

**THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY**  
**CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)**

**Lesson#71**

**Date:**

**SUBJECT:** The Rich Young Man and the Riches of this World

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

**AIM:** To show the children that it pleases the Lord when we love Him above all things and that they should always ask the Lord to help them to choose Him.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**Ecclesiastes 5:10a “He who loves money will not be satisfied ...”**

**CONTENT:** When the Lord Jesus walked upon the earth, people were always coming up to Him to ask Him questions. He was the wisest man they had ever seen. His words were always so wonderful. One day a young man came and knelt on his knees before the Lord Jesus and asked Him a very important question. He asked the Lord, “What good thing must I do to have eternal life.” Now eternal life means to live with the Lord forever. The Lord told him to keep God’s commandments which are written in the Bible. Do you remember these commandments? (Give the children time to answer this question.)

Jesus said that the Bible says you shall not steal, you shall not lie against another person and you must honor your mother and father. Also you must love your neighbor as yourself. Remember that was one of your memory verses when you heard the story of the Good Samaritan.

Well, the young man said that he had always done these things. Do you think he was honest with the Lord? I really doubt that he was so good that he had always obeyed the commandments. Anyway, the Lord Jesus who loves all people loved this young man and told him to go sell what he had and give it to the poor and then come and follow Him. If he followed the Lord, he would have treasure in heaven.

The young man sadly turned away from the Lord and went away because he had treasure on earth. He was rich. Sadly, he loved all his things more than the Lord. Even, more sadly he didn’t ask the Lord to HELP him to follow Him. Then Jesus told His disciples that when we love so many things on this earth it is so difficult for us to love Him more than these things.

If the young rich man had asked the Lord Jesus to help him, do you think the Lord would have done so? Of course, the Lord would have helped him. You see, the young man loved the things that he owned more than the Lord and he did not ask the Lord to help him to choose the Lord over his possessions.

Do you have toys and nice clothes? You even have a nice place to live and loving parents. All these things were given to you by the Lord and you must love Him more than all these things.