

# John's Prize

Key Word: **Rich**

Key Verse: There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered in sores. *Luke 16: 19-20*

John and Michael played together when they were small, when John's mom was the housekeeper at the big house.

But once they were a bit older, Michael had been sent away to boarding school, and John's mom had stopped working at the big house because she was ill. John spent a lot of his time looking after her, because she was confined to a wheelchair and couldn't do much for herself.

John heard a lot about Michael over the years. Michael was clever and worked hard at his studies, and won prize after prize.

John never studied. He generally felt too tired to concentrate on homework, and he couldn't see the point of it anyway, since he knew he'd have to look after his mom for the rest of her life. Not that he minded. He loved his mom, and they had good times together in their little house. But just occasionally, he wished he was Michael.

One day a letter came for John. The letter told him he'd been nominated for a top award, for the most caring young person in Britain. He was to attend a gala evening in a top hotel in London with his mom. And he and his mom would be taken to London in a limousine, to stay in the hotel overnight, before being brought back the next day.

When the time came for the award, John saw with delight that it was Michael and his dad who were to present the prizes.

When John's name was called as the overall winner because of the way he cared for his mom all his life, he felt he was bursting with pride. He climbed the steps to the platform and Michael himself gave John the prize and told him it was more important than any of the prizes he, Michael, had ever won.

As John went home with his mom, he felt deeply happy. He wasn't rich, and he wasn't clever, but somehow he knew what he had with his mom was worth more than money or brains. And he was suddenly glad he was John.

## Questions

**In the story, what did John discover was more important than money or brains?**

**In the Bible story, why did the rich man want to send Lazarus the beggar to the rich man's brothers?**

Have mercy on me.

Secret Phrase:

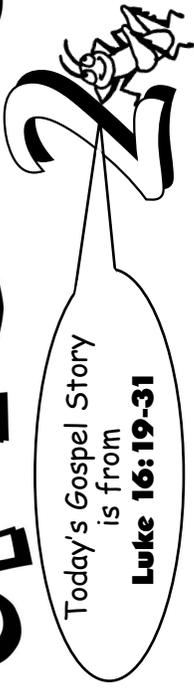
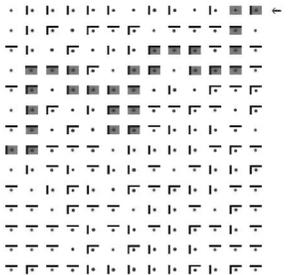
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| MANNER  | HOUSE    |
| CHASM   | BROTHERS |
| CROSS   | DIED     |
| FATHER  | WATER    |

## Answers

Fallen Letter Puzzle

Neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

Anti-Maze



# Gospel Grams

