

# HFkids Small Group Lesson Plan ~ Week 6, Nov 10

**Today's Message:** Give your best to God.

**Bible Story:** The Rich Man (Matthew 19:16-26)

**Challenge of the Week:** Find 3 ways to put God first everyday this week.

For example, read your Bible, pray before school or a sporting event, find a way to serve by helping someone, clean out your toys/closet to find things you don't need to give away...

## **SMALL GROUPS. SMALL GROUP LEADERS (5 - 7 minutes)**

Ice Breaker Activity.

Kids will be sent directly to your mat, please engage in conversation as they arrive then use the Skittle activity until called for Prayer & Readings.

## **STAY IN SMALL GROUPS.**

## **CATECHIST will lead prayer & Bible Reading and Message...**

### **Prayer & Introduction (3 minutes)**

**Prayer.** "Our Father" or your own.

### **Bible Reading: Genesis 12,13 & 15 (attached)**

We are in our final week of our series, "But Wait...There's More!" In this series, we have been looking at how to grow in our faith, beyond Sunday. We have looked at many different Bible stories that show us examples of how to live out our faith. We looked 3 times in the Book of Matthew: Matthew 22; 34-40 showed us how God sent the Ten Commandments to live by every day. Then we looked at *Matt 6:5-13*, reading about the Prayer that God gave us called the "Our Father," which we can pray every day.

Today we are going to read from Matthew 19: 16-26, all about putting God first in our lives. We read in John 6 about how to live our faith everyday by putting others before ourselves, and we also read from the Book of Ephesians (Eph. 6:13-18), about putting on the Armor of God. Last week we read from the Book of Genesis, about choosing to grow and make our relationship with God our own! These are a lot of examples of how we can live out our faith by taking what we learn from Mass on Sunday and applying it to our entire week! The Bible is full of ways we can put God first!

**Bible Story- CATECHIST:** The Rich Man (Matthew 19:16-26). Please download on the website under Nov 10 Small Group Bible Reading (Password is catechist) <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/hfkids-catechist-page/>

### **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION. SMALL GROUP LEADERS (until 11:00)**

1. Why do you think Jesus told the young man to sell all of his possessions? *(because he was putting those things before God)*
2. What would you do if you were in the young man's shoes? Would you get rid of all of your belongings?
3. Why is it hard to sometimes put God first? *(parents, friends, needs, activities, wanting more...)*
4. Is it sinful to be rich? *(No. Jesus' command to this man was not a universal command to all men. What God says is that we shouldn't love ANYTHING more than we love Him. This could be popularity, friends, comfort, entertainment, money, or any number of things. Whatever we put first in our life is what we worship. God must be first in our life.)*
5. Why does Jesus tell the young man that the most important commandment is "to love God with all your heart and with all your soul and mind? What does that mean to you?
6. Why did Jesus compare a camel to a rich person?

## **CATECHIST: Play Message Video**

### **Message Video - Small Group Leaders (2 minutes)**

Please direct the kids attention to the TV screen and stay in small group for the message video. *Below is the video link if you want to watch ahead of time.*

[https://player.vimeo.com/external/183299827.hd.mp4?s=50bfecf74a525711756344a74fa276fa5994d920&profile\\_id=174&download=1](https://player.vimeo.com/external/183299827.hd.mp4?s=50bfecf74a525711756344a74fa276fa5994d920&profile_id=174&download=1)

### **Closing Prayer (1 minute) - Small Group Leaders (1 minute)**

Lead children in closing prayer (below) and remain with the kids until parents arrive. Gather Time Travellers. Please make sure the names of all the kids in your group are listed. Prayer cards will be provided.

#### **Closing Payer:**

##### **A prayer of protection from St. Patrick**

May Christ shield me today,

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left,

Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen