



Messy Church at Home: June

The Rich young ruler by Mark & Jane Hird-Rutter

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Activities

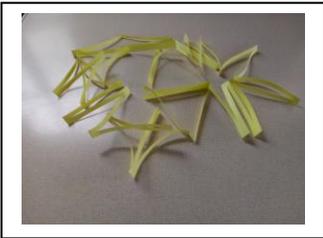
Rich man's maze



You will need: From your craft bag – The maze picture, a pen, pencil or felt tip pen.

This month's story is about a rich man who met Jesus and found that he had to give up some things he felt were important to get into heaven. As you work your way through the maze think about the things he had to give up and what other things he might have to start doing to get into heaven. Are there some things that you like doing that you would have to give up to follow Jesus?

Eye of a needle paper challenge



You will need: From your craft bag – The folded piece of plain paper with the lines drawn on it, the instruction sheet of what to do to make it possible for you to step through a piece of paper

After Jesus had met the young man, he was very sad that the man was not willing to give up his money to follow God and get close to Him. He told his disciples that it was easier for a camel to go through the small 'eye' hole in a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven. That's impossible right?! But there have been rich people who follow Jesus and use their money for Him. So, here's another impossible challenge. Keep the piece of paper folded and carefully cut along each of the lines from the fold to where they end. Then cut along each of the other lines from the outside edge to where they end. Now cut along each of the folded edges except the ones at each end. When you open it out you should have a big loop of paper you can step through.

Closer to God



You will need: From your craft bag – The sheet with the letters of the word 'Charity' printed down one side. Also, a pencil, pen or felt tip pens.

Think about some of things that you could do that would please God or Jesus and that would help you to grow closer to Him. Use the letters down the side of the page to come up with a word or a short sentence for each letter with things that you might try and do. Decorate your sheet and keep it in your bedroom to remind you of ways you can keep close to God

Rich man's purse



You will need: From your craft bag – The sheet with the printed purse, string. Also scissors, glue stick or sticky tape

What would it be like to give away all of your money and not keep anything for yourself? Is it easier to give money away if you have lots of it or if you know what it is like not to have much money?

Cut out the main piece and the two side pieces of the purse. Fold and glue the side pieces into place along each edge of the main piece. Make two holes in the top of the back of the purse and thread the string through and knot it to make a handle.

Giving box



You will need: From your craft bag -The box, the sheet of paper to cover it with, the stickers. Also, glue, sticky tape, scissors.

Even if you don't have much money, it is a good thing to think about other people who are worse off than you are. Make a collection box and see if you can save even a little bit of money in it. Then ask an adult to help you send it to somewhere like Routes to Roots or Faithworks Wessex who both help people who are in need locally.

Turn the box over so that the opening is at the bottom, this will allow access to the money at a later date. Cover the box with the paper provide leaving the opening uncovered. Cut a slot in the top for the coins to go in. Decorate the box with stickers.

Celebration Time

Sing: 'Worship of Worth' like we do at Messy Church.

Watch: this version of the story of the Rich Young Ruler on YouTube: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=US-kmclSAiM>

Read: The Bible story from Mark chapter 10 vs 17 – 27

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+10%3A17-27&version=CEV>

Talk:

- Do you think the young man eventually sold all he had, gave the money to the poor and joined Jesus?
- Jesus asked the young man to follow him. How do we who come to Messy Church, follow Jesus?

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for all of the gifts you have given to us. We especially thank you for all of the people in our lives: our families, our friends and other people that we meet. Help us to care for, love and respect them. Help us to be kind, caring and thoughtful with them. Let us remember the rich young ruler, who cared so much for his possessions, and remind us to share with and help others. Thank you for loving us and helping us to care for others. Amen.