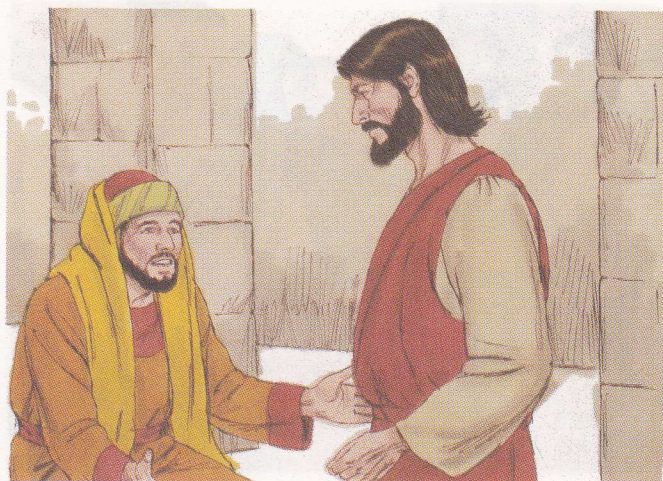


The Rich Young Ruler



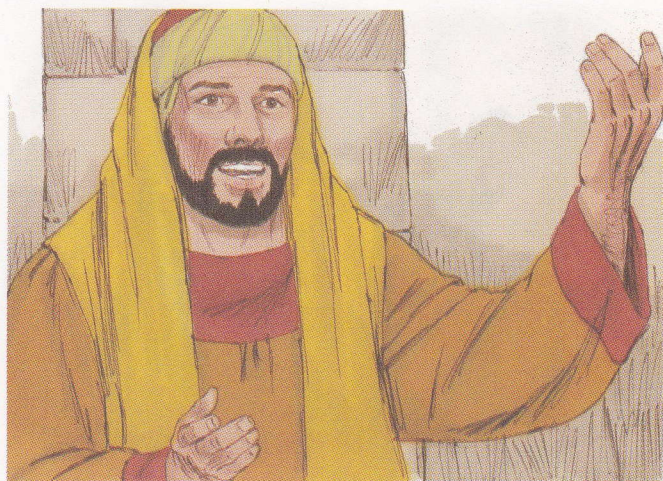
1 Jesus had now finished his work in Galilee and had come to Judea, on the other side of the Jordan. The crowds came to him there, and as usual he taught them.



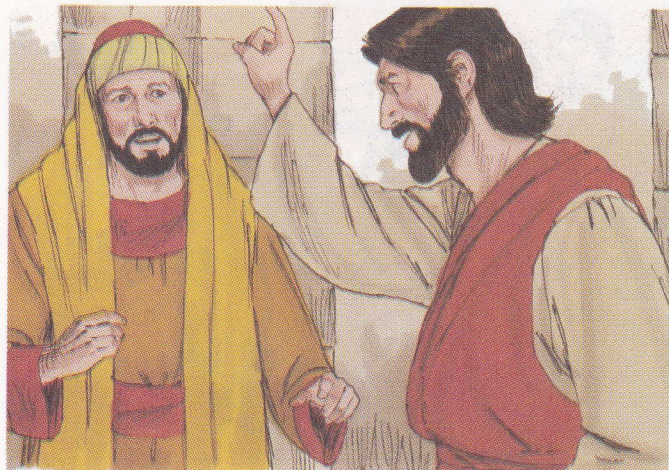
2 Then Jesus set out for Jerusalem. Just about that time, a man ran up and fell on his knees before Jesus. He said, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"



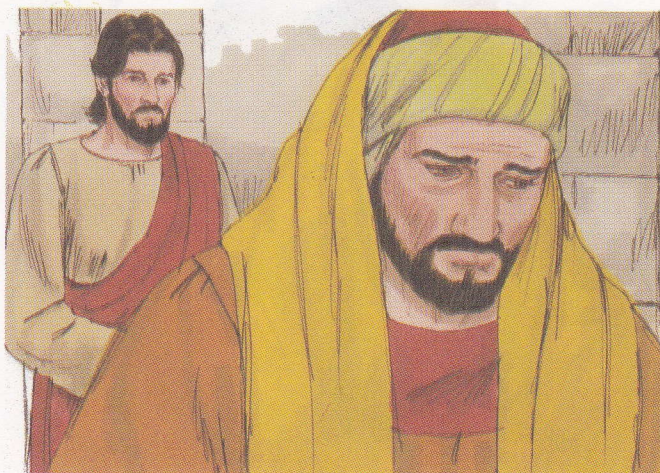
3 Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." Then he continued, "You know the commandments: Do not murder. Do not steal. Do not lie. Honor your father and mother. . ."



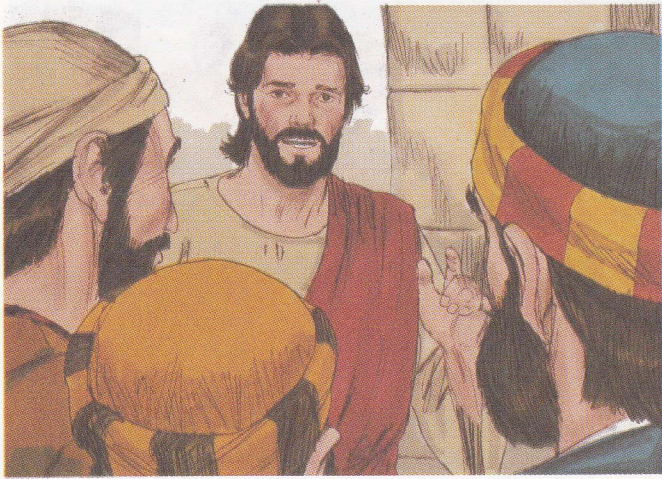
4 The young man replied, "Teacher, I've obeyed these laws ever since I was just a boy." And Jesus looked at the young man and loved him.



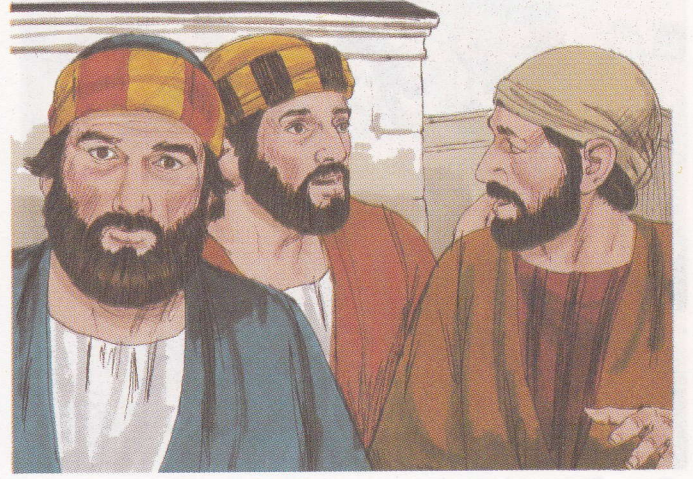
5 But Jesus said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you have and give it to the poor—then you will have treasures in heaven. Then come and follow me."



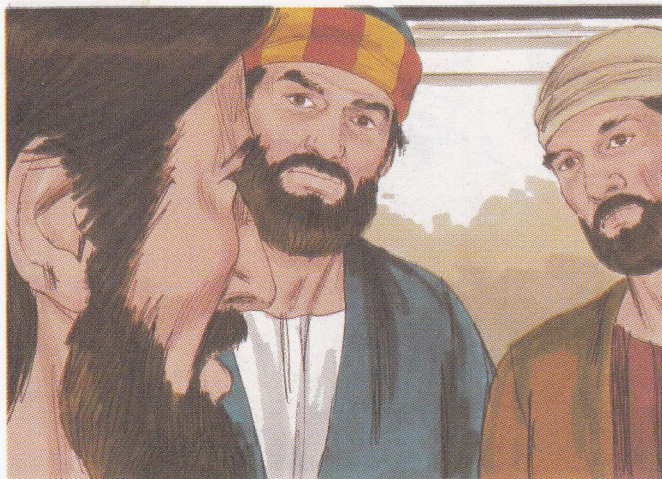
6 When the young man heard this, his face fell. He got up and went away sadly, because he was very rich.



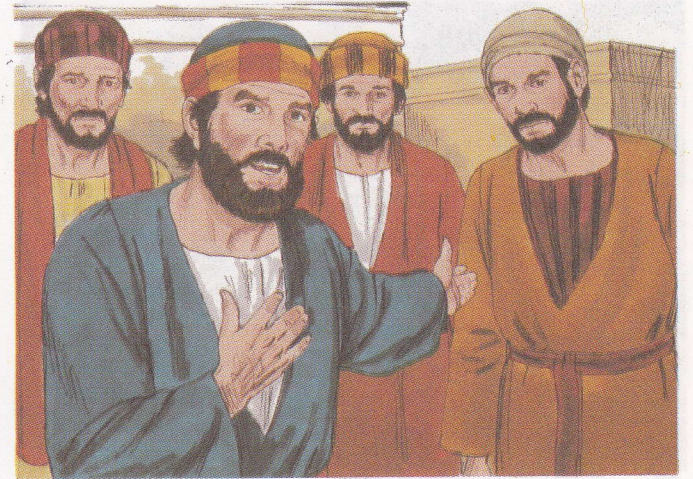
7 Jesus looked around and said, "How hard it will be for those who are rich to enter the kingdom of God!"



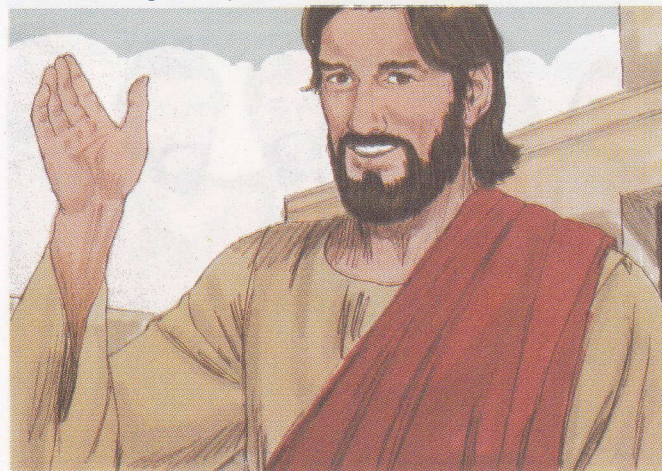
8 The disciples were shocked at these words. Jesus added, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."



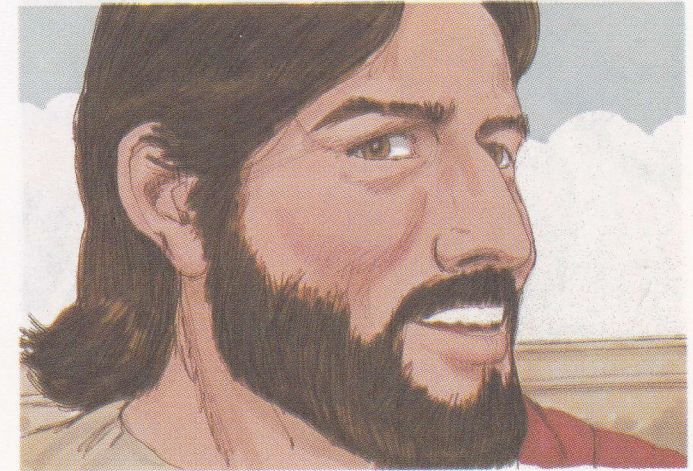
9 They were very surprised. "Then who can be saved?" they asked. Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God. For God, all things are possible."



10 Peter said, "We have left everything and followed you."



11 Jesus responded, "Anyone who leaves his home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel will receive much more in this present age."



12 "He will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come, he will receive eternal life!"