

## **Script – The Rich Man and Lazarus**

[Opening scene is at the rich man's home.]

**Narrator:** There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.

**Rich man:** [eating at the table, having a good time]

**Narrator:** At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table.

**Lazarus:** [close to the table, but “outside” begging for food, looking very sick.]

**Narrator:** Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

**Dogs:** [pretend to help Lazarus]

**Narrator:** The time came when the beggar died.

**Lazarus:** [softly lay down]

**Narrator:** The angels carried him to Abraham's side.

**Angels:** [help escort Lazarus off scene, or to Abraham. Note: Lazarus is not sick any longer]

**Narrator:** The rich man also died and was buried.

**Rich man:** [choke on some food and die hard]

**Scene 2:** [Heaven and hell. Use two sides of the room with a large space in between. In Heaven, if possible, have Abraham and Lazarus higher, for example on top of a desk. Abraham is standing. Lazarus is sitting comfortably]

**Angels:** [behind Abraham and Lazarus]

**Rich man:** [Across the room, on the floor, looking very sick and uncomfortable.]

**Tormentors:** [annoying, poking, hurting]

**Narrator:** In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

**Rich man:** 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

**Abraham:** 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

**Rich man:** 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

**Abraham:** 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

**Rich man:** 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

**Abraham:** 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The End