

Don't just keep the rules

28th Sunday
Year B



Sign of the Cross. Let's sing. (See p. 133)



quietly by yourselves

Do you have any rules at home?
Do you have any rules at school?
Are they easy to keep?



when each child has had time to think

What are the rules?
Do you keep them?
Why do you think we have rules?
Yes, they're for everyone's good, they make things fair.



One day a young man came up to Jesus. He said, "Sir, what must I do to get to heaven?" Jesus asked him if he kept all the rules. "Yes, ever since I was very small," said the young man.

welcome the Gospel. Sing Alleluia. (See p. 220)



all stand (adapted from Mark 10:21–22)

Jesus looked at him and smiled because he loved him.
Jesus said, "Go and sell everything you have and give all your money to the poor."
This was too hard for the young man to do and he went home feeling sad.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.



all sit (some suggestions)

Do you think the man will go to heaven?
He probably will. Jesus loved him, even if he could not do the extra thing Jesus asked.
Is it easy to give away money?
Have you ever given away money?
Why did Jesus ask the young man to do this?
Draw your money box.
Would you like to give some of your money to the poor?

WE ARE RICH IN JESUS

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of rich people.
- > Pictures of people helping and sharing.

SHARING

Show the pictures to the children and encourage them to talk about what they see in them.
Move the discussion round to asking: what do people value?
What do children value most in life?
Ask the children for examples of people who use their gifts to help others.

In today's Gospel we will hear about a rich man - was he happy or sad?

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark.
Glorify to you, Lord.

don't kill nor cheat, nor steal nor tell lies; honour your father and mother.

give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

Saying together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a young man ran up, knelt before him and asked 'Good Master, what must I do to have eternal life?'

The young man replied 'Master, I have kept these commandments ever since I was a child.'

When he heard this the man was sad, and went away, for he was very rich.

Jesus replied 'You know the commandments:

Jesus looked at him and loved him, and he said 'There is one thing you have not done. Go, sell everything you own,

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DISCUSSION

- What was Jesus doing?
- Who came to see him?
- What did the young man want?
- What advice did Jesus give him?
- How did the young man take the advice?
- How did the story end?
- the man went away, sad.
- If you were the rich young man, what would you have done?

ACTIVITIES

- > Let the children take it in turns to act out the story, if possible with modern day equivalents.
- > On blank paper have the children write or draw what they will do in the coming week to show how they are following Jesus' advice.

> Join in this prayer:

Let us pray
that we will be satisfied
with the gifts God has given us,
and not want more than we need.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Let us pray
that nothing will hold us back

from following Jesus.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Let us pray
that we will always share
whatever we have with others.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.