

# LightUnit 403

## Section 1

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### Lesson 1: Who Really Was the Rich Man? Pages 1-6

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Luke 16:19-31

#### Objectives

1. To understand that, no matter how hard our life is on earth, if we love and obey God we can look forward to Heaven.
2. To gain an appreciation for the security of saints in Heaven.

#### Study Word

*linen:* (li' nən) cloth made from flax

#### Lesson Story

Lazarus lay there sick and hungry. Another miserable day had begun. As usual, friends had carried him to the rich man's gate. They laid him down on the hard pavement for another day of begging.

He tried to find a more comfortable position. But no matter which way he turned, he could not avoid lying on some of his ugly sores. Sometimes stray dogs came and licked those sores. That felt good, but the sores did not heal. They only got worse.

Lazarus hoped that the rich man would take pity on him that day. Just the crumbs that fell from the table would taste so good. And oh, if someone would only bring him a cup of cool water.

He had no one to depend on but God. And he did depend on the Lord. Under the beggar's dirty rags beat a heart that loved and trusted the God of Heaven. He knew that somehow God would take care of him.

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And what about the man who lived in the big house? People knew he had plenty of money by the way he dressed.

Purple! He wore purple, the most expensive color you could buy. Kings wore purple. This man was not a king, but he liked to wear purple to show off his riches. He also wore fine **linen**. That, too, was expensive.

In addition, the rich man feasted on the finest food every day. And he had plenty of servants who obeyed his wishes.

Yes, indeed, the man was rich. But what did he do with his money besides buy fine clothes and fancy food for himself?

Did he give money to the Lord? No, he did not love God. Why should he waste his money on God? Did he help his neighbors? No, he did not love his neighbors, so why should he help them? Did he give money to feed the poor? No, he had no time or money to bother feeding the poor. The Law of Moses told him to love God and his neighbors and feed the poor. But he paid no attention to the Law of Moses.

If he had wanted to help the poor, he would not have had to go far. Every day a ragged beggar spoiled the looks of the entrance to his beautiful home by lying outside his gate and begging. They called him Lazarus. Nothing but skin and bones. Covered with sores. A very disgusting sight.

If he gave that wretched beggar something to eat, he would find ten more beggars at his gate the next day. That's the way beggars were. Lazarus could never do anything for him, so why should he do anything for Lazarus? It was just a botheration to have that beggar lying at his gate all the time. So he simply ignored him.

The rich man did not have to bother with Lazarus for long, because the poor old beggar died. Angels came down and carried him away to that beautiful place which God has made for those who love Him.

Lazarus found himself with a new body. His rags, his sores, his pain, his hunger and thirst stayed behind on the earth. Now he was safe, and oh, so happy with Abraham and all the children of God who had died before him.

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The rich man died too. They buried him in his purple and fine linen. But his fine clothes and money and fancy food stayed behind on the earth. No angels came to carry him away to that happy place. Instead, he opened his eyes in Hell, a place of everlasting fire. Far away, on the other side of a deep, wide gulf, he saw Abraham and Lazarus.

The rich man called, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and cool my tongue." Even in Hell, this rich man thought he could tell Abraham what to do and he would do it.

But Abraham replied, "Son, remember when you lived on the earth you had everything good. Lazarus had everything bad. Now he is happy and you are miserable. Besides, no one can cross this great gulf, even if he wanted to."

The rich man continued, "Then please send him back to my father's house. Let Lazarus warn my five brothers so they don't come to this terrible place."

Abraham said, "They have the Law of Moses. They can obey that."

"No, Father Abraham. They will listen and repent if someone came back from the dead and talked to them."

Was the rich man remembering those years on earth when he sat down every day in his fine clothes to feast on fine food? Was he thinking about how nice it had been to have servants and plenty of money?

Maybe he was remembering those pleasant years. But they were gone forever. Those memories of selfish pleasure did not comfort him now, when ahead of him stretched everlasting burning.

The rich man in the big house or the poor beggar who lay at his gate. Who really was the rich man?

## Questions for Discussion

What did the rich man **not** do with his money?

– *He did not give it to the Lord or use it to help the poor or his neighbors.*

Name some things that changed for Lazarus when he died.

– *He had a new body. He was not hungry or thirsty and did not have sores any more. He was safe and happy.*

How did things change for the rich man when he died?

– *He left behind his fine clothes, money, and fancy food. He suffered in an everlasting fire.*

What did the rich man still think he could do, even in Hell?

– *He could tell people what to do.*

### Lesson 1

#### FROM THE STORY

Complete the sentences about these two men.

#### Across

Lazarus:

3. After he died he was safe and happy with Abraham.
5. Only the dogs made his sores feel better.
6. He depended only on God.
8. He was a beggar.
11. He was a poor man whom the rich man should have helped.
12. He wanted the rich man to give him some crumbs.
13. Angels carried him away when he died.
14. Before he died, he was dressed in rags.

#### Down

The rich man:

1. His clothes were made of fine linen material.
2. He wanted Lazarus to bring him some water to cool his tongue.
4. He wanted his brothers to be warned about Hell.
7. Before he died, he wore clothing the color of purple.
9. He found himself in a place of everlasting fire.
10. From Hell, he tried to tell Abraham what to do.

Why was it impossible for Lazarus to go to the rich man?

– *There is a deep, wide gulf between Heaven and Hell.*

## Where to Find Answers

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<b>Across</b>	
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11	page 2, first paragraph
12	page 1, third paragraph
13	page 2, second column, first paragraph
14	page 1, fourth paragraph
<b>Down</b>	
1	page 1, second column, second paragraph
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4	page 3, second column, first paragraph
7	page 1, second column, second paragraph
9	page 3, first paragraph
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<b>That's Our God</b>	
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17	page 1, second column, paragraphs 1 and 2

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Fill in the crossword puzzle with the answers you wrote on page 4.

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Lesson 1

### THAT'S OUR GOD

From today's lesson, write three things God told His people to do in the Law of Moses.

15. love God, love their neighbors, feed the poor

### FOR ME TODAY

Lazarus couldn't do anything for the rich man, so why should the rich man do anything for Lazarus? Maybe you've felt that way about helping someone.

Read Luke 14:12-14

Write the letter of the correct answer.

16. Jesus said we should especially share our things with b.

- our family and rich neighbors who can share their things with us.
- poor and crippled people who can never pay us back.

### HOW THEY LIVED

In Lazarus' day, what did the color purple say about a person?

17. That he was rich. That he was a king.

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## Lesson 2: Where Are the Nine?

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Pages 7-11

Luke 17:11-19

### Objectives

1. To learn some of the Bible's laws about leprosy.
2. To see the value of expressing thankfulness.

### Review Questions

How do we know that riches are not important to God?

– *God judged the rich man and Lazarus according to how much they loved Him.*

Describe Lazarus' experience in Heaven.

– *He had a new body; he was safe and very happy.*

### Study Word

*leprosy: (le' prə sē) a skin disease that caused numbness and deformity*

### Lesson Story

One day as Jesus came into a certain village, He heard far-off voices calling to Him. In the distance he saw a little group of men, but they made no move to come closer. They just stood there shouting, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

Jesus knew why those men stayed so far away. They were lepers—ten of them. They had gotten that terrible disease no doctor could cure. If healthy people would get too close to those who had it, they could get the disease.

Why were these ten men crying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us"? What did they know about the Man from Galilee?

By this time in His life, Jesus had cast out devils. He had fed five thousand people. He had healed the servant of a Roman soldier without even going to his house. He had made lame people walk. Somehow these lepers had heard about Him.

Whatever these men had heard had convinced them that Jesus could heal **leprosy** too. So they did not ask if He were *able* to heal them. They believed He could. All they wanted was for Jesus to have mercy on them—which meant curing their leprosy. And that is what Jesus did.

But this time Jesus did not heal these men instantly as He usually healed others. He simply said, "Go, show yourselves to the priest."

Now that was not what they had expected. Why go to the priest if they weren't healed? What good would that do? No priest would declare them free from leprosy. Was Jesus making fun of them?

No, the Master was only testing their faith. If they truly believed in Him, they would obey Him.

Every one of those lepers passed the test. They did believe in Him. They immediately turned and started off in search of a priest. And at some point along the way Jesus healed them. All ten of them. Just like that, their leprosy disappeared.

We can only imagine what happened next. Did they shout in excited wonder at the miracle they saw before their eyes? Did they quickly examine their arms and legs and each others' faces to make sure the dreaded disease really had totally disappeared? Did they laugh or did they cry for joy?

To think, they could go back home now! Back to their wives and children. Back to their parents and brothers and sisters. Back to their jobs and normal lives with friends and neighbors. Oh, joy, joy, joy!

Since the Miracle Worker from Nazareth had healed them, they knew they were completely healed. None of them had a single trace of leprosy on him anywhere. Why not go straight home without bothering to go to the priest?

That would never do, for the Law said they must show themselves to the priest. So had the One who had healed them. That should not take long. And now they could go right into the city and mingle with the crowds without having to cry, "Unclean, unclean!" Never again would they need to do that.

How excitedly they must have chattered as they hurried along. Up till now the ten had hung together because they had no other family or friends. But after this each could go where he pleased. Perhaps they were telling the others what they planned to do after they visited the priest. Probably never before had ten lepers gone to the priest for inspection at the same time.

But suddenly they stopped. There weren't ten of them after all. Who was missing? What could have happened to one of them? When had he left them? Where had he gone? And most important, *why* had he gone?

It was their Samaritan friend who was missing. Why hadn't he come along? Did he think since he was not a Jew, he didn't need to see the Jewish priest? Was he so happy he couldn't wait to get home and just took off for Samaria?

The Bible does not tell us what those nine men thought or said about their missing friend. Maybe they never did find out where he had gone. But we know.

The Bible tells us that the minute the ten lepers discovered Jesus had healed them, this Samaritan stopped. Before he would find the priest, he had something else to do. He went back to find the One who had cured him. When he found Jesus, he praised God with a loud voice. He fell at the Master's feet, thanking Him for taking away his leprosy.

Then Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten lepers? Where are the nine? Only one came back to praise God for healing him. And he is a Samaritan."

We know the nine who did not come back were glad Jesus healed them. However, the Master's simple question shows that they sinned against God when they accepted His blessings without being thankful enough to tell Him so.

## Questions for Discussion

Why did the lepers stay far away from Jesus?

– *God's Law said they must stay away from people so their leprosy would not be passed on to others.*

How did Jesus test the ten lepers' faith?

– *He told them to go show themselves to the priest. It did not make sense to do this while they still had leprosy.*

What were some things the lepers could do now that they were healed?

– *They could go back to their families and jobs. They could go anywhere they wanted without needing to call, "Unclean, unclean!"*

When did the Samaritan turn back to thank Jesus?

– *He turned back as soon as he realized he had been healed.*

How did the nine other lepers sin against God?

– *They accepted His blessings without being thankful enough to turn back and say "thank you."*

## Where to Find Answers

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<b>From the Story</b>	
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17	page 2, second column, first paragraph
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19	page 2, second paragraph

## Lesson 2

### FROM THE STORY

**Write a number to show how many.**

- 10 lepers asked Jesus to heal them.
- Jesus healed 10 of the lepers.
- 1 man came back to thank Jesus.
- Jesus asked where the other 9 lepers were.

**Circle the letter.**

- The lepers were healed . . .
  - when Jesus touched them.
  - as soon as they called out to Jesus.
  - after they started out to look for the priest.
  - after they showed themselves to the priest.
- The man who thanked Jesus . . .
  - was from Jerusalem.
  - was from Samaria.
  - didn't think he had to obey Jesus.
  - was healed before the others.

### THAT'S OUR GOD

**Complete the sentences to tell what the lepers may have heard about Jesus.**

lame    daughter    devils    servant    hungry

- He had cast out devils and healed lame folks.
- Hungry people by the thousands were satisfied.
- Once he healed a Roman soldier's servant from a distance.

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## Lesson 2

### FOR ME TODAY

**Write a sentence thanking God for something He has done for you today.**

- △ 10. Answers will vary.

### HOW THEY LIVED

To keep leprosy from spreading to healthy people, there were laws that required lepers to identify themselves.

**Read the box on page 7. Match what the Law said about the following.**

- C a leper must cry
- d a leper's upper lip must be
- a a leper's head must be
- b a leper must wear

a. uncovered  
b. torn clothes  
c. "Unclean!"  
d. covered

### WE REMEMBER

**Write L for Lazarus or R for the rich man.**

- R wore purple and fine linen like a king.
- L begged for crumbs to eat.
- L was carried by angels to be with God and Abraham.
- R asked for water to cool his tongue.
- R ignored the beggar at his gate.

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## Lesson 3: Two Men—Two Prayers

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Pages 12-16

Luke 18:9-14

### Objectives

1. To see the ugliness of pride.
2. To appreciate God's mercy for the humble.

### Review Questions

Why did the Law say that lepers must go bareheaded and cover their upper lip?

– *Those things made it easy for others to spot a leper.*

What do we show about ourselves if we don't thank God for blessing us?

– *We show we are not truly thankful.*

### Study Word

*fast: (fast) to go without food for a time*

### Lesson Story

Jesus saw them in the crowd that day. He knew immediately what kind of people they were. They had not come to learn about God. They were not crippled or blind, so they had not come for healing. The Master's stories about the kingdom didn't interest them. And they paid no attention when He told the people to repent of their sins and live holy lives. So what kind of people were they?

They were the best people in the whole crowd that day. At least that is what they thought. Of course, they had not come to Jesus for help, because they didn't need any help. God knew how good they were. Their own righteousness was all they needed. That is what they trusted in.

More than that, they despised others. They despised the ragged children who hung around Jesus. They despised the lame and the sick who trailed after Him, begging for healing. And they despised the hordes of common people who so eagerly listened to the Master's teaching.

Possibly they even despised Jesus for wasting His time with such low-down people. He could have become really great if He had used His miracle-working power to make a name for Himself. So why had these so-perfect people joined the crowd around Jesus that day?

Who knows? Maybe they enjoyed mingling with the people because they imagined others envied and admired them for their righteousness. Maybe they knew Jesus had noticed them and thought He was glad to see a few good people among all the sinners He had to preach to.

How surprised they would have been had they known why Jesus suddenly began telling a parable. They had no idea that He told the story because He had seen them and knew all about their proud hearts.

Were those self-righteous people Pharisees? We don't know. But Jesus' story was about a Pharisee, whom they likely admired, and about another man whom those proud people despised.

"Two men went up to the temple to pray," Jesus began. "One was a Pharisee."

Everyone who listened to Jesus' parable knew about Pharisees. To be sure, a few of those leaders loved God and lived holy lives. However, most Pharisees at that time were not holy. They pretended to be righteous because they enjoyed praise and loved having others think they were good men of God. They prayed out loud in public—sometimes right out on the street corners. That was a good place for lots of people to see and hear

them. When they gave money for the poor, they made sure many people noticed them.

The Pharisees thought it was a fine thing to have people admiring them for their holiness. The temple was a fine place to let people see how good they were. That was why this Pharisee had gone to the temple to pray.

“The Pharisee stood and prayed with himself,” said Jesus, as He went on with the story. “He said, ‘I thank You, God, that I am different from other men. I don’t cheat people out of money (as some men do). I don’t treat others unfairly (as some men do). I am not unfaithful to my wife (as some men are). And I am glad I am not like that publican over there.

“‘I **fast** twice a week (as holy men are supposed to do). And I give God ten percent of everything I own (as the Law of Moses commands). Thank you, God, that I am not like other men.’”

Jesus had said two men went up to the temple. The Pharisee was one. Who was the other?

That other man did not go to the temple very often. For one thing, he made his living by telling lies and cheating people. Surely he hadn’t gone there to worship a holy God.

For another thing, people hated him. They stayed away from him. So he hadn’t gone there to meet friends. More than that, he would have met a lot of Pharisees in the temple. And he knew Pharisees despised him more than anyone. Who was this other man anyway?

He was a publican, a hated tax collector. And he had gone to the temple to pray. He had no good deeds to thank God for, as the Pharisee had. All he could think about was his many sins. He stood far away from the other people. He didn’t want others to see him. He was too ashamed of his wickedness to even look up to Heaven. And his prayer was very short. “God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

That was the end of Jesus’ parable—a simple story of two men and two prayers. One man saw himself as very righteous. The other saw himself as very wicked. And maybe that is how they looked to the other people in the temple also. But how did the two look to God?

When God looked at the Pharisee and the publican, He saw something very different because He looked at their hearts.

Jesus said the publican went home that day with a clean heart in the sight of God. He knew he was a sinner and called on God for mercy. So God forgave him. But God saw that the heart of the Pharisee was full of ugly pride and hidden sins that no one knew about.

Jesus ended His story by saying that God will bring down people who try to lift themselves up by boasting about their righteousness.

How about those proud self-righteous people who stood in the crowd and listened to Jesus tell that story? Did they catch on to what the Master meant? Did they realize they were like the proud Pharisee in the parable? Did they repent of their sinful pride?

We do not know. But we know Jesus told that story for everyone, even for us today.

## Questions for Discussion

What may have been some reasons that the Pharisees came to listen to Jesus?

- *They may have liked to think that others in the crowd envied and admired them.*
- *Maybe they thought Jesus liked to see some good people among all the sinners.*

What two things did the Pharisees like to do in front of lots of people?

- *pray and give money where many people could see them*

What did Jesus say near the beginning of the story that tells us God did not hear the Pharisee’s prayer?

- *Jesus said the Pharisee prayed with himself.*

What does God see when He looks at a person?

- *the person’s heart*

Who really was the righteous man at the end of this story?

- *the publican, because he prayed for mercy and God forgave him*



## Where to Find Answers

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### We Remember

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Lesson 3

### FROM THE STORY

Write *Pharisee* or *publican*.

- The Pharisee thought he was perfect.
- The Pharisee despised the poor and crippled.
- The Pharisee wanted people to hear him pray.
- The Pharisee didn't believe he needed help.
- The publican didn't have friends at the temple.
- The publican made a living by cheating and lying.
- The publican was ashamed of his sin.
- The publican left the temple with a clean heart.
- The Pharisee left the temple with a proud, ugly heart.

Complete the sentences.

- The Pharisee was proud that he . . .
  - didn't cheat people out of money.
  - didn't treat others unfairly.
  - wasn't unfaithful to his wife.
- The Pharisee was proud that he . . .
  - did fast twice a week.
  - did give God ten percent of everything.
- The publican prayed, "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

### THAT'S OUR GOD

Underline the correct words.

- Jesus knew that the Pharisees were full of mercy and humility, pride and sin.

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Lesson 3

- God has mercy on those who are perfect, admit their sins.
- God will bring down people who boast, humble themselves.

### FOR ME TODAY

Tell which person from today's story you would you be like.

- Another student gets in trouble for talking during class. You smile and think how good you are for never talking when you shouldn't.  
the Pharisee
  - In family devotions, your father reads a verse about being slow to anger. Then you remember yelling at your brother and apologize. the publican

### WE REMEMBER

Complete the sentences.

unclean	uncover	nine	priest	ten	love
healed	cover	brothers	Abraham	feed	torn

- In Hell, the rich man tried to tell Abraham what to do; he wanted someone to warn his brothers about that terrible place.
- The Law said a leper must uncover his head, cover his upper lip, wear torn clothes, and cry, "unclean."
- Jesus healed ten lepers, but nine didn't return to thank Him.
- The lepers were healed as they went to show themselves to the priest.
- The rich man knew that God said to love God and your neighbors and to feed the poor.

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## Lesson 4: Like Little Children

Pages 17-21

Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

### Objectives

1. To see what kind of person God will allow into His kingdom.
2. To understand what it means to have a childlike heart.

### Review Questions

What did God see when He looked at the Pharisee's heart?

– *ugly pride and hidden sins*

How could the publican go home with a clean heart?

– *He prayed for mercy and God forgave him.*

### Study Word

*innocent*: (i'nə sənt) *not guilty before God*

### Lesson Story

The disciples did not like it. Every time a crowd gathered and followed Jesus, a lot of children tagged along. They left their play in the streets and came running whenever the Master appeared.

Fathers and mothers who wanted to hear Him brought their children with them—often three or four noisy little things. Such youngsters didn't know how to behave. Even bigger children wouldn't stand quietly and listen. That was because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. They should have stayed home. Instead they laughed and talked and scuffled with each other.

Or else they squirmed and pushed through the crowd and pressed right up against Jesus. Then they did stand still. Their black eyes in sweaty, dirty faces watched Him adoringly, waiting for Him to glance down at them. Who did they think they were, trying to attract attention from the great Teacher from Nazareth?

Smaller children soon got hot and tired. They fussed and whined to go home. The babies fretted and cried. In a crowd of any size, half a dozen babies were sure to be crying at the same time.

The disciples could hardly stand it. And they felt sure those children bothered Jesus too. But He was too kind to say anything.

After a while things got even worse. Instead of staying in the back of the crowd with their fussy youngsters, people began taking their children right up to Jesus. They asked Him to touch them. They wanted Him to lay His hands on them and bless them. Sometimes He was completely surrounded with parents and children waiting their turn for His blessing.

This was too much for the disciples. Things had gone too far. They had to do something to keep their dear Master from being bothered in this way. He had more important things to do than to waste His time on children.

So they began stopping the parents. They blocked their way as they tried to come near. "Go on. Take your children home. Don't bother Jesus with your babies. He doesn't have time for them. He has more important things to do. Get away from here with your youngsters. Leave the Master alone." The disciples spoke very harshly to those who wanted Jesus to bless their children.

When Jesus saw and heard them, He was much displeased. He said to the disciples, "Let the little children come to Me. Stop telling them to go away. Children belong in the kingdom of God. Unless you become like

these little children, and receive the kingdom like they do, you will never enter the kingdom.”

Then the Lord picked up the little children and held them close in His strong arms. He laid His gentle hands on their tousled heads and blessed them.

As the disciples watched, they realized they had misjudged their Master. Children did not irritate Him at all. He loved to have them near Him. He loved them in a special way.

But what did He mean when He said they had to become like little children? What did He mean when He said they must receive the kingdom like a little child does? Had the disciples so soon forgotten what had happened only a little while before?

They had been following Jesus home to Capernaum. When they got into the house He asked them, “What were you men arguing about on the way here?”

No one had answered that question. They were too ashamed to admit why they had been quarreling.

The disciples knew from the Scriptures that God had promised that the Messiah would some day reign on the throne of David. Since Jesus was the Messiah, they knew that one day He would be king.

They had the idea that because they were His disciples, He would surely give them important places in the kingdom. Of course, all twelve of them couldn’t be at the top. Only the greatest would get that position. So they had gotten into an argument over which of them was the greatest. All of them wanted the first, most important place.

The disciples wouldn’t admit what they had quarreled about. But Jesus knew without being told. That is when He had taken a little child in His arms and said, “If you want to be first, you must be like this little one. You will never be part of the kingdom if you don’t become like a child.”

Jesus meant that proud people cannot be part of His kingdom. A little child is trusting and humble. He is **innocent**. The disciples had to become like that or they would have no part in the kingdom at all.

Trusting and humble. Did the disciples remember those words of Jesus? Did they remember that He said children were already part of the kingdom?

No wonder Jesus loved children. No wonder He enjoyed holding them in His arms. No wonder He wanted parents to bring their little ones to Him for a blessing.

From then on, the disciples knew that if they wanted to be great in the eyes of Jesus, they had to become like a little child. From then on, they knew the Master loved all children, because even the ragged, noisy, dirty ones were trusting and humble and innocent.

## Questions for Discussion

Why did the disciples try to send the parents away when they brought their children to Jesus?

– *They thought Jesus was too busy to be bothered with children.*

How do we know Jesus did not agree with the disciples’ ideas about children?

– *He was displeased with them for sending the children away. He told the children to come to Him, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.*

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that the Messiah would some day reign on the throne of David. Since Jesus was the Messiah, they knew that one day He would be king.

They had the idea that because they were His disciples, He would surely give them important places in the kingdom. Of course, all twelve of them couldn’t be at the top. Only the greatest would get that position. So they had gotten into an argument over which of them was the greatest. All of them wanted the first, most important place.

The disciples wouldn’t admit what they had quarreled about. But Jesus knew without being told. That is when He had taken a little child in His arms and said, “If you want to be first, you must be like this little one. You will never be part of the kingdom if you don’t become like a child.”

Jesus meant that proud people cannot be part of His kingdom. A little child is trusting and humble. He is innocent. The disciples had to become like that or they would have no part in the kingdom at all.

Trusting and humble. Did the disciples remember those words of Jesus? Did they remember that He said children were already part of the kingdom?

No wonder Jesus loved children. No wonder He enjoyed holding them in His arms. No wonder He wanted parents to bring their little ones to Him for a blessing.

From then on, the disciples knew that if they wanted to be great in the eyes of Jesus, they had to become like a little child. From then on, they knew the Master loved all children, because even the ragged, noisy, dirty ones were trusting and humble and innocent.

### FROM THE STORY

Write **T** for true or **F** for false.

1.   F   Parents asked Jesus to feed their children.
2.   F   The disciples invited children to come with their parents.
3.   F   Little children understood what Jesus was teaching.
4.   T   Jesus touched, held, and blessed the children.
5.   T   Each disciple wanted to be the most important.

What had the disciples argued about on the way home to Capernaum?

– *about which of them was the greatest because they each wanted to have the most important place in Jesus' kingdom when He became king*

Why didn't they tell Jesus what they were arguing about?

– *They were ashamed to admit it.*

What did Jesus mean when He said the disciples must be like a child?

– *They should be humble, trusting, and innocent.*

## Where to Find Answers

Activity	Location
<b>From the Story</b>	
1	page 17, second column, third paragraph
2	page 18, first paragraph
3	page 17, second paragraph
4	page 18, third paragraph
5	page 19, first paragraph

## That's Our God

6	page 18, second paragraph
7	page 19, second column, first paragraph
8	page 19, second column, first paragraph

## We Remember

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14	page 14, second column, second paragraph
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## THAT'S OUR GOD

Complete the sentences.

humble child trusting proud

To become a part of Jesus' kingdom . . .

6. you must become like a child.
7. you must not be proud.
8. you must be trusting and humble.

Learn Jesus' words from Luke 18:16: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

△ 9. **Say this verse to your teacher.**

## FOR ME TODAY

Write the correct answers.

10. Sometimes you may not want to be bothered with children younger than yourself. How can you respond as Jesus did? a and d
  - a. teach them how to play your game
  - b. tell them to go find someone their own age
  - c. ignore them
  - d. take time to push them on the swings

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## WE REMEMBER

Underline the correct answers.

11. The Pharisee, publican thought he was perfect; the Pharisee, publican was sorry he had made a living by cheating and lying.
12. The Pharisee wanted other people, God to hear him praying.
13. God heard the Pharisee's, publican's prayer and cleansed his heart.
14. God has mercy on people who believe they are perfect, humbly admit their sin.
15. The Pharisee gave ten, twenty percent to God, fasted once, twice a week, and often, never cheated others out of money.
16. The leper who returned to thank Jesus was a Samaritan, Jew.

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## Review and Quiz 1



Use this checklist to review for Quiz 1:

- I know the meanings of the study words.
- I reviewed all the *We Remembers* in Section 1.
- I reviewed all the exercises in Lesson 4.

When you are ready, ask your teacher for Quiz 1.

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