

A video introduction is available. View it at https://watch.liberty.edu/media/1_yqpjaigm

1. Motivate

What is something you committed to but you wish you hadn't?

2. Transition

Some commitments are worth it, some maybe not so much.

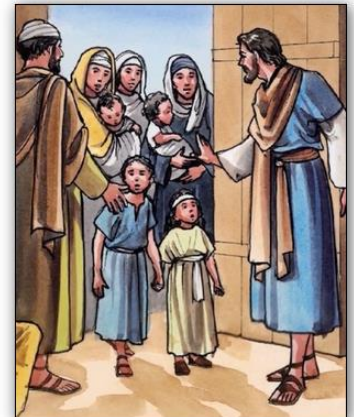
- Committing your life to Jesus is totally worth it.
- We are challenged to commit our whole life in trust and obedience to Christ.

3. Bible Study

3.1 Childlike Faith

Listen for what aggravated Jesus.

Mark 10:13-16 (NIV) People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.



What is the tender picture presented in these verses?

How was that picture distorted? What kinds of things do you think the disciples might have said?

Contrast how the disciples felt about children and how Jesus felt.

Disciples	Jesus

Why do you think that Jesus is described as being displeased or indignant?

What truth did Jesus teach through the children about kingdom citizenship?

What does it look like to receive the kingdom of God like a little child?

How can we have the same attitude toward God that children had toward Jesus?

3.2 Strive for Obedience

Listen for a bold claim.

Mark 10:17-20 (NIV) As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

What words or statements support the understanding that the man who came to Jesus was a decent man making a sincere inquiry of Jesus?

What was the man seeking who came to Jesus?

Where is the flaw in his question?

What was the first part of Jesus' explanation of the way to inherit eternal life?

Why do you think Jesus quizzed the man about his commitment to the commandments?

What does the rich man's answer to Jesus tell us about his spiritual state?

What might be significant about the fact that Jesus had not yet addressed the first four commandments ... those which deal with our relationship with God?

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Our Commitment to Christ

3.3 Follow Jesus Wholeheartedly

Listen for why the man goes away sad.

Mark 10:21-22 (NIV) Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

What further requirement did Jesus pose?

Why do you think Jesus called for the man to sell his possessions and give to the poor?

How can wealth interfere with a person's Christian faith?

What other kinds of things can become substitutes for God in our lives? What might Jesus ask us to set aside?

So, how do you think God does want us to use the material wealth He has given us?

How can we prevent ourselves from allowing wealth to interfere with our faith?

Application

Trust.

- If you've been trying to be good and moral in order to gain a good standing with God, acknowledge the futility of it.
- Trust Christ and be obedient to His Word as a response to His grace in your life

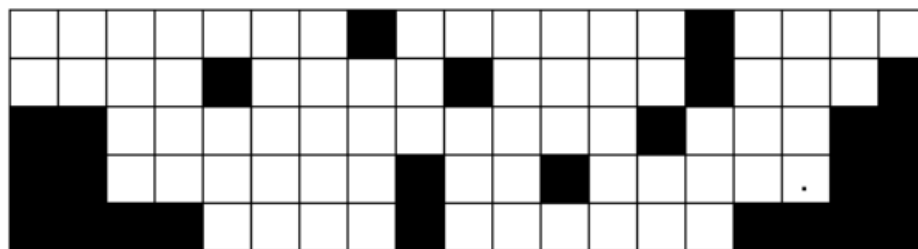
Examine.

- Examine your heart and see if, like the rich young ruler, you have things that sit on the throne of your heart other than the Person of Christ.
- Maybe it's money, power, comfort, control, safety, approval, or recognition.
- Ask Him to reveal those things to you and give Him His rightful place on the throne of your life.

Renew.

- If you've lost your first love for Christ and are not coming to Him on a daily basis like a little child, rekindle that relationship with Him.
- Write down some of the ways or things that have kept you from a childlike faith in God and ask Him to help you return to that place again.

Fallen Phrase Puzzle



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 C H R N G T W N R E E Y
 C E I M O K S H O P S N N T U
 N O T H O I I E M E T T R S K E H E
 L I F O M M S R E T A H M A Y O O U R

These jumbled letters hide an important concept. They fell straight down in columns. Work on the two and three letter words first to see what letter combinations make sense. Then figure out the longer words. Watch out for any punctuation points in some of the squares. If you get stuck find help at <https://tinyurl.com/y6xs666k> (nothing significant about the 666!). There are other instructive Family Activities there also.

