

# Saint Francis of Assisi

## October 4

FRANCIS WAS BORN TO A RICH MERCHANT FAMILY IN ITALY IN 1181. HE WAS SPOILED BUT WAS STILL FUN AND LOVED HAVING PARTIES WITH HIS FRIENDS.

Mom, please can my friends come over again?

HE WENT TO WAR HOPING TO BECOME A KNIGHT, BUT INSTEAD HE WAS CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED.

Now how can I become a knight?

WHEN HE GOT HOME HE WOULD HAVE GONE BACK TO WAR, BUT GOD CALLED HIM...

Francis, I want you to rebuild My House.

PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS CRAZY, BUT HE HAD DECIDED TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO GOD.

HE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING HE HAD, EVEN TRADING CLOTHES WITH A BEGGAR!

Ugh!... the poor man. I should give him my clothes...

NOW FRANCIS WENT AROUND PREACHING AND TEACHING PEOPLE TO REPENT FROM THEIR SINS.

How can you say you love God when you make wealth your idol?

We can live in these shacks.

MANY PEOPLE SAW HOW HOLY AND HAPPY FRANCIS WAS, SO THEY GAVE UP THEIR POSSESSIONS AND FOLLOWED HIM. SOON THERE WERE 5000 FOLLOWERS!

SAINT FRANCIS LIVED A LIFE OF POVERTY AND HUMILITY EVEN THOUGH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. SOON THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR (FRANCISCANS) WAS STARTED. SAINT FRANCIS ALSO RECEIVED THE STIGMATA. HE DIED AT AGE 45 AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SICKNESS.



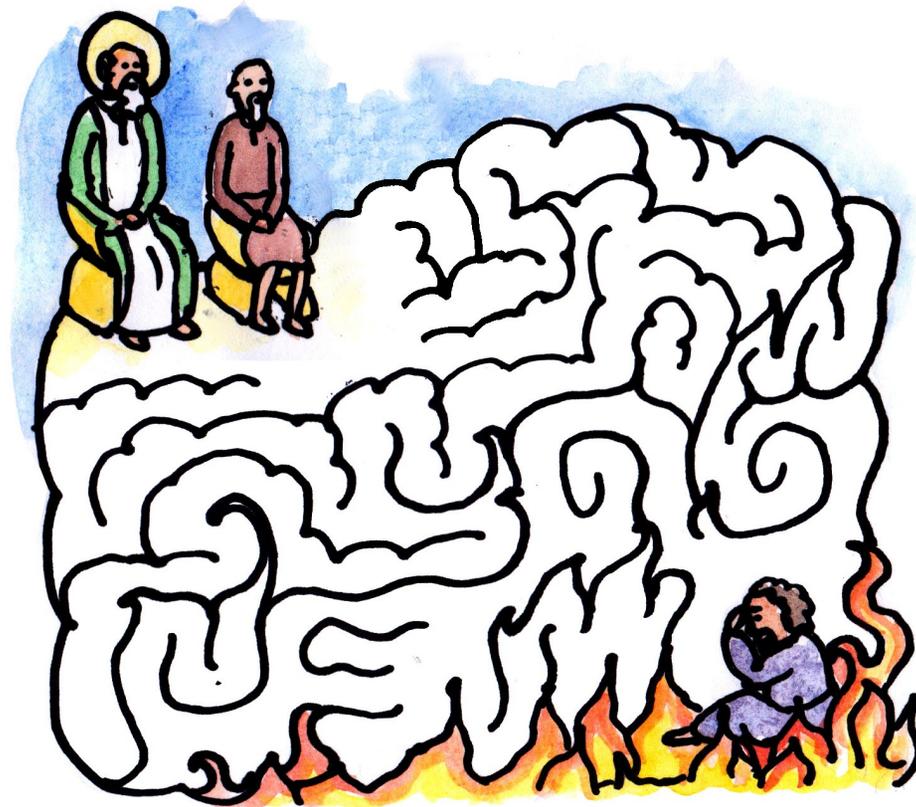
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Luke 16:19-31

*In Jesus' parable, the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to him with a drop of cool water. But can Lazarus cross between Heaven and Hell? See if the maze will let him cross.*

# Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

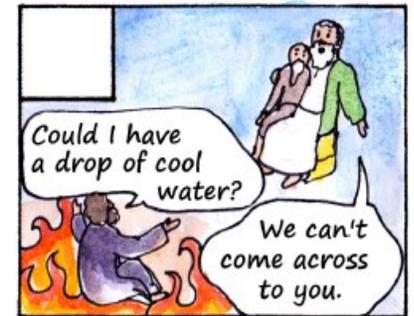
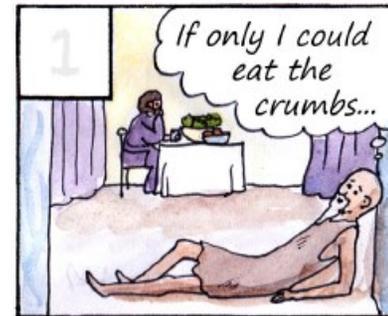
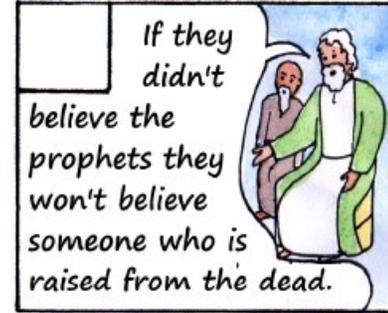
Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



Maze on Front: you can't cross from Heaven to Hell or vice-versa.  
Answers to Sort-out-the-pictures: Top: 6,3 Middle: 1,4 Bottom: 5,2

# Sort-the-Pictures Lazarus and the Rich Man



In this story are Lazarus, the rich man, and Abraham. The pictures are not in order, though. Can you put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the corners to show their proper order?