

LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN LUKE 16:19-31

This is a story about two men and what happened to them after they died. One man was very rich and the other man was very poor.

The poor man had to beg for food while he was alive. The poor man was fed with what was left from the rich man's dinner table. He had sores and the only help for him were dogs that licked his sores. The beggar died and angels carried him away to heaven.

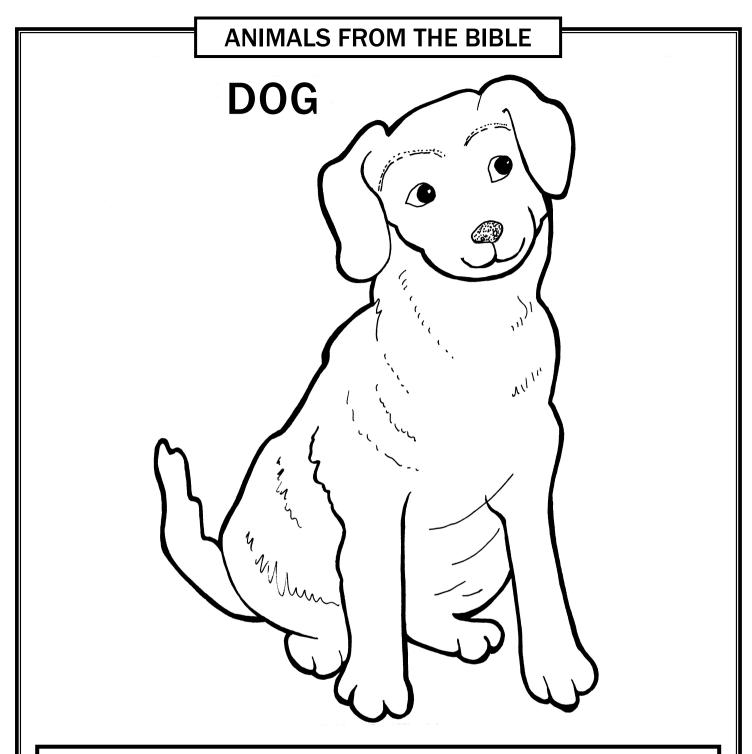
The rich man also died, and went to a place of torment. He could see the beggar now in the pleasures and joy of heaven. The rich man asked for help from heaven and was told that there was a great distance between them and no one could help him now. Then the rich man asked if somebody would preach to his five brothers. The unhappy rich man thought that if somebody rose from the dead his brothers would repent and not come to this place of torment. He was told that they had the Word of God. Only the Word of God could make believing hearts out of unbelieving hearts and give the blessing of heaven after death.

PRAYER

Lord, teach us not to despise your Word, but that we gladly hear and learn it. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize: JOHN 8:47

"He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."



We see dogs everywhere we go. That is because dogs are such good friends. They protect us, play with us, and are our friends when we are sad or sick.

When Lazarus was sick and poor, dogs still liked him and did the only thing they could for him – they stayed with him and licked his wounds.

LUKE 6:20-26 Looking at his disciples, He (*Jesus*) said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,

for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when men hate you,

when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich,

for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now,

for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,

for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

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