



Sunday, September 25, 2022
Parable of the Rich Man - Luke 16:19-31



What's the Big Idea?

Open your hands — open your hearts

Back in the time of Jesus, there was a belief that rich and famous people deserved good things, like being blessed by God; while the poor and sick were that way because they were being punished for their sins. In today's story we meet two characters: a rich man and Lazarus. Lazarus has sores all over his body and needs help. The rich man had an opportunity to open his hands and heart to help Lazarus, but chose to ignore him instead.

The rich man refused to open his hands to Lazarus. We might not see situations as desperate as this, but still we all have people like Lazarus in our life, folks who we can open our hands and hearts to!



Read It

Find this week's story on page 386 of your Spark Story Bible!



Try It

1) Each family member picks a day of the week to act as "servant" and wait upon other family members. Decide ahead of time if each will serve for the entire day, an hour or for a meal. Then, talk about what it felt like to be in the servant role and what it felt like to be served.

2) When has someone opened their hands and heart to you? When have you witnessed someone opening their hands and heart to others? Cut out a heart and write a note to these people thanking them for what they've done.



Talk About It

- 1) Who can use your help?
- 2) Why did the wealthy man demand service from Lazarus even after death?
- 3) In what ways can wealth and possessions make it difficult to recognize the worth of those in need?
- 4) What special word or phrase could you say to yourself to help remind you to open your hands and heart in situations where people need help?

Pray:

Dear Jesus,

You have opened yourself to us. Teach us to open ourselves to others. Amen.

Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores.

Luke 16:20

Open Hands & Hearts

Everyone's Calling

God has a message for you! Cross out every Q, X, and Z on this page to discover the message.

QZHYZEQZQLXZPQQ
QXEZQVEQZXXRZQYZOQXNQZZE.



Lazarus had no food
to eat. Sores covered
his whole body.