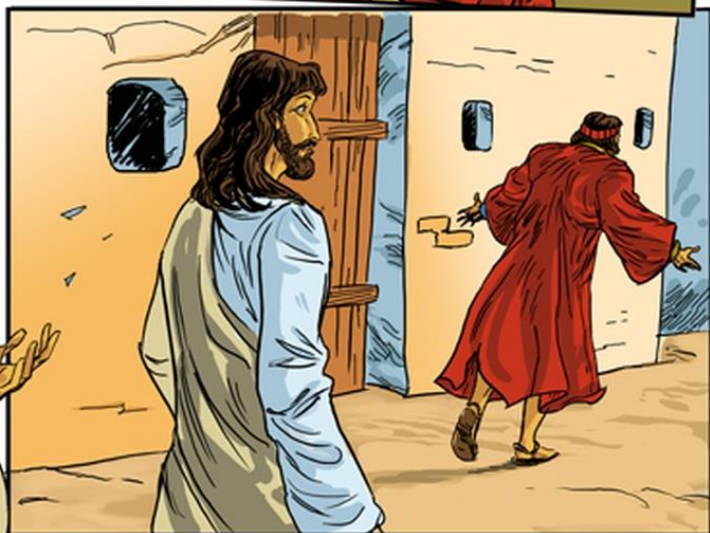
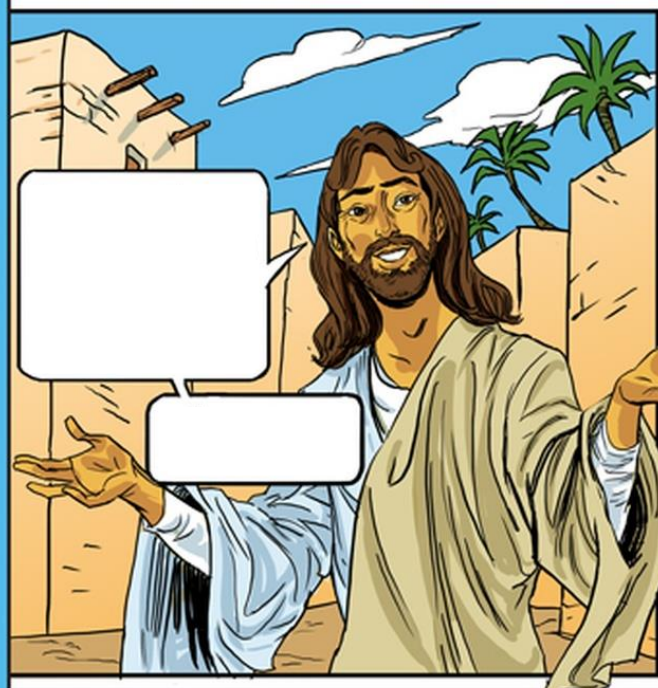


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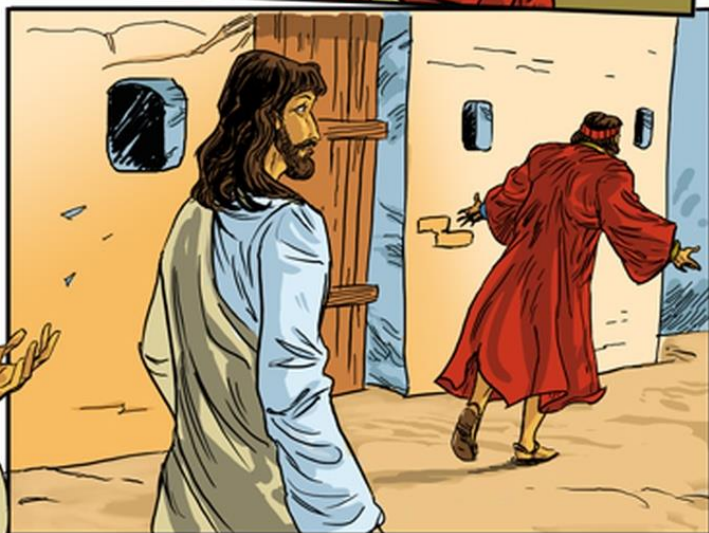
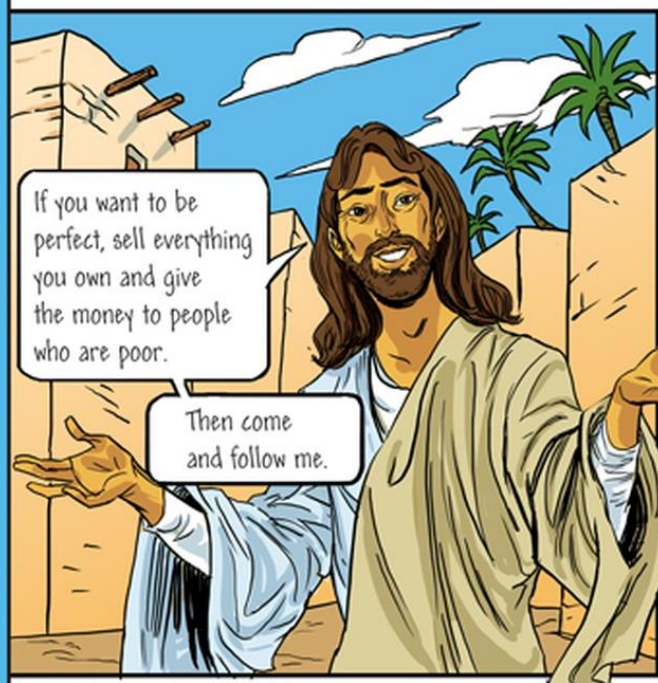
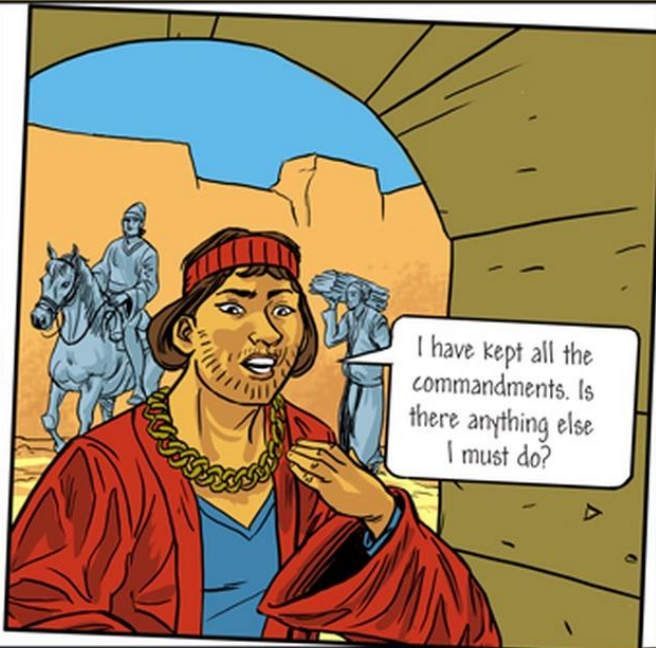
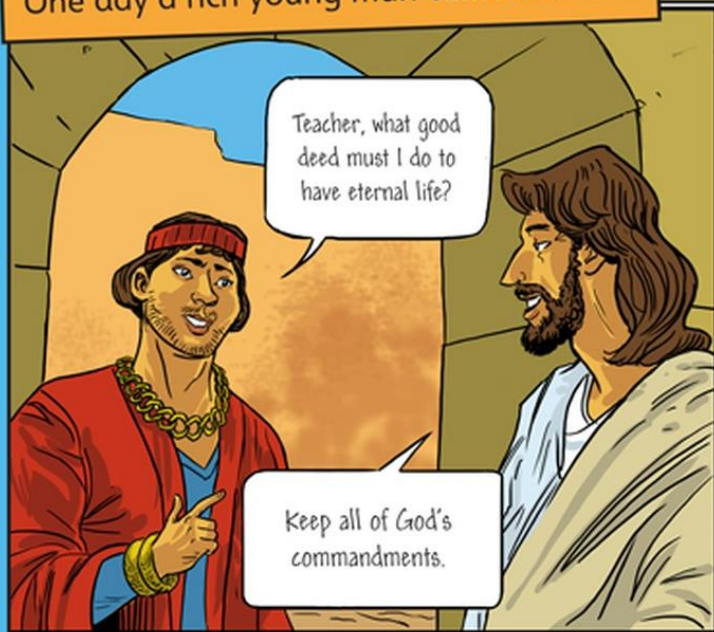
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# THE PARABLE OF THE RICH YOUNG MAN



## SUMMARY

**Key Idea:** A person cannot truly love God if they love wealth (or another earthly possession) more than God

- A rich man wants to know how to achieve eternal life
- Jesus says to follow the commandments, but the man is not satisfied
- Jesus tells him to sell all of his possessions, giving every penny to the poor, then to follow him
- The young man was sad, because he was rich and he couldn't give up his money
- Jesus says that it is harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle



## Matthew 18: 21-35

<sup>16</sup> Once a man came to Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what good thing must I do to receive eternal life?"

<sup>17</sup> "Why do you ask me concerning what is good?" answered Jesus. "There is only One who is good. Keep the commandments if you want to enter life."

<sup>18</sup> "What commandments?" he asked.

Jesus answered, "Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; <sup>19</sup> respect your father and your mother; and love your neighbour as you love yourself."



<sup>20</sup> "I have obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else do I need to do?"

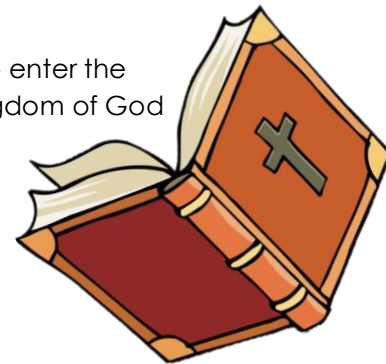
<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me."

<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he was very rich.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus then said to his disciples, "I assure you: it will be very hard for rich people to enter the Kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> I repeat: it is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle."

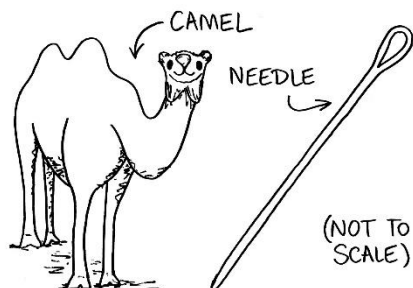
<sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were completely amazed. "Who, then, can be saved?" they asked.

<sup>26</sup> Jesus looked straight at them and answered, "This is impossible for human beings, but for God everything is possible."



## CONTEXT

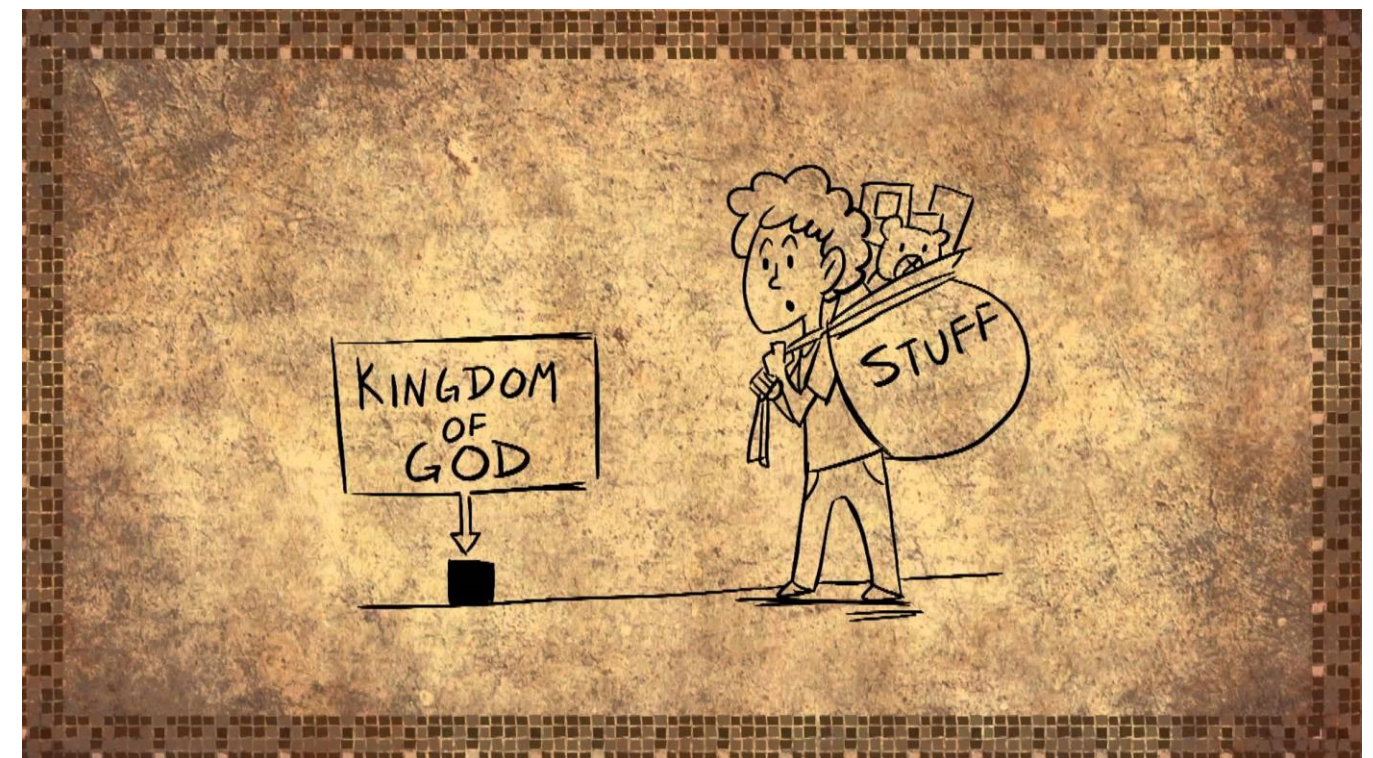
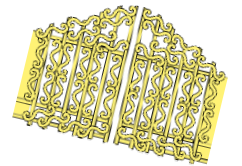
In Jesus' time, there was a story of a gate in the wall around ancient Jerusalem called the "Eye of the Needle" or the "Needle's Eye." This gate was designed in such a way that it could be used by pedestrians but not by bandits or criminals on camels. The only way a camel could get through this "Eye of the Needle" was to be unloaded and crawl through on its knees. Spiritually, the metaphor is clear. The camel could go through the Eye of the Needle, but only after being stripped of its baggage (or wealth).



Jesus clearly says that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Can this be done? Of course not – that is the point. This exaggeration is easily explained: the camel was the largest animal regularly seen in Israel, and its contrast with the small size of a needle's eye shows the utter impossibility of the effort to squeeze the camel through the needle's eye.

## KEY IDEAS AND QUOTES

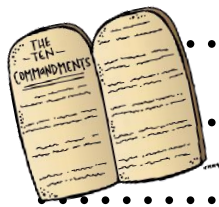
- "It is harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle"
- A person cannot have two masters: they either serve God or they serve money, like the rich young man did
- God is omnipotent (all-powerful) and can save all humans
- If money keeps us from following Jesus fully, we must continue to release ourselves from the lure and attraction that comes with having wealth
- Good things e.g. money, jobs, etc. have their place, but they are secondary to God and the Kingdom of Heaven
- Selfish actions or concerns with earthly possessions will not bring a person eternal life with God
- Spiritual wealth is more important than actual wealth/money



# THE PARABLE OF THE RICH YOUNG MAN

Summarise the Bible passage!

## THE BIBLE



What is the historical context of the Parable?

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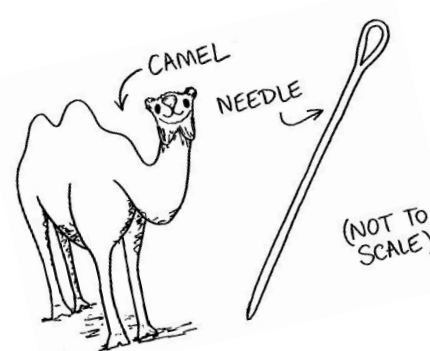
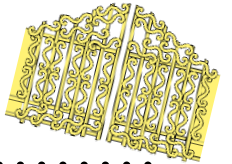
# SUMMARY

What is the key idea of the Parable of the Rich Young Man?



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# The Parable of the rich young ruler can also be found in Mark. Check out these activities.

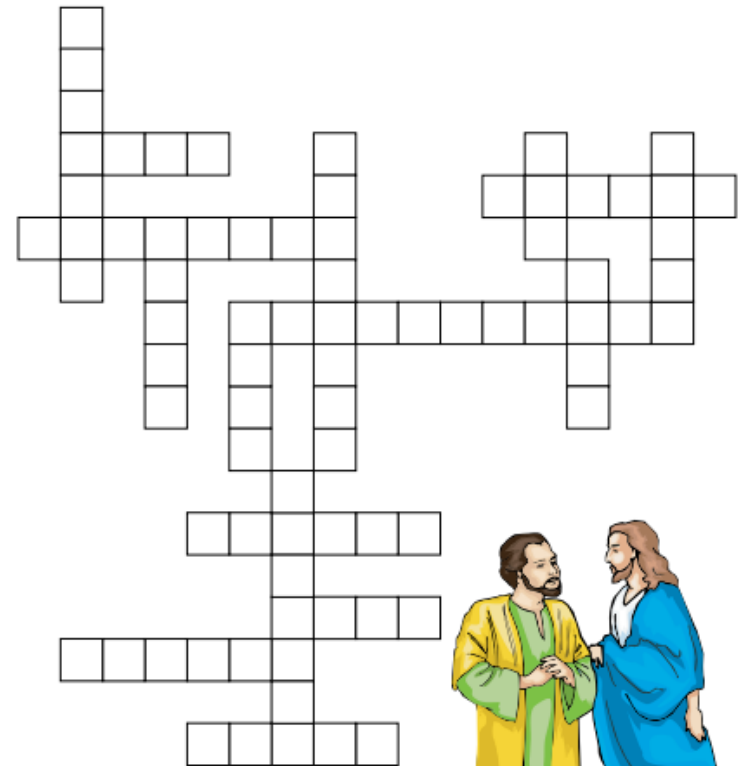
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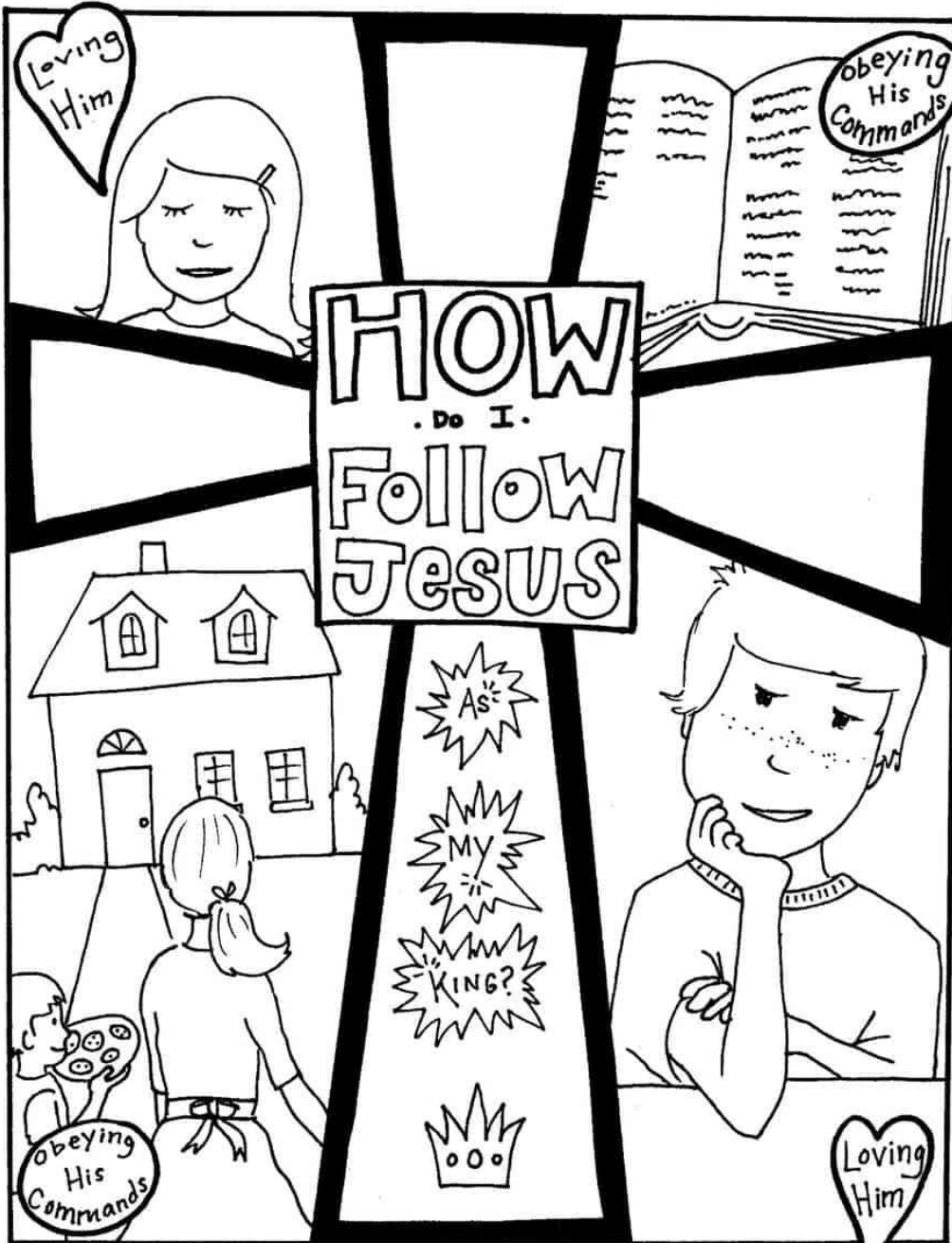
## A Rich Young Ruler

Complete the story of a rich young ruler who asks Jesus about how to achieve eternal life (Mark 10:17-27 KJV).  
Fill in the blanks with words from the list. Then, fit the words into the puzzle.

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, \_\_\_\_\_ Master, what shall I do that I may inherit \_\_\_\_\_ life? And \_\_\_\_\_ said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not \_\_\_\_\_, Do not bear \_\_\_\_\_ witness, Defraud not, Honour thy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, and thou shalt have \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great \_\_\_\_\_. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a \_\_\_\_\_ man to enter into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with \_\_\_\_\_ all things are \_\_\_\_\_.

father	treasure	mother	steal	possible
possessions	cheat	kingdom	heaven	rich
Jesus	God	false	poor	
give	Teacher	eternal		





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## A Rich Man's Question

The Bible verses below are from Luke 18:18-25 (CEB), in which Jesus answers a rich man's question about eternal life. Jesus' message to the man is similar to his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, where he instructs us to focus on treasures in heaven, rather than treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19-21).

Unscramble the letters in red to complete the verses.

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## Jesus and the Rich Ruler

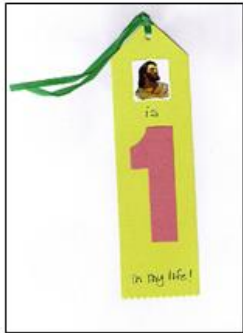
Use the animal code to discover what Jesus said to the rich young ruler  
who asked what he must do to inherit eternal life (Mark 10:21 CEB).

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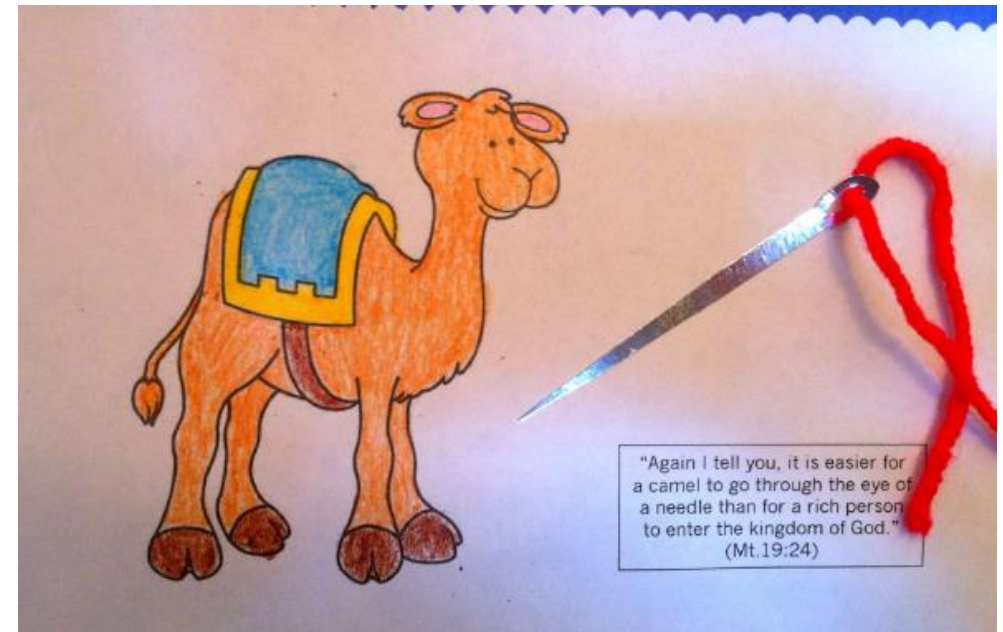
## CRAFT IDEAS

### **“God is #1” Bookmark**

- Cut a bookmark shape out of construction paper or cardstock.
- Punch a hole at the top of bookmark. Cut a piece of ribbon for the tie.
- Add Jesus sticker to top of bookmark.
- Cut or draw a “1” shape to add to center of bookmark.
- Write the words “is” and “in life” to finish craft.
- Print Key Bible Verse to self-adhesive address labels and stick on the back of the bookmark.



Additional Idea:  
“God is #1” Medal  
[www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com), 57/9088





# Follow me Sandal



## What you need

- Template page (white card for best results)
- Scissor
- Colouring pencils or crayons,
- Ribbon
- Sticky tape.

## What to do



Colour the template page



Cut around sandal and make small holes where indicated.



Thread two length of ribbon through holes, tie and tape underneath.

