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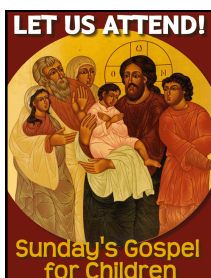
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## Materials:

- white drawing paper
- crayons
- furniture, objects, pillows to be used in an obstacle course
- copy of song, "Put God First"

## Procedure:

1. After reading the gospel story to your child, take time to review the discussion questions following the story.
2. On a sheet of drawing paper, ask your child to draw some pictures of things that are important to them. Discuss these things. Remind your child that in the gospel story, the rich man loved his possessions very much, so much that he wasn't willing to give them up for Jesus. Ask your child how they can show Jesus that they want Him to be more important than the things they just drew on their paper. Discuss ways to put God first: praying often, attending Liturgy and Sunday School, learning more about God by listening to bible stories, tithing, giving to the poor, etc.
3. Tell your child that it can be very hard for people to value God above all other things. That is why Jesus said that it was "easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." Set up a small obstacle course in a room or rooms of your house. Make spaces for your child to crawl that are small and challenging to squeeze through. Allow your child to work their way through the obstacle course. Once your child has completed the course, discuss the challenges of the course. Remind your child that even though it was difficult, it wasn't impossible. The same is true for following God. If we fully trust in God and are willing to give everything to Him, He will help us and make all challenges in our life possible. If we are willing to value God above ALL things, than our reward will be great - we can have eternal life with God in heaven. That is His promise and nothing in our lives on Earth is better than that!
4. Teach your child the song, "Put God First". Sing the song once for your child, then invite them to join in singing one line at a time. Add the actions. Then sing the entire song together using the actions! Remind your child that this song helps us remember that by putting God first, He will always show us the way to go in life!

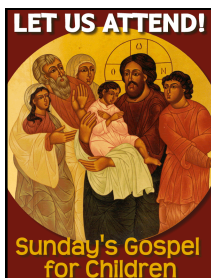


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## Song:

Put God First (to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or "Are You Sleeping?")

Put God first (\*action - make a number 1 sign with finger, with arm raised high)  
Put God first (repeat action)  
above all things (\*action – swing arms side to side)  
above all things (repeat action)  
And you will be saved (\*action – point to icon of Jesus)  
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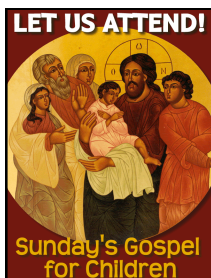
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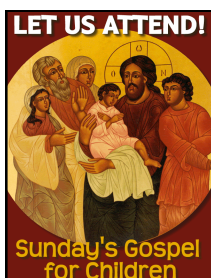
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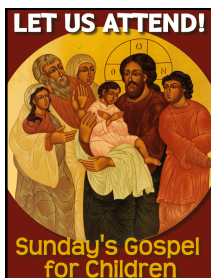
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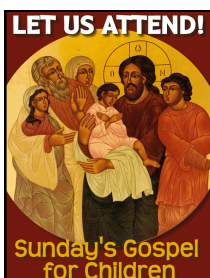


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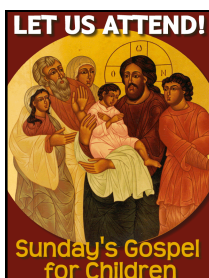


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