

# Camels & Needles

Luke 18:15–30

## 1. Story One—The Little Children

Luke 18:15–17

Misconception #1

Misconception #2

Jesus' Point

## 2. Story Two—The Rich Young Ruler

Luke 18:18–30

Misconception #1

Misconception #2

Misconception #3

Jesus' Point

Application:

## For the Family

**Read together** Luke 18:18–30

**Explain** how a rich man asked Jesus what he had to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus listed some of the 10 Commandments, and the man said he had obeyed all of them. Jesus then told him one more thing he needed to do. Jesus told him to sell everything he owned, and give the money to poor people. If he did that, he would have treasure in heaven, and he could follow Jesus. When the man heard this he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.

**Explain** that he was sad because he didn't want to give up all his possessions. He wanted to keep everything, but Jesus had told him to give everything away. He had to choose between following Jesus and keeping all his possessions.

Jesus noticed his sadness and said, *“How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”*

**Explain** that sometimes people have a hard time choosing between worldly wealth and following Jesus. Our stuff can become more important than Jesus, especially if we have a lot of stuff.

Jesus used a silly picture to make his point: *For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.*

**Show your children** a sewing needle. Ask them to imagine a camel (or horse or other large animal) trying to fit through the eye. Jesus is saying it is impossible.

It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor. It is impossible to enter the kingdom of God without Jesus. Rich people don't have special privileges in the kingdom. Everyone needs Jesus.

**Pray together** that you never forget that you need Jesus. No matter how wealthy you are, you will always need Jesus. Pray that you will never love worldly wealth more than you love Jesus.