

“One Thing”

What will you give God in 2021?

Bible Story: The Rich Young Ruler – Luke 18:18-27

Introduction:

1. “What is special about the month we are now in?” *It is the first month of a new year!*
2. “What year is it?” *2021*
3. “Have you heard about making a new year resolution? What is a resolution? *A resolution is a goal. Something you want to do or be by the end of the year.*”
4. “Do you have some ideas for a resolution you could make?” *Take input from the kids.*
5. “Did you know a resolution can be something you choose to give up, too? *For example, you can resolve or make a goal to give up eating candy because it is not good for your teeth. Or you could give up playing video games after dinner because sometimes you end up staying up too late.*”

Bible Lesson:

Share the following before Bible Reading:

1. Jesus spoke to a man in the Bible and asked him to give something up so the man could follow Jesus with his whole heart. Jesus wanted the man to resolve to give up this thing so he could fully follow Jesus. *Can you guess what that one thing was?" Take input from the kids.*
2. "Let's look at the passage where Jesus talks with this man and find out what the one thing is Jesus asked him to give up."

Read: Luke 18:18-27

A Rich Man's Question

¹⁸ A Jewish leader asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to get the life that continues forever?"

¹⁹ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. ²⁰ You know the commands: 'You must not be guilty of adultery. You must not murder anyone. You must not steal. You must not tell lies about your neighbor in court. Honor your father and mother.'"

²¹ But the leader said, "I have obeyed all these commands since I was a boy!"

²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "But there is still one more thing you need to do. Sell everything you have and give the money to the poor. You will have a reward in heaven. Then come and follow me!" ²³ But when the man heard this, he became very sad because he was very rich.

²⁴ When Jesus saw that the man was sad, he said, "It will be very hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God!"

Who Can Be Saved?

²⁶ When the people heard this, they asked, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus answered, "The things impossible for men are possible for God."

Discussion:

- “What is the question the man asked Jesus?” *How can I have eternal life?*
- “How did Jesus answer his question?” *Reread verses 19-20.*
- “First, Jesus reminded the man that no one is good and that all people have sinned.”
- “What was the man’s reply?” *He said he had kept all the laws Jesus listed and was a good man.*
- “Yet what did Jesus tell the man he still needed to do?” *Reread verse 22.*
- “Jesus told the rich man to give up everything he owned to follow Jesus. *This is the ‘one thing’ the man had left to do before he could have eternal life.*”
- Reread verse 23. “How did the man feel about giving up everything he owned?” *He was sad because he was very rich and he did not want to give all of his possessions up to follow Jesus.*
- “Now something I want to make clear to you is that Jesus does not give us a list of things to do in order to get into heaven. There is no to-do list to check off. But you might wonder then why did Jesus ask this man to do something to receive eternal life? Jesus knew that this wealthy man was being held back by his many possessions. *His great wealth was the ‘one thing’ that was keeping his heart hard. Jesus knew this man’s heart would not want to follow Jesus until his possessions had been given away.*”
- “Jesus says in verse 24-25,” *Reread these verses.*
- **“To be a true follower of Christ and receive eternal life we must give our whole heart to Him.** This rich young ruler was willing to give most of his heart and life to Jesus, but not all of it. His wealth was the ‘one thing’ keeping him from following Jesus with his whole heart.”
- How can we make time every day to put God first. *He wants us to talk to HIM each and every day.*

Further Discussion:

1. **“Is there one thing holding you back from following Jesus with your whole heart?”** Maybe you are not a follower of Jesus yet because you do not want to give up your sin and repent? The ‘one thing’ you need to resolve to do this new year is to give up your sin and believe in Jesus’ death on the cross to save you. Your ‘one thing’ to give up is your sin. This new year may be the year you choose a new life in Christ!”
2. **“What if you already know Christ with saving faith.** You have already turned from your sin, believed in the saving work of Jesus death on the cross, and you are seeking to live your life in the way Jesus would want you to live. Yet, you may still have ‘one thing’ in your life that is holding you back in your relationship with Him. **Maybe there is something your heart is clinging to which you think is more important than Jesus.** Is it getting the lead role in the school play? Is it becoming the player to score the most goals on your soccer team? Is it sneaking extra food from the kitchen at home when no one is looking? Is it not following what your parents say because you think you know better? All of these things can hold you back from having the closest relationship you can have with Jesus.”
3. **“So what is your ‘one thing’ today?** *For the rich young ruler it was holding on to his wealth, which meant he did not receive eternal life.* **What is your ‘one thing’?**”
God loves us and wants us to make time for prayer and to talk with HIM.
4. “Let’s close with one final word from Jesus.” *Reread verse 27.*
5. **“Jesus does not leave us to give up that ‘one thing’ all on our own and by our own strength.** He knows we cannot do it on our own, but we need his help. *Ask Jesus for help to give up your ‘one thing’ to Him.* Pray for God to help you give up your ‘one thing’ this year, so that you can have a relationship with Him or so you can have a closer relationship with him. None of us can give up our ‘one thing’ all on our own. We need His help every day.”

Memory Verse:

"What is impossible for man is possible with God. " Luke 18:27

Memory Verse Activity:

Luke 18:27 Word Search – (see in attachments)

Activity: Prayer List (see in attachments)

Help the children fill out a weekly prayer list. Explain this is One Way they can give something to God. Their time talking with Him.

Activity: New Years Resolutions

Help the children come up with their "One Thing to do for God this year. (See attachments).

Close in Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for Loving me and wanting the best for me. Help me to see what I can do to give back to you. Help to me trust you even when I think I can't do something and remember that You are always there to help me.

In Jesus' Name - Amen

Videos:

Here is a video to help explain the story as well:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsHTvUo8k0Q>

Activity Sheets:

- Luke 18:27 Word Search
- Prayer Calendar
- "My New Year" resolution sheet
- Happy 2021 Coloring Sheet
- Bless our New Year Coloring Sheet

Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went!
Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day &
Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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Luke 18:27b

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 E N L T F H O B D M
 T A H W I S F D C P
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Luke 18:27b

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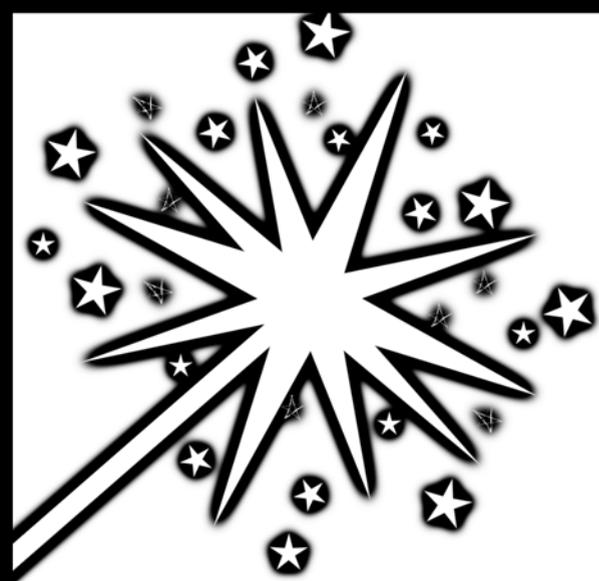
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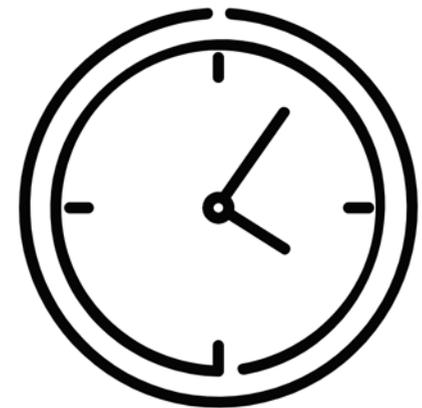
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Happy

2021



**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

~ Colossians 3:17

God Bless OUR

