



# A Rich Man's Question

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Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-27

One day Jesus was walking with His friends. A rich young man ran up to Him. "Teacher, what should I do so that I can live forever?" the young man asked Jesus.

Jesus looked at the man. Jesus said, "You must obey God's rules. Do not kill. Do not take things that do not belong to you. Do not say things that are not true. Show love to your father and mother. Be kind to people."

The rich young man knew these rules. He had learned them when he was a young boy. "Teacher, I have obeyed God's rules since I was a boy," the man said.

Jesus loved this man. Jesus was glad the man had obeyed God's rules. But Jesus knew the man loved his money more than he loved God. So Jesus told him, "You must do one more thing: Sell everything you have. Share the money with others who do not have food and clothes. Then follow Me." Jesus wanted the young man to do good things for others.

The young man's face suddenly became sad. He looked down at the ground. He was very rich. He had lots of money and good things. But he did not want to share. He did not want to do what Jesus said. So the rich young man slowly walked away.

Jesus turned to His friends and said, "It is hard for people who love money to love and obey God."

"You need God's help to love and obey Him," Jesus told His friends. "With God's help, anyone can live with Me forever."

# Thankful Books

## Collect

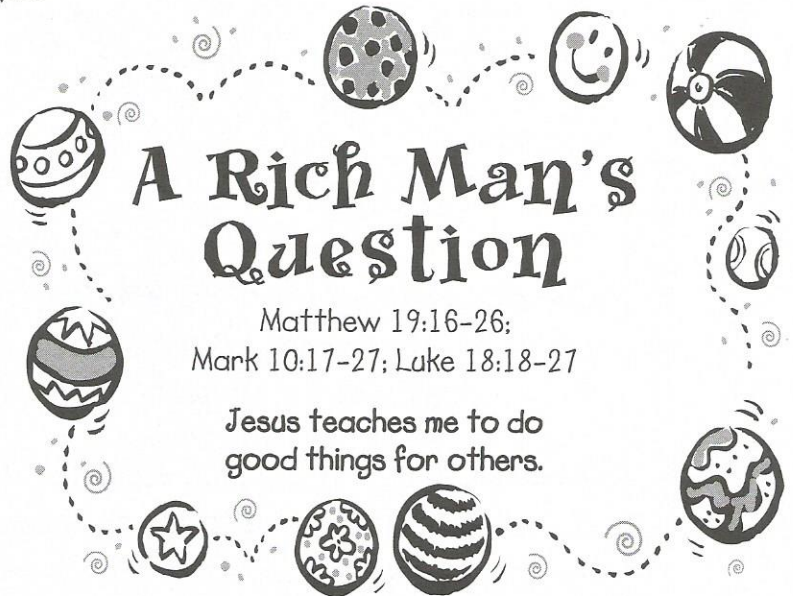
Bible, marker, construction paper, magazine or catalog pictures of objects children might share (toys, food, clothing, books, etc.), glue, stapler.

## Prepare

For each child, prepare a sheet of paper as shown in sketch a, leaving spaces to print children's names.

## Do

Write children's names twice at top of pages. In the open area of their pages, children glue pictures of objects they could share with others. Staple the pages together to make a book and write other children's names once at the bottom of pages (see sketch b). Read completed book aloud to children.



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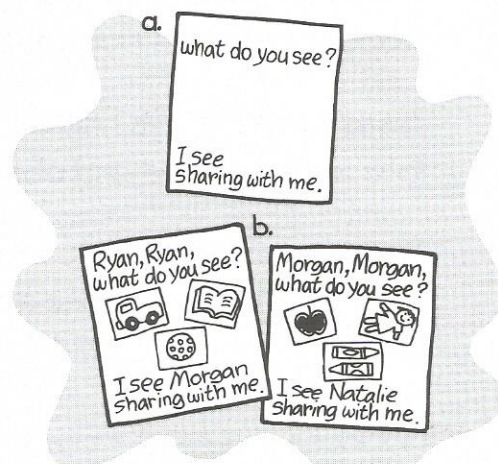
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## Talk About

- ☀ Our Bible story today tells about a man who had lots of money. He probably had lots of clothes to wear, too. Jesus told him to share what he had with poor people. Let's make a book with pictures of things we can share.
- ☀ Megan, I see you are gluing a picture of a doll on your paper. Sharing dolls with our friends means we take turns playing with the dolls. What is the name of someone in our class you could share with?
- ☀ Sharing is a way we can show God's love. Who are some people that you can share with at your house, Maureen?

## Enrichment Ideas

1. Cut a large sheet of butcher paper. Invite children to glue pictures onto butcher paper to create a mural of things they can share. Display the mural in your classroom.
2. Give each child a sheet of construction paper. Across the top write "Things I can share." Invite children to collect classroom objects. Using markers, children trace around objects on paper. Label each object. Display children's papers.





A rich young man came running to Jesus.  
The man wanted to know how to get eternal life.