

**TO HELP US STUDY**

1. Describe the rich man in Jesus' story: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Describe poor Lazarus: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Where did Lazarus go when he died? \_\_\_\_\_ How did he get there? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where did the rich man go after death? \_\_\_\_\_ How did he feel there? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. When the rich man looked up, what did he see? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did he want Lazarus to do? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Could Lazarus go to the rich man? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Abraham told the rich man, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your \_\_\_\_\_ things, while Lazarus received \_\_\_\_\_ things, but now he is \_\_\_\_\_ here and you are in \_\_\_\_\_."
9. Then what did the rich man want Lazarus to do? \_\_\_\_\_
10. When should we teach our friends to love Christ and to do good? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Will all rich people go to hell and all poor folks to heaven? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TO HELP US REMEMBER:** *Young ones*—Luke 16:22, "The beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side."  
*Older ones*—Luke 16:25-26

**TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT**

Is this story a parable or a real historical event? Should we take the details in this story as a literal description of heaven and hell? What is Hades? Explain the expression in the KJV and RSV, "in Abraham's bosom."

**TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS**

This story is loaded with practical lessons. For example, we should feed the poor and not be unsympathetic to them as the rich man was. We should be good in this life, for in the next life we will be punished if we do evil. We ought to tell our friends about Christ and urge them to do good, for they may die and go to torment like this rich man did. We should not wait as long as he did to become evangelistic! All these lessons are clear and helpful.

One basic idea stands out above the others, however, and our children can greatly benefit from learning it at a young age. *Material possessions really don't matter much!* Lazarus, without a thing to call his own and without physical health, still was eternally blessed and happy. The rich man, abundantly wealthy and physically happy, was eternally tormented. The eternal is what matters. If we can teach our children this truth, we will have taught them the key to eternal happiness.

**FOR ADULT STUDY:** Mt 6:19-34; 19:24; 1 Tim 6:17-19; Lk 6:20-26; 21:1; Prv 22:1; 23:4-5; 28:22; Ecc 5:19; Heb 11:26.