

Lesson Plan

Heaven is a free gift (Younger Kids)

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9 –

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast"

Lesson: Matthew 19:16-26 (The Rich Young Man)

One day, a rich young man came to Jesus and asked,

"What do I need to do to live forever with God?"

Jesus said, "Follow God's rules—like being kind, telling the truth, and loving others."

The young man said, "I already do those things!"

Then Jesus said, "There's one more thing. Share what you have with people who need it. Then come follow Me."

But the young man was sad. He had a lot of stuff, and he didn't want to give it away. So he walked away.

Jesus turned to His friends and said,

"It's really hard for people who love their stuff more than God to be part of God's kingdom."

But Jesus also said, "With God, anything is possible!"

Main Idea:

You don't have to earn God's love. He gives it to you for free! All you have to do is trust Him and follow Him.

Small Group Questions:

- 1** What did the rich man not want to give up?
- 2** Why do you think Jesus told him to share?
- 3** Can we get to heaven by being really good, or is it a gift from God?
- 4** What are some ways we can show we love Jesus?