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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LORD, FILL OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of poor children.
- > A selection of toys or sweets.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus was rich,
but became poor for your sake,
so that he could make you rich.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees,
'Once there was a rich man, who
dressed beautifully, lived
expensively, only eating the very
best. At the gate of his house lay a
beggar called Lazarus. His body was
covered with sores. He was so
starving that he would have eaten

DISCUSSION

What happens in the story Jesus
told?

Encourage the children to give
modern day examples of Lazarus
and the rich man.

Do they ever behave like the rich
man?

- at home, e.g. with little brothers or sisters?
- at school?

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SHARING

Show the children the pictures, the toys and the sweets, and encourage them to share their thoughts about these.

Lead them to reflect that

- some people seem to have lots, or even too much
- others have little or nothing.

Today Jesus tells us a story about two people, one of them rich, the other one poor.

the food scraps thrown away by the rich man, but no one gave him any. One day the poor man died and the angels carried him to heaven. The rich man also died, but the angels did not take him to heaven. He went to hell. Looking up he could see Lazarus happy in heaven and he said to God

"Have pity on me. I am so hot and thirsty. Send Lazarus to me with a drop of water." But God replied

"You had a good time when you were alive, while Lazarus suffered. Now Lazarus is having a good time. It is impossible for him to cross over and help you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children act out the Gospel story, including examples from their own lives.
- > Give out blank paper and have the children write or draw: either, someone they will share with or, what it is they will share in the week ahead.

- > Recite this prayer together:
**Father, thank you
 for all the love and kindness
 you have shown towards us.
 Help us to be loving and kind
 towards others in return.
 Father, thank you
 for the food we have.
 Help us not to be greedy and
 wasteful with it.
 Help us to share with those who
 do not have enough food.**