

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 9.]

THE RICH YOUNG RULER.

[Dec. 2.]

Matt. 19. 16-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God.—Mark 10. 23.

MEMORY VERSES, 23-26.—Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

As Jesus was walking along the road a young man came running after him to ask a question. He was rich and had tried to do all the things the Jewish law asked him to do. Very likely he thought that he was pretty good, but he had become uneasy about his chances for heaven, and so he came to ask Jesus about it. When Jesus told him to "keep the commandments," he was already to answer that he had done that all his life. But Jesus could read his heart. See how quickly he showed the young man who came thinking he was very good that he was breaking one of the commandments all the time. How would you feel if Jesus should ask you to give up your nice clothes and good times so as to give more to the poor. Notice what Jesus said to his disciples (and to us) about people who love anything better than God.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who came to Jesus?

A young ruler of the synagogue.

2. What did he ask Jesus?

How to get to heaven.