

Can a Camel go through the Eye of a Needle?

All of the cities in this region had walls around them for protection from raiders who would steal and try to take over the city. Every night the main gate for entry into the city was closed and guarded. One small opening was at the side of the gate. It was big enough for a man or woman to get down on their hands and knees and crawl through. It was called the "Needle". It was probably given that name because it is so small and hard to crawl through just like threading a needle.

So, Jesus said that it is easier for a camel, which is a big animal, to crawl through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. This is because rich men love their money and possessions more than becoming a child of God.

Question Time:

1. Can a camel crawl through a tiny hole in a city wall? No.
2. Can a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven? Only if he sells all his possessions, gives the money to the poor and follows Jesus.
3. How can you enter the kingdom of heaven? Learn all you can about the word of God and develop a faith in God that is unbreakable. Then, your parents will help you to know the steps to becoming a Christian.

Scripture: Luke 18:24-34

[22] When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

[23] When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.

[24] Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

[25] Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

[26] Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

[27] Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

[28] Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

[29] "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God [30] will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

[31] Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. [32] He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. [33] On the third day he will rise again."

[34] The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

Next Steps: Ask your parents to get out a needle and thread and teach you how to thread a needle.