

Teaching Plan - People Jesus met: A very rich man

Aim - To show Jesus loves us but it is not always easy to be his friend.



Welcome



Activity

Lead some simple aerobic exercises - perhaps to music. Get everyone to copy what you do.

Stop after a short time once everyone has got the idea. Choose two people to be leaders, each standing on opposite sides of the group. Explain that you want the leaders to do their own exercises. Tell the group they need to choose one of the leaders to follow. Start again and run it for a few minutes.

Explain that the Bible passage today gives us another choice about who to follow.



Mark 10: 17 - 24



Drama

A rich young man

Ben was about 20 years old - he was very rich. He had loads of money and he went to the best shops and bought himself lots of wonderful clothes. Ben also had fancy watches and rings. Ben lived in a very big house and had lots of people to help him - people to clean his house, make his meals and do lots of other jobs for him - he had

plenty money to pay them. Ben had so much "stuff" - much more than he needed.

Ben was a very good man - he knew everything that was in the Bible but he wanted to know how he could be with God now and always - to be with God in (your home town) and later in heaven (eternal life). Ben had heard about Jesus - he knew he was great at teaching all about God. So when Jesus came into the town where he lived Ben wanted to speak with Jesus to ask him some questions.

Ben ran up to Jesus - he went down on his knees in front of Jesus "I'd like to be one of your friends," he said. "What do I need to do?" "Keep God's rules and be kind to other people," Jesus answered.

"Oh, I've always done that," Ben told him. "I am a very good man. I have been good since I was a wee boy. I never hurt anyone. I never take anything that is not mine. I don't tell lies. I love my family. What else?"

Jesus looked at Ben and loved him. "That is very good - well done" said Jesus "now I'd like you to sell all the things you have and give the money to help poorer people. Then come and follow me."

Ben looked very sad. He liked living in a big house, having beautiful clothes, delicious food and lots of money. He did not want to do what Jesus told him. He wanted to keep everything for himself. Ben said "That's too hard for me"

So, he walked away feeling very sad.
That made Jesus very sad too.



Talk -


Do you remember how Jesus looked at Ben? (He looked at him and loved him) Jesus loved him when he first saw Ben and he loved him even when he walked away and left him.


Jesus looks at you and loves you - Jesus looks at me and loves me.
He is the best friend we will ever have.

But Ben thought his money was more important to him than being a friend of Jesus and that made Jesus sad. Jesus wants to be the most important thing in our life - to be first.



Game

Game - play a game of pass the parcel with a few layers of paper - box of maltesers  in the last layer.

Question to the winner of the game - what will you do with the  ?(Of course the correct answer is to share them around).



Prayer Time

Leader in **bold**, group in *italics*

All the people in the world

Jesus wants to be your friend!

All the people in (Scotland)

Jesus wants to be your friend!

All the people in (Your home town)

Jesus wants to be your friend!

All the people in (Name of your church)

Jesus wants to be your friend!

All the people in (the Friends of Jesus Group)

Jesus wants to be your friend!

Thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus,

That you want to be our friend!



Possible Craft

Cut out big star shapes from thick card or foam. Could write **You are a star** on one side and **Jesus loves you** on the other. People can

write or decorate as they are able. Then tell people it is not for them but that they should give it to someone else (either at the meeting or when they go home) - do they want to give it away?



Possible Songs

- God loves you just the way you are (Prospects) - could sing this or just listen to it.
- All I once held dear (**explain the words**)
- Jesus loves me