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A Good News Story

A Rich Man Asks About Eternal Life

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One day, as Jesus was getting ready to set out on a journey, a man came up to Him.

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” the man asked as he knelt before Jesus.

“You know the commandments: ‘You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother,’” Jesus answered.

“Teacher,” the man said, “all of these I have observed from my youth.”

Jesus looked at the man with love.

“You are lacking in one thing,” He told the man. “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

When Jesus finished speaking, the man’s excitement quickly turned to sadness. He slowly rose from his knees and walked away from Jesus in silence. He



(Illustration/Linda Jeanne Rivers)

Bible Trivia
To whom did Jesus give blessings?
(Hint: Mark 10:13-16)

Answer: The people’s children.

was a very wealthy man, and he was not interested in following Jesus if he had to give up all of his money and possessions.

Jesus watched the man walk away. He turned to the apostles, who had been listening to the conversation.

“How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the Kingdom of God!”

Jesus exclaimed. “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God.”

Jesus’ friends were astonished.

“Then who can be saved?” they wondered.

Jesus looked at them.

“For men it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God,” He told his friends.

“We have given up everything and followed you,” Peter said.

Jesus looked at Peter.

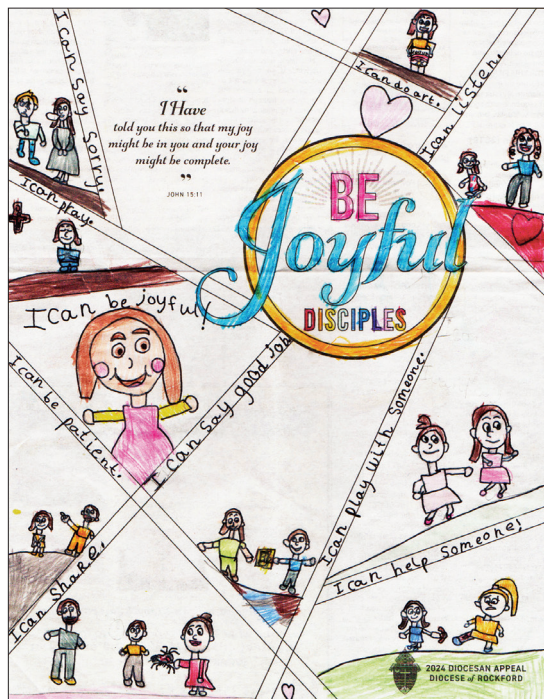
“Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come,” Jesus said. “But many that are first will be last, and (the) last will be first.”

Q&A

What question did the rich man ask Jesus?

Why did the rich man leave Jesus?

Read more about it in Mark 10



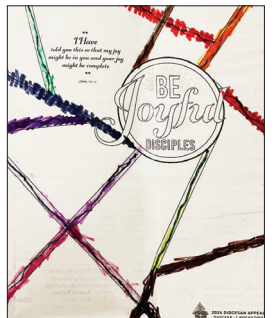
Clara Harp



Francesca Jelinek



Madonna Szewczykowski



Jake Zeiss



Teddy Juns

Diocesan Coloring Contest Winners Chosen

DIOCESE—Three winners of the Diocesan Appeal coloring contest were chosen from among 155 entries by a vote of those working at the Diocesan Administration Center on May 15. The entries were divided into three age groups: ages 4-6, ages 7-9 and ages 10 and above.

The winners, from youngest to oldest, are:

■ **Clara Harp (age 6)**, a kindergarten student whose family attends Holy Family Parish in Rockford;

■ **Francesca Jelinek (age 9)**, whose family attends St. Peter Parish in South Beloit; and

■ **Madonna Szewczykowski (age 11)**, whose family attends St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles.

The winning entries are on display in the Diocesan Administration Center on the door of Claudia Broman, director of the diocesan Office of Charitable Giving.

Broman expressed her excitement at the record-setting results of the contest: 155 entries is “the most we’ve ever had,” she said.

Each winner will receive a gift bag with a coloring book, a children’s book about a saint, holy cards, a scapular, a Culver’s gift card and more.

Honorary “Littlest Observer” certificates and colorful rosaries will also be sent to two three-year olds who submitted artwork: Jake Zeiss, whose family attends Holy Cross Parish, Batavia; and Teddy Juns, whose family attends SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Virgil.