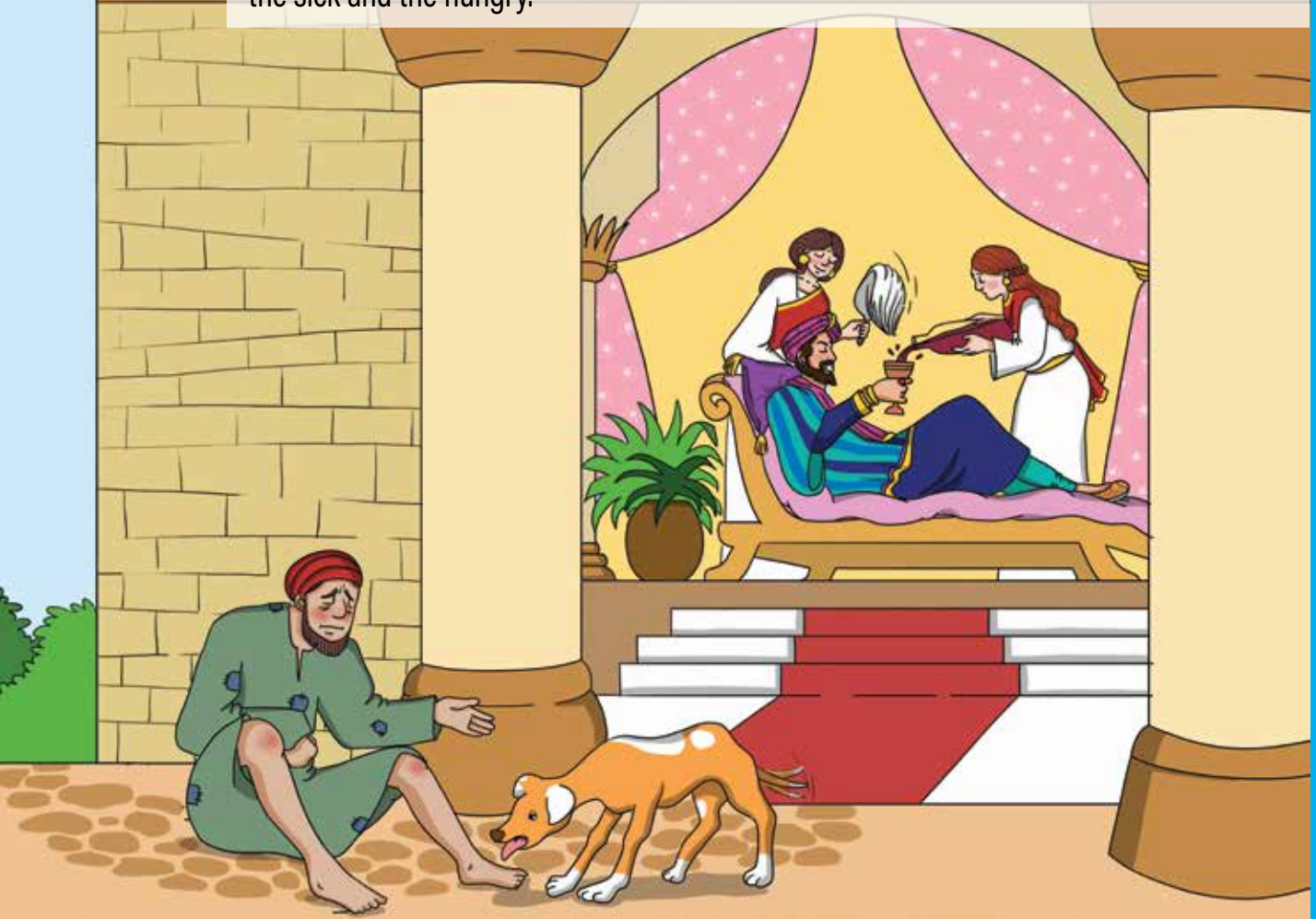




The Rich Man and Lazarus

We are often so busy enjoying life that we pay no attention to the suffering of the people around us. Jesus wants His children to pay attention to all, especially the poor, the sick and the hungry.



There was once a rich man who lived in great comfort and enjoyed eating good food every day. Outside his house, a poor man named Lazarus slept on the street.

Lazarus had nothing to eat. He waited for the little crumbs of food that fell from the rich man's table. His health was in a very bad condition. So bad, that street dogs would come and lick the wounds on his body. When Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven.



Quote – *But the insolence and pride of the wealthy is manifested afterwards by the clearest tokens, for it follows, and no one gave to him. For so unmindful are they of the condition of mankind, that as if placed above nature they derive from the wretchedness of the poor an incitement to their own pleasure, they laugh at the destitute, they mock the needy, and rob those whom they ought to pity.* - St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Book - *Tormented in Hades: The Rich Man and Lazarus and Other Lucan Parables for Persuading the Rich to Repentance* by John A Szukalski



The rich man also died and was buried. He was sent to hell and woke up to find himself in great pain. The rich man looked up to heaven and saw Abraham, with Lazarus sitting by his side.

So he cried out to Abraham, "Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus so he may dip his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in agony in this fire." But Abraham refused saying that the rich man had enjoyed all the good things in life while Lazarus had nothing.

Now it was Lazarus' turn to enjoy the good things in heaven.

But Abraham said, 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain.

Luke 16: 25



Father, please help us pay attention to the pain and suffering of those around us, especially the poor and the needy living on the streets. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Will you give alms to the poor today? Instead of money try giving food or clothes. They may be hungry or feeling cold. It is your duty to take care of them?





You use your ears to listen to God's word from the Bible. You use your mouth to tell the same story to others. You use your mind to be a good follower of Jesus. In the image below, circle places where people need your help.

