

# 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

*Say/sing together:*

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

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

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?'

Jesus replied  
'You know the commandments:

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

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

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

give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'  
When he heard this the man was sad, and went away, for he was very rich.

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

## 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.**