

A Rich Man's Question

Spring Unit 3:
Jesus Heals and Teaches

Bible Verse:
"Be kind to one another
for this is right in the Lord." Ephesians 4:32

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.



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Matthew 19:16-26

One day Jesus was walking with His friends. A rich young man **ran** up to Him.



"Teacher, what should I do so that I can live forever?" the young man asked Jesus.

Jesus looked at the man. Jesus said, "You must obey God's rules. Do not kill. Do not take things that do not belong to you. Do not say things that are not true. Show love to your father and mother. Be kind to people."



The rich young man **knew** these rules. He had learned them when he was a young boy.

"Teacher, I have obeyed God's rules since I was a boy," the man said.

Jesus loved this man. Jesus was glad the man had obeyed God's rules. But Jesus knew the man loved his money more than he loved God. So Jesus told him, "You must do one more thing: Sell everything you have. Share the money with others who do not have food and clothes. Then follow Me."



The young man's face suddenly became sad. He **looked down** at the ground. He was very rich. He had lots of money and good things. But he did not want to share. He did not want to do what Jesus said. So the rich young man slowly walked away.



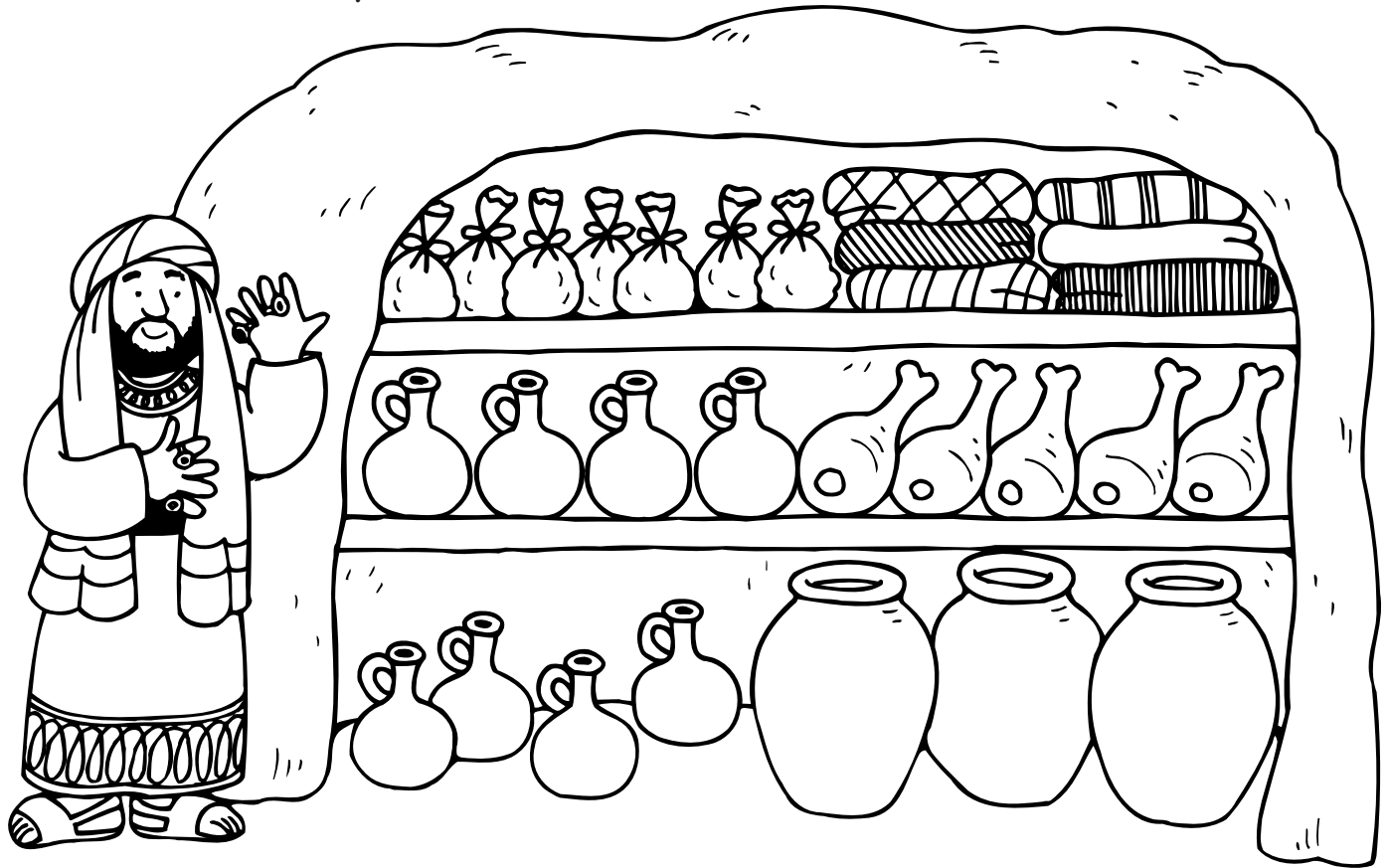
Jesus turned to His friends and said, "It is hard for people who love money to love and obey God."

"You need **God's** help to love and obey Him," Jesus told His friends. "With God's help, anyone can live with Me forever."











Look at the picture to see how much a rich man in Bible times may have had.



Make one tally mark for each item you count.
Write the number on the line below your tally marks.

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Jesus told a rich man to share with poor people. Jesus wants us to share, too. The Bible says, "Do good and be ready to share." (See 1 Timothy 6:18.)



Think of something you can share with others.