

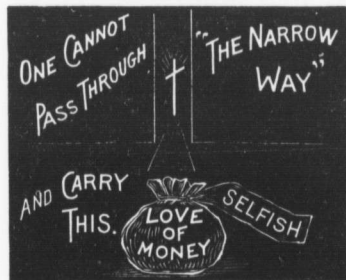
Now Jesus was going away from Perea, where he had blessed the children. Some one came running after him. Uncover the second frame. Tell children that they must make this picture in their own minds. Here is a straight mark to stand for Jesus, and others for the disciples. Here comes a very rich young man, running fast. He has almost lost his chance to see Jesus. What was his business with Jesus? It was very important. Let children imagine what it could be. Some one will probably say that he wanted to know how to get to heaven. Yes, that was his business. Paraphrase the conversation between them, and show what hindered the young man from following Jesus. He was not willing to give "all." Help the children to apply the lesson. Some child-to-day wants to come to Jesus. If he comes he must give all. The young ruler had a great deal of money. The child thinks, "I have no money to give." But the child has something more important. He must give his will. If we follow Jesus we must do his way, not ours. The young ruler could not do that. Many children think they cannot. Give some illustrative incident.



Now the young man has gone sadly away. Jesus and the disciples are alone. Uncover the third frame. Make a mark in the center. The disciples have heard all, and they wonder that Jesus asked the young man to give up all his riches. Here they come (make marks near Jesus), gathering eagerly around, to ask if the way into the kingdom is not a very hard way!

Teach that it is not hard to the heart that loves and obeys. But it is hard to those who want to have their own way and seek their own pleasure.

### Blackboard.



The way to the kingdom is a narrow way. You cannot load yourself down with worldly goods until you have no place for love and trust in Christ and expect to pass through the narrow portals. You will have to lay aside that great burden of selfish love of money and leave it outside, for there is not room enough for both you and it to pass through. That was what the young man in the lesson of to-day refused to do. Little children pass in because they carry in nothing but the faith and love of childhood.

### OPTIONAL HYMNS.

The children's Friend.  
No name so sweet,  
So near to the kingdom.

The young Christian.  
Must Jesus bear.  
I love thy kingdom.  
Father, lead thy.  
Jesus loves me.  
I think when I.  
Jesus loves the.  
Dear Jesus, hear.  
Lead me, precious.  
Growing up for.  
Little buds of.

### The Lesson Catechism.

1. What did Jesus say when his disciples forbade the mothers to bring their children for his blessing? **Of such is the kingdom of God.**
2. What did he say of those who would not receive the kingdom of God as a little child? **GOLDEN TEXT, Whosoever, etc.**
3. Concerning what did the young ruler inquire? **How to inherit eternal life.**
4. In addition to keeping the commandments what did Jesus tell him to do? **Sell all, give to the poor, and follow him.**
5. How did the young man feel? **He was very sorrowful, for he was very rich.**
6. What did Jesus say his followers, who had left dear possessions, should receive in this present time? **Manifold more.**
7. What in the world to come? **Life everlasting.**

### CATECHISM QUESTION.

9. What are the privileges of sonship?

They are—the liberty to call God Father, the inward witness of being his children, and the title to the Christian inheritance.

### Topics for the Young People's Prayer-Meeting of the Epworth League.

- Aug. 3. **Returning to the Father.** Luke 15. 18; Isa. 55. 7; Hos. 14. 1, 2; Psa. 103. 8-10, 12; 32. 5; Eph. 2. 13; Rom. 5. 1.
- Aug. 10. **Son, Remember.** Luke 16. 25; Deut. 8. 2; Psa. 20. 7; 103. 18; Eccles. 12. 1; John 15. 20; Acts 20. 35; Gal. 2. 10; 2 Tim. 2. 8.
- Aug. 17. **How Much Owest Thou?** Luke 17. 18; Psa. 116. 12-14; 102. 2, 3; Isa. 63. 7; Psa. 107. 1, 2; 107. 15; Rom. 5. 8.
- Aug. 24. **How to Pray.** Luke 18. 1; Matt. 21. 22; Jas. 5. 16; Jer. 29. 13; John 4. 24; Heb. 4. 16; Gen. 32. 26.
- Aug. 31. **The Compensations of Christ's Service.** Luke 18. 29, 30; Psa. 16. 11; 37. 4; 84. 11; Rom. 8. 16, 17; 2 Tim. 4. 8.

THOSE who do but fear know not God, for "God is love."—*Fenelon.*

WRITE it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday.—*Emerson.*

It is not the bee's touching on the flowers that gathers honey, but her abiding for a time upon them, and drawing out the sweet. It is not he that reads most, but he that meditates most on divine truth, that will prove the choicest, wisest, strongest Christian.—*Bishop Hall.*