

Mr. Perfect
(2-9-03)
Based on Luke 18:18-30

Narrator: Good morning, children! We have a Bible-times skit for you featuring the Rich Young Ruler...

RYR: I prefer the name "Mr. Perfect", if you don't mind.

Narrator: I think we'd better stick with Rich Young Ruler.

RYR: Oh, all right, if you insist.

Narrator: Once there was a young ruler who had everything –he was rich, good-looking...

RYR: Oh, I am so right for this part!

Narrator: No interruptions, please!

RYR: Sorry.

Narrator: In addition to his wealth and good looks, he also was kind to other people and read his Bible every day, just to make sure he was doing everything right.

RYR: Got to follow the rules, you know! Oh, can't I please be called Mr. Perfect?

Narrator: I said NO! Anyway, Jesus had come to visit the town where Mr. Thinks-He's-Perfect lives. (Jesus enters.)

RYR: I've heard of this Jesus. They say he is very wise and talks about how we can be with God forever, even after we die. Well, if anyone deserves that, it's me – I follow every rule! Perhaps I'd better check it out with him, just to be sure. Ahem, hello Mr. Jesus. I was wondering if you could answer a little question for me...

Jesus: Certainly, my son.

RYR: What do I need to do to be with God forever?

Jesus: Well, you can start by following the rules in the Bible called the 10 commandments...

RYR: Oh, yes, I do that already! In fact, I have a little checklist that I carry around with me each day in my Day-Planner, and at the end of the day I mark off all the ones I followed. Which is all of them. (To audience) I knew I had it made!

Narrator: Jesus looked at the man and he knew that there was one commandment that the man hadn't followed – the one that said, "You shall have no other gods before me". Do you remember that I told you that this guy had a lot of money? Well, Jesus knew that this guy's money and all his stuff was more important to him than God was. So he said...

Jesus: There's one more thing you need to do.

RYR: Name it, and it shall be done!

Jesus: Sell everything you have and give the money to poor people, and then you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me!

RYR: What? Give up all my things? I'm sorry, Jesus, I just can't do that.

Scott: I'm sorry too.

(They exit.)

Narrator: Jesus was sad that the man wouldn't decide that God was more important than his money.

RYR puppet: I guess he wasn't so perfect after all.

Narrator: Only God is perfect! You'll learn more about this story, and how you can decide that God is more important than anything else, in your Bible in Luke 18:18-30. Bye now!