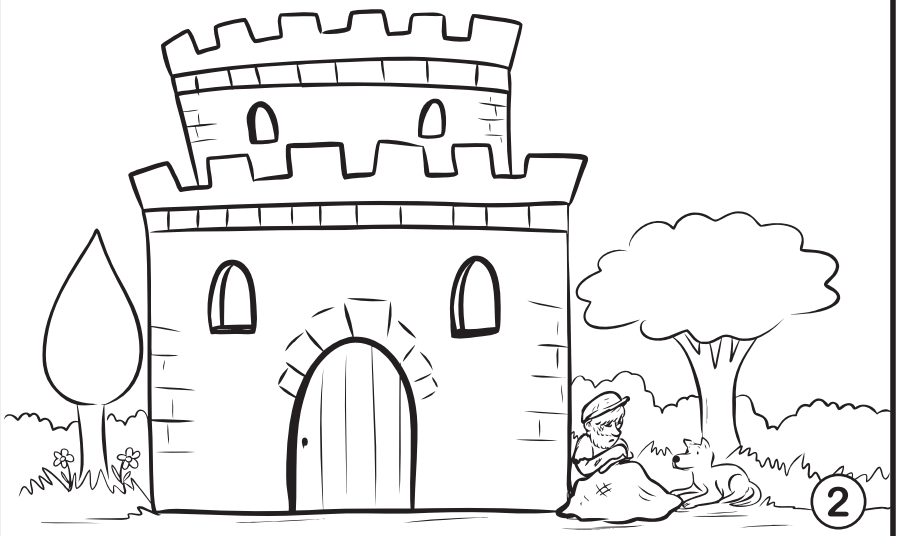


The Bible says that God gives every believer different abilities, and everyone's gift or strength is important. (See 1 Cor. 12:4-6,14-23.) Believers can work together to serve others and tell them about Jesus.

10 MINUTES OF QUALITY TIME

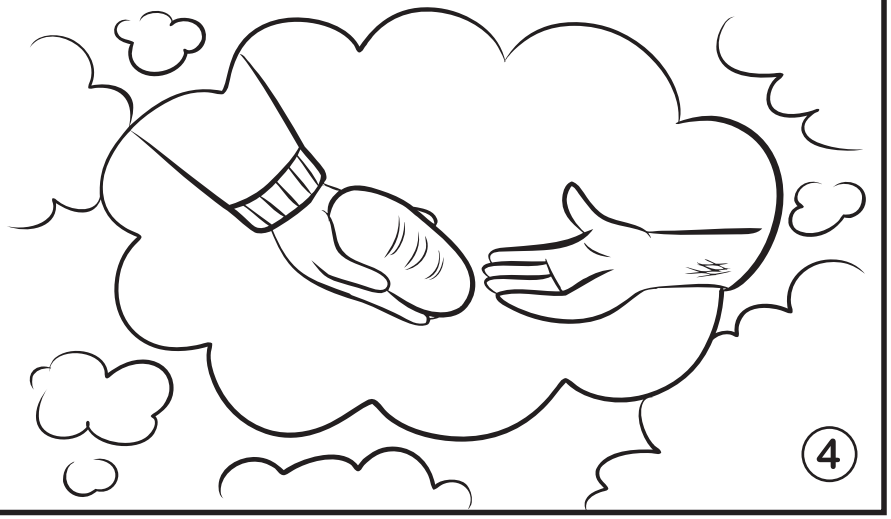
The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Outside the house of a rich man, lived a poor man called Lazarus.



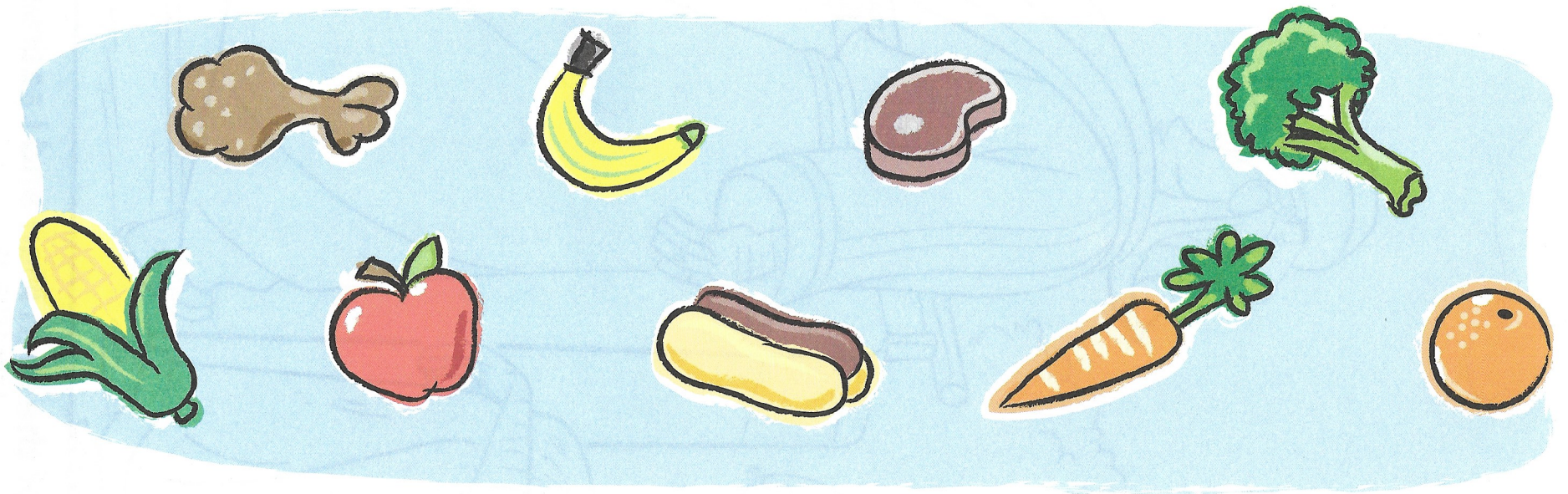
Lazarus was hungry and in a lot of pain, but the rich man ignored him and did not help.

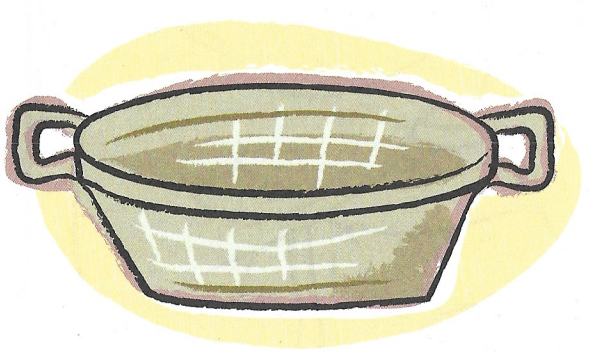
When Lazarus entered heaven and the rich man did not, the rich man realized he was wrong and should have helped poor Lazarus.

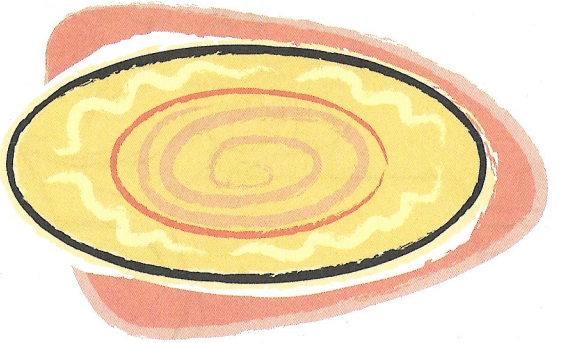


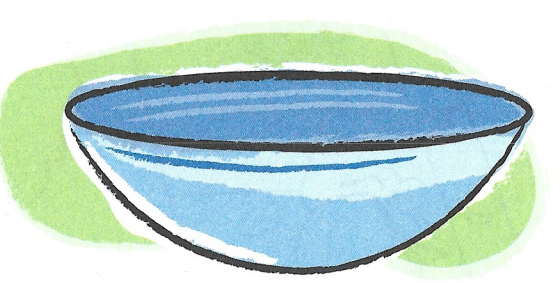
Sort Food

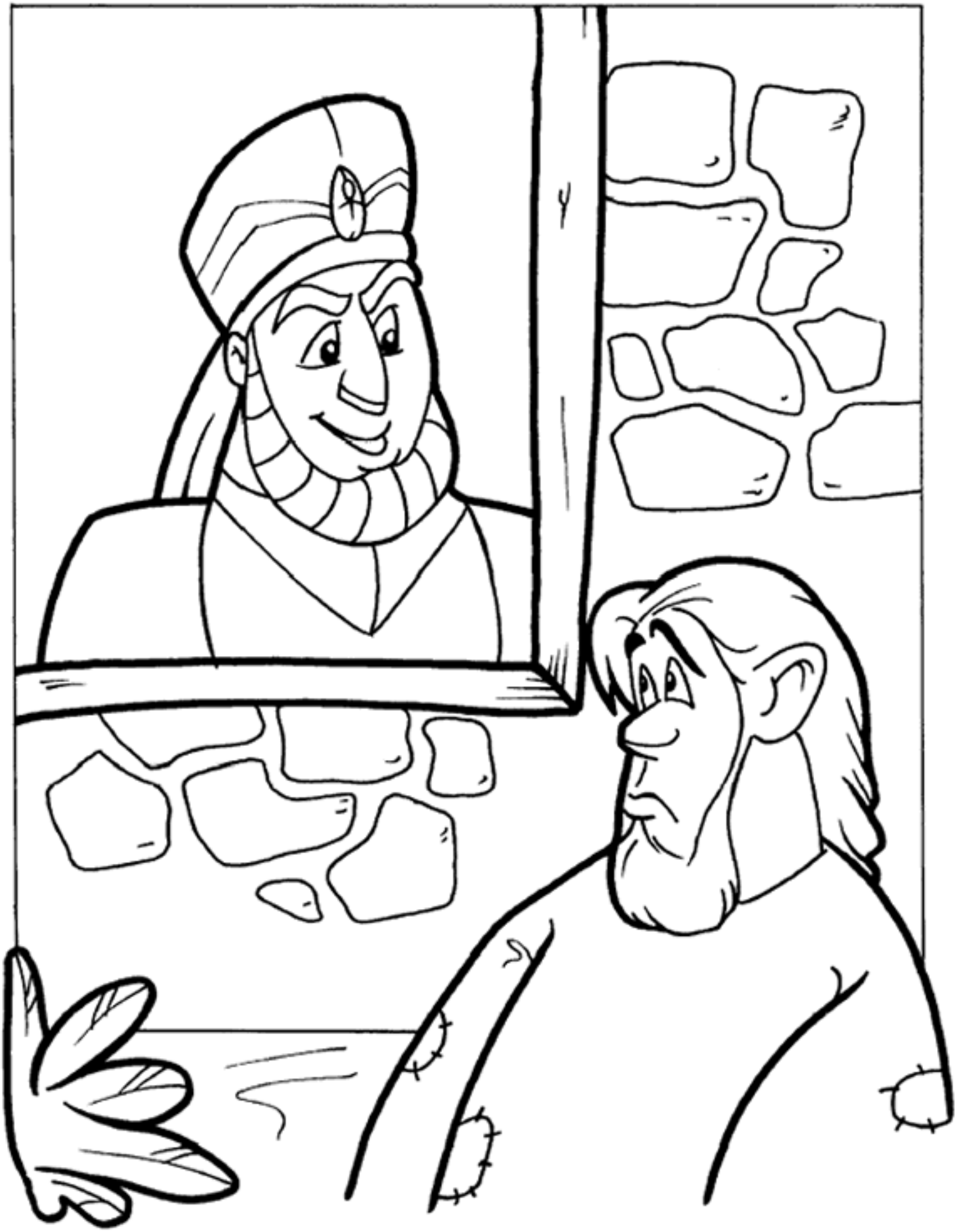
Instructions: Jesus told a story about a rich man who had plenty to eat and a poor man who did not have any food at all. Draw a line from the fruits to the basket. Draw a line from vegetables to the bowl. Draw a line from the meats to the plate.







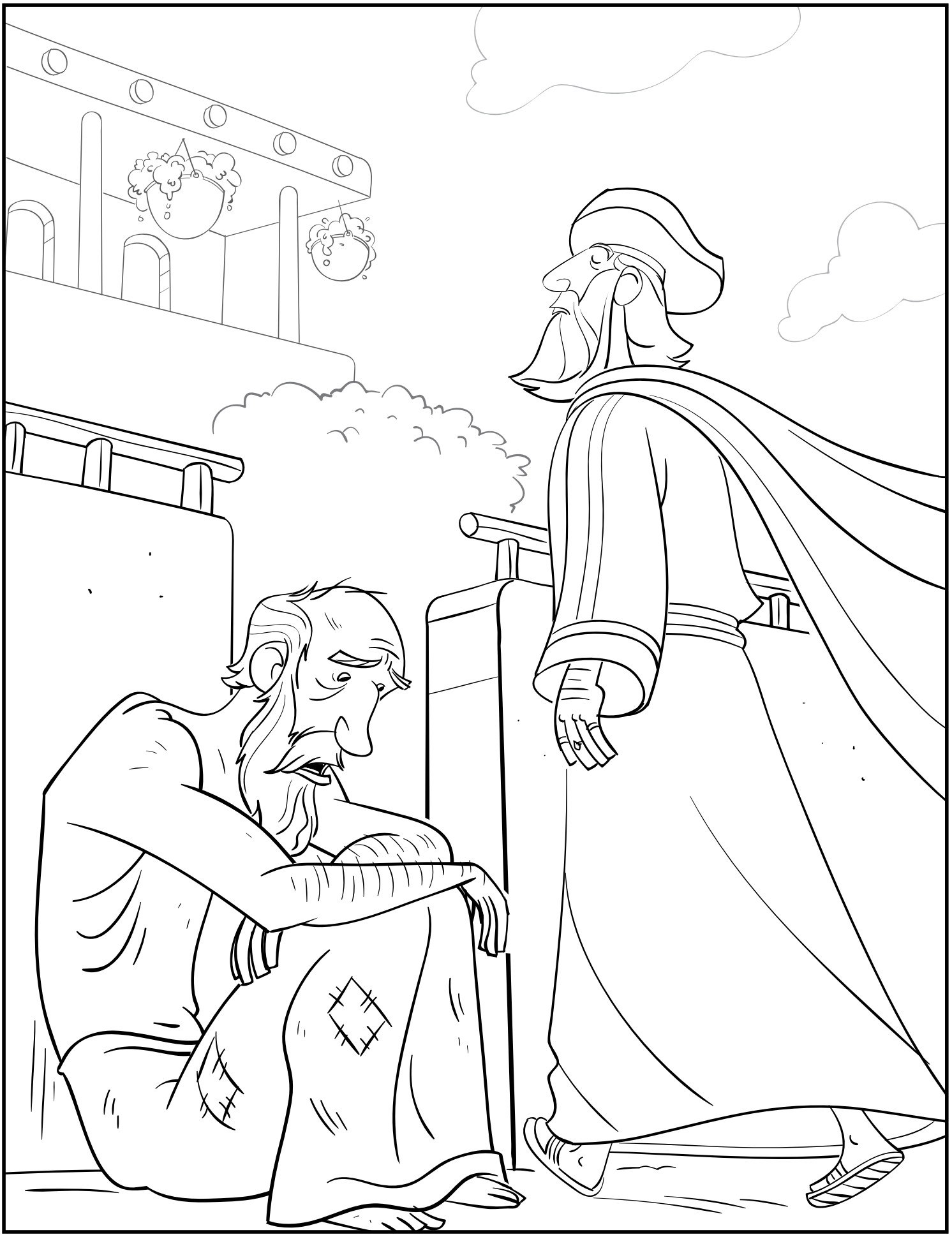




THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS LUKE 16:19-31

Letter Names

Instructions: We will learn about two people in today's Bible story. Arrange the lowercase letters to form two words in the blanks to the left. Arrange the uppercase letters to form one word in the blank to the right.



THE GOSPEL PROJECT

Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

The Happy Master

Instructions: Find the six points on the grid and then connect them with a line to discover a message from the happy master. (Tip: Move across the bottom first, and then up the grid.)

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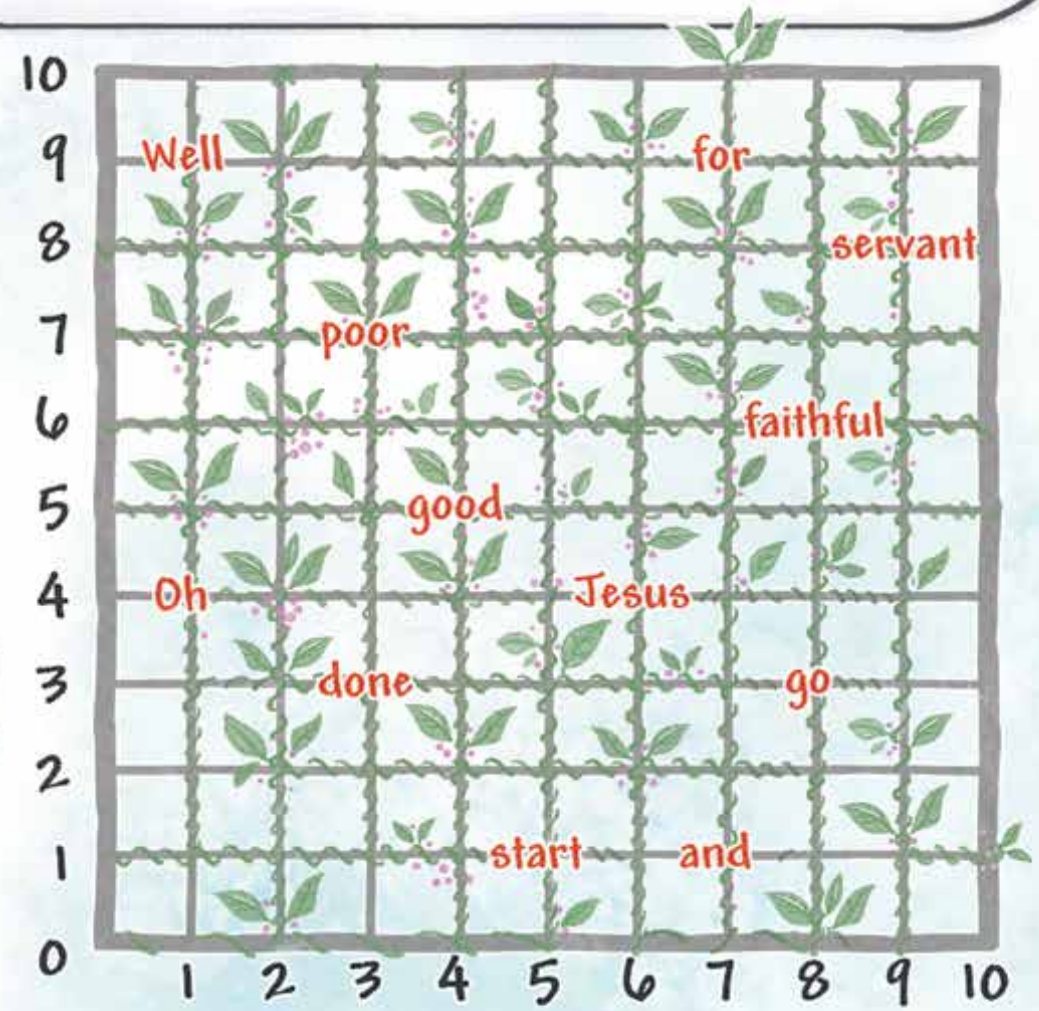

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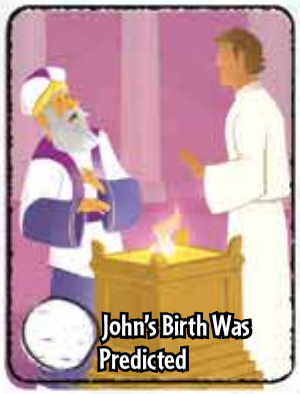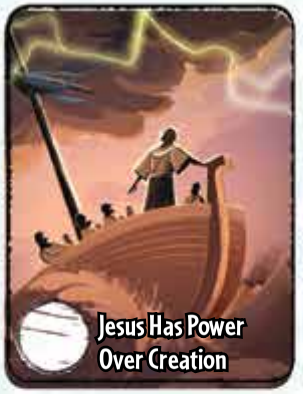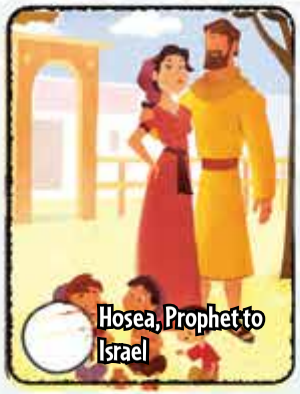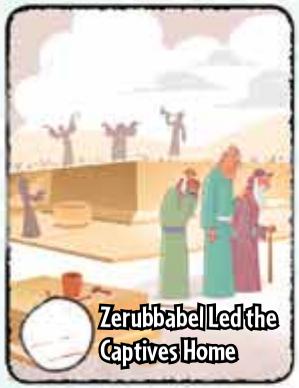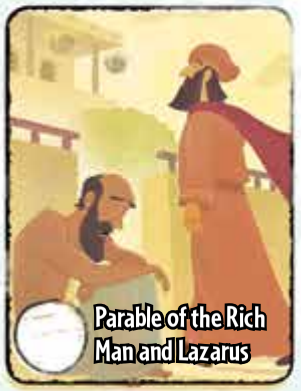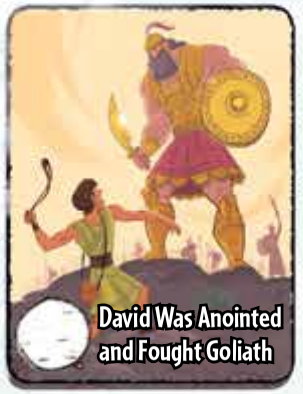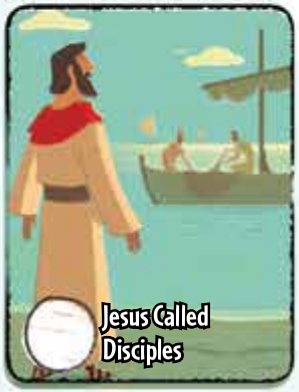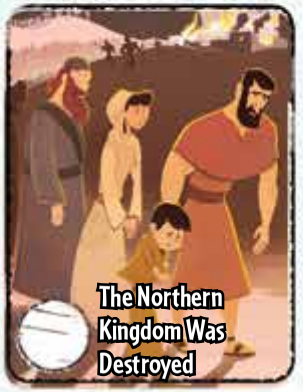
Instructions: Number the Bible stories in chronological order.