

A Rich Man

Aim: to remind ourselves to put following Jesus at the top of our priorities!

Occasion: Ordinary Sunday 28

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Game: (for younger children) **hula hoop challenge!**

What you need: At least one hula hoop. Two or three is better, but not essential. If you can't find a hula hoop, make a loop out of hose or plastic.

What to do: Get the children to stand in a circle. The leader puts the hula hoop over their arm and gets the group to join hands. The challenge is to get the hula hoop right around the circle without letting your hands go! Everyone will have to 'go through the eye of the hula hoop' in order to complete the challenge.

Variation: If you are able to, send two or three hula hoops around the circle going in different directions and starting at different places!

Another variation would be to vary the sizes of the hoops. See how small a hoop they can get through.

Game: (for older children) **Island**

Preparation: you need a large rug or piece of material

What to do: spread out the material on the floor and have the children stand around the edge. Challenge them all to stand on the rug at once without touching the floor. (It should be easy!) Then ask them to get off it.

Fold the material in half and then challenge them to all stand on the rug again.

The object of the game is to see how small you can get the material without people stepping off the rug and touching the floor.

Variation: Split the children into two teams. See which team can get the material the smallest without standing on the ground.

Another variation would be to use five or six sheets of newspaper spread on the floor at different places. Get the children to walk around the space. When you call out 'Island!' they must stand on a piece of newspaper. For the next round, remove one sheet of newspaper. If people stand on the ground, they are 'out'. The game ends when there is only one or two people left.

Story: (Mark 10:17 -31) A Rich Man

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He knelt down, and asked, "Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. 'Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Respect your father and mother.'"

The man answered, "Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man."

Jesus looked closely at the man. He liked him and said, "There's one thing you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me."

When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich.



Activity: Scripture bracelets

[Camel scripture tag](#)

What you need: Lots of beads of different sizes, different thicknesses of thread and wool, copies of the scripture tag with holes punched into it.

Preparation: have a go at making a couple of examples. Make sure that some of the beads you have are difficult to thread!!!!

What to do: Explain to the children that they are going to make scripture bracelets today to help them to remember the story. Encourage them to experiment with the different threads and beads to see which work best.

Cut a length of thread/wool that would fit around your wrist three times. (this gives you plenty to work with). At one end, thread a large bead onto the end and knot it so the bead can't move along the thread.

Thread on beads as you like, but remember to thread on a scripture tag. (punch holes at either end of the tag to aid threading!).

When it is long enough to fit around your wrist, knot the last bead like you did the first. Then tie the bracelet onto your arm!

Variations: The older children (particularly boys!) might prefer to make dog tags rather than bracelets. In this case, only punch one hole in the scripture tag and make sure you have lots of wooden beads rather than pretty beads for them to use.

