Sunday, August 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION

Today Jesus explains that money and belongings cannot bring us the happiness of everlasting life in heaven.

Gospel

A reading from the gospel of St. Luke.

One day Jesus told this parable: "Once there was a rich man who owned many farms. One year the harvest was so good that the man could not store it all in his many barns. 'I will build bigger and better barns,' he said, 'and then I will be so rich that I will have nothing to worry about.' "But God said to the man, 'You are a foolish man! When you die, what use will your worldly riches be, because in the eyes of God you are poor, indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

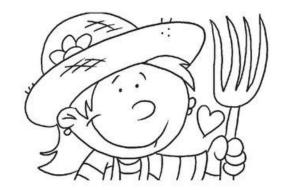
Reflection:

When we talk about someone being rich what do we usually mean? What did the rich man do in this gospel reading? Do you think that he was right? Why did Jesus call him a foolish man? What is more precious than worldly possessions.





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OGOSPEL

Farmer Brown gave bushels of green beans to the homeless shelter. When he died, God said, "I remember you. You gave me green beans when I was hungry. Come on in." Farmer Smith never shared any green beans with the hungry. When he died God said, "I do not know you. You never shared." God wanted Farmer Smith to learn to share so that God would know him at heaven's gate.



Give me the will to share what I have with others.

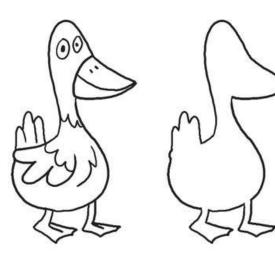




Draw a farmer giving baskets of corn to a food pantry.



Draw the second duck identical to the first duck.

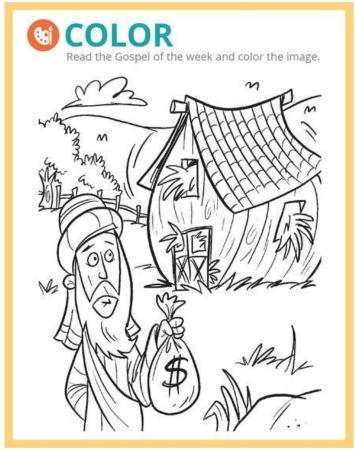




I will share my toys and books with others this week.







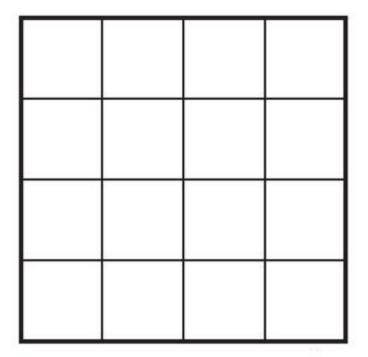
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Draw a picture of yourself giving one of your books away to someone who doesn't have any.









When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.



Intercession

As sisters and brothers in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

We pray for the church and all who follow Christ; may God guide us to spend our lives storing up riches in heaven.

Lord, hear our prayer...

We pray for people whose lives are choked by greed and selfishness; may God's love help them to bear the fruits of kindness and generosity.

Lord, hear our prayer...

We pray for an end to war and division; may God's healing love heal wounds caused by hatred and anger. Lord, hear our prayer...

We pray for people touched by suffering or sadness; may God's comforting love strengthen their faith.

Lord, hear our prayer...

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts let us share our own unspoken prayer with him.

Loving God,

We thank you for your many gifts so generously poured out for all. May our lives be pleasing to you and produce a rich harvest in your loving kingdom. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.