





Year 4—Lesson 2

Jesus, Our Savior

The Rich Young Man

Read Matthew 19:16-26 (Or tell it, or show a video of it)

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you recognize any of the commandments Jesus gave the young ruler? (*Last 5 of the 10 commandments, except Jesus changed the 10th one from do not covet to love your neighbor.*)
2. Since the man said he kept all the commands mentioned by Jesus, why do you think he asked, what do I still lack? (*He was aware of something holding him back.*)
3. Why did the young man go away sad? (*He had great wealth, but more importantly, he knew he couldn't do what Jesus suggested.*)
4. Does having great wealth make it impossible to go to Heaven? (*No.*)
5. Then what was really keeping this man from eternal life? (*The man loved his wealth more than Jesus. So his riches prevented him from placing his faith in Jesus and following Him in obedience. Without Jesus, no one can receive the gift of eternal life.*)
6. Based on verse 26, can a man be good enough to save himself? (*No, with man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*)

Puppet: Secret Pass Code

I use a puppet named “Goody Bear” for this skit. Goody never talks to the kids because he is too shy. So, he whispers in my ear and I tell the kids’ what he is saying.

This might work for your situation also because it eliminates the need for a puppet stage, microphone, etc. Prepare ahead of time by enlisting the help of one of your leaders. You will be asking them to write down the “secret code” on a poster board with a magic marker. Show them how to bend the numbers slightly as they write them as in the illustration on the supplement page. (See the script and illustrations on the supplement sheet.)

Power Point

Heaven cannot be earned. It is a free gift from God.

Quiz Questions

Q: How do you get to heaven?

A: Through faith in Jesus. It is a gift from God.

Q: Why did the rich young man in our Bible story go away sad?

A: He loved his wealth more than Jesus.

Q: Can we be good enough to save us?

A: No

MEMORY VERSE

“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.” Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV





Goody Bear Puppet Skit

Host: (Have your puppet in a small suitcase.) Today, before we have our puppet friend, Goody Bear join us, let me introduce today's question: "How do you get to heaven?" (Any puppet will work. Just change the name to fit.)

(Allow a few children to answer. Some may say, "By being good," or "by believing in God," or "by being dead.")

Host: Now I want to bring our our puppet, Goody Bear and ask him todays question. Remember, he is very shy.

(Ask Goody) Goody, today we are asking the question, "How do you get to heaven?" Here are some of the answers we have gotten so far: Be good, Believe in God, etc.) We are curious, do you have an answer to this question? (Have Goody shake his head "Yes.")

Host: Well then, please tell us what your answer is. (Goody whispers in your ear.)

Host: Oh, it's a secret pass code, you say? Please give it to me. (Goody whispers.)

Host: Could I have one of our leaders come up a write this code on a poster board for us? (One by one, Goody whispers the numbers and you say they out loud.)

5 — 1 — 1 — 5 — 3 — 1

(Coach your leader to bend the tops of the number 1 as they write them as shown.)

Host: Goody? Is this the pass code to heaven? (Have Goody shake his head, "yes. The he whispers in your ear again.")



Host: Goody says to turn the poster board upside down now. (It will reveal the name "Jesus.")

Host: Kids, Goody has given us the right answer to our question, "How do you get to heaven?" the answer is Jesus. Jesus is the pass code to heaven. He told us, "I am the way. Nobody comes to the Father, except by Me." (John 14:6)

