

January 21, 2024

Today's Reading:  
**Luke 16:1-31**

**Today, at church I learned:**

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Jesus told a story about a rich man who wore the finest clothes and lived in luxury. A beggar named Lazarus lay outside the rich man's gate. Lazarus was hungry and his body was covered with sores. He was hoping that the rich man might share his leftovers. But every day the rich man passed by Lazarus without even giving him a thought. Still, Lazarus trusted God to take care of him.

Both men died, Lazarus went to heaven and the rich man went to hell. When the rich man saw that Lazarus was in heaven he asked Abraham to let Lazarus give him some water. Abraham told him "No." and reminded him that he had enjoyed such good things on earth while Lazarus had nothing.

# Word Bank

BEGGAR

TONGUE

HADES

PROPHETS

SORES

LAZARUS

ABRAHAM

BROTHERS

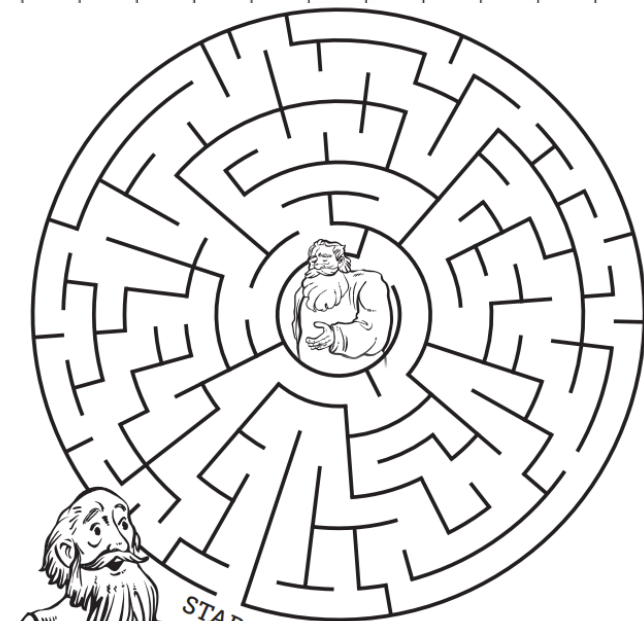
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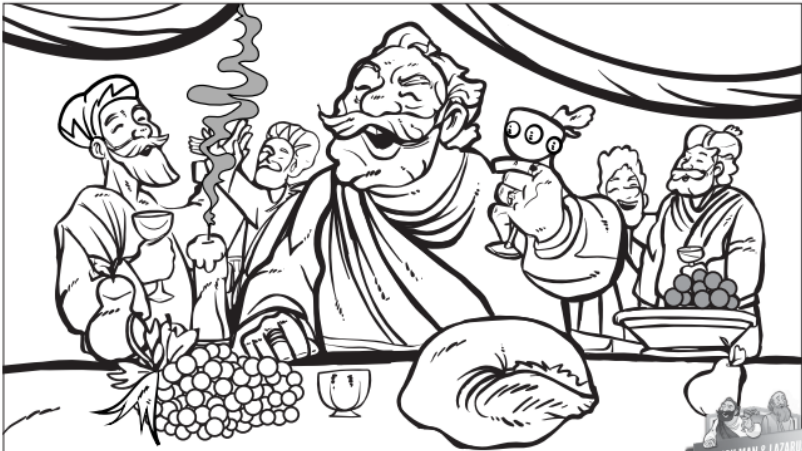
JESUS

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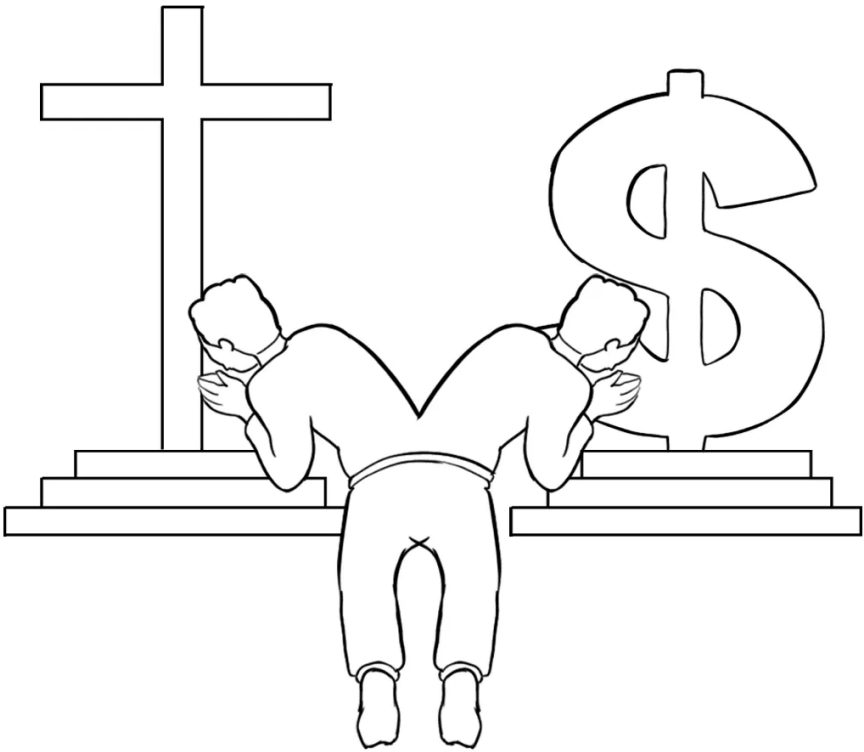


The rich man realized that his love for riches and luxury was greater than his love for God and others. That was why he was in hell instead of heaven. He then asked Abraham to allow Lazarus to go back to earth and warn his five brothers so that they would not end up in hell with him, but again, Abraham said, "No." It was too late.

The rich man needed to listen to God's wake up call during his life, not afterwards when it was too late. We need to listen to God and follow Him now, before it is too late.

"NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS.  
EITHER YOU WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER,  
OR YOU WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER.  
YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY."

**Luke 16:13**



There is an important lesson to be learned from the story of the rich man and Lazarus. You and I choose where we will place our trust. We can trust in God or we can trust in ourselves and the things of this world. If we put our trust in the wrong thing, we will find ourselves wishing that we could trade places.