

Sunday October 13

Trinity 20



Readings

Hebrews 4 verses 12 – 16

Mark 10 verses 17 – 31

Dear Lord, we pray for those
with no toys, food, nice clothes or games.
May all those with more than enough share it,
so we show your love to all we meet. Help us to
give you first place in our life. Amen

Gospel reading Mark 10: 17-31

As Jesus was walking along the road, a man came running up to him. He fell down on his knees and began to ask Jesus a question. 'What must I do to have eternal life?'

Jesus looked at the man kneeling in front of him: 'You know the answer to that! You must obey God's laws.'

'I have obeyed God's laws all of my life,' replied the man.

Jesus looked at the man kneeling in front of him with love. He explained a little more. 'There is one more thing you must do. Go, sell everything you have, take the money and give it all to the poor. Then come and follow me.'

This made the man very upset. You see, he was very rich. He loved his money and his possessions more than he loved God. As the man got up and walked sadly away, Jesus turned to his disciples. He said, 'It is so hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of God.'

The disciples were shocked by this, so Jesus explained. 'Money can become more important to people than

loving God. More important than loving other people. It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom.'



The disciples were even more confused and asked, 'How can anyone enter God's kingdom then?'

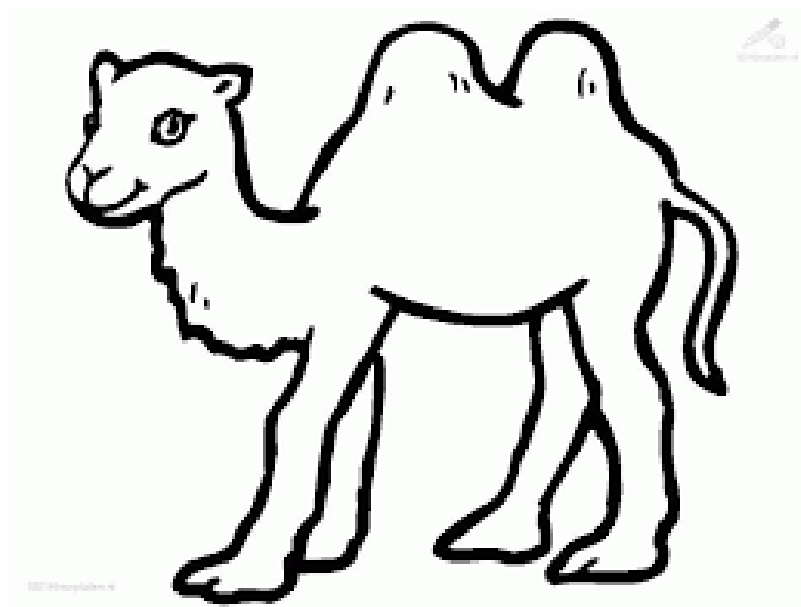
'Remember, with God, anything is possible,' Jesus replied. 'We left everything to follow you,' Peter said. 'Yes,' Jesus replied. 'And anyone who gives up things for me will be given a hundred times more. Those who appear to be important in the world are not important in God's kingdom. Those who seem unimportant in the world will be very important in God's kingdom.'

Mark 10:17-31

Do you ever watch Quiz Shows like Who wants to be a Millionaire ? on television where people win money? Sometimes they manage to win quite a bit but sometimes they get very greedy and then lose it all. One I saw recently they safely got £20,000 but then they went for a much bigger amount and lost the lot!!

Look at the camel below. Get an adult to put a needle next to the camel and see if you think the camel could get through the eye. Camels were used to carry heavy loads so what would the camel's owner have to do? Yes he would have to get rid of some or all of the load so who could he give it to? The poor. It was not because he was rich that the young man in the story could not enter the Kingdom. It was because his love for money was greater than his love for God. If anyone wants to enter the Kingdom of God, we must give God first place in our life.

Who wants to be a millionaire? Maybe that isn't so important after all.



Activities

Love it or list it!

You will need: list of what we might value (see below), paper and pens.

- Print out the list for each person.
- Spend 2-3 minutes going through the list and ranking things in order of importance to them. Discuss what choices they made and why.

Love it or list it!

Money

Friends

Clothes

Family

Social Media

Tablet/Laptop/Computer

School

Work

Food

Nature

Water

Music

Home

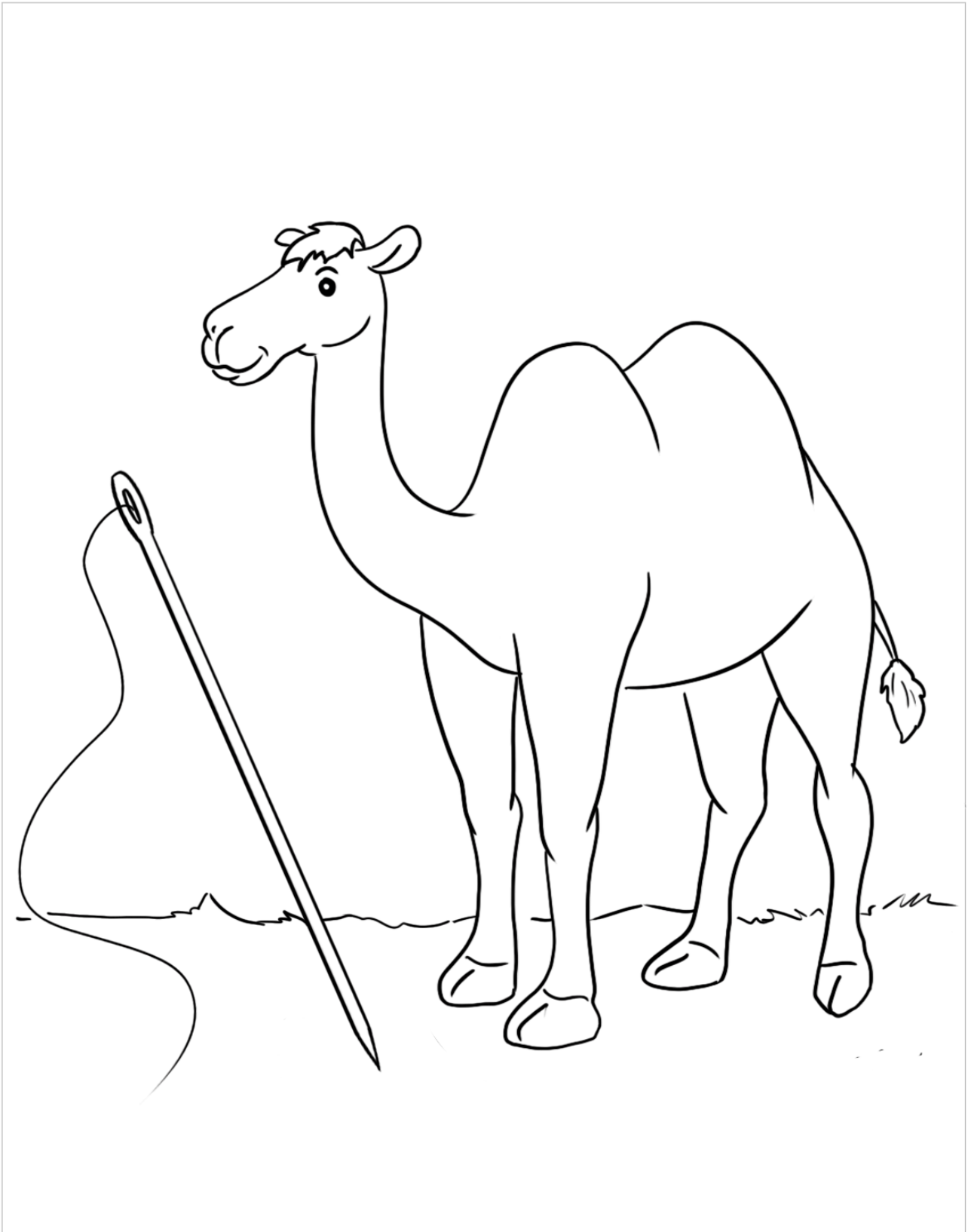
Warmth

Daylight

Holidays

Church

God



Do you think the camel can get through the eye of the needle?
Colour the picture

Get an adult to supervise and give you a needle – either a plastic one or normal one or a wool one. Try and thread some yarn or wool through the eye. How difficult is it to thread? How much more difficult would it be for a camel to go through??

Talk together

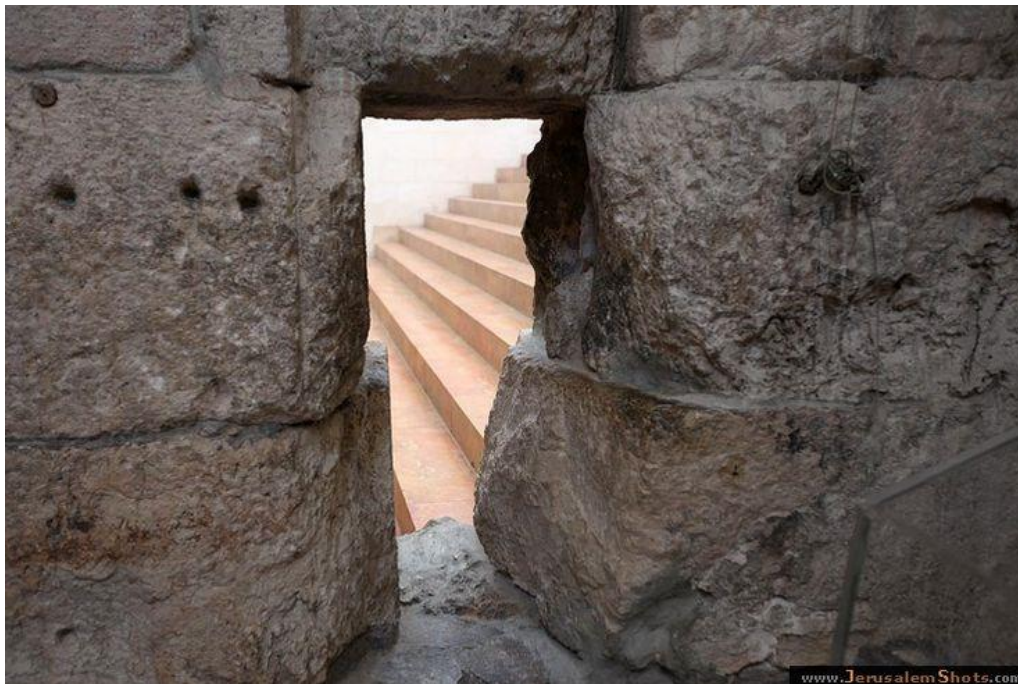
- What things are really important to you?
- What was the most important thing in the rich man's life?
- How can we work out what is most important to us?

What's in your heart?

Explore what things we hold in our hearts


You will need: paper, pens;

- Give each young person a piece of paper and ask them to write down things they hold in their heart. It could be God, family, relationships or something that they are passionate about, e.g. climate change.
- Then ask them to fold the paper into a heart. Or cut out hearts beforehand or use foam ones

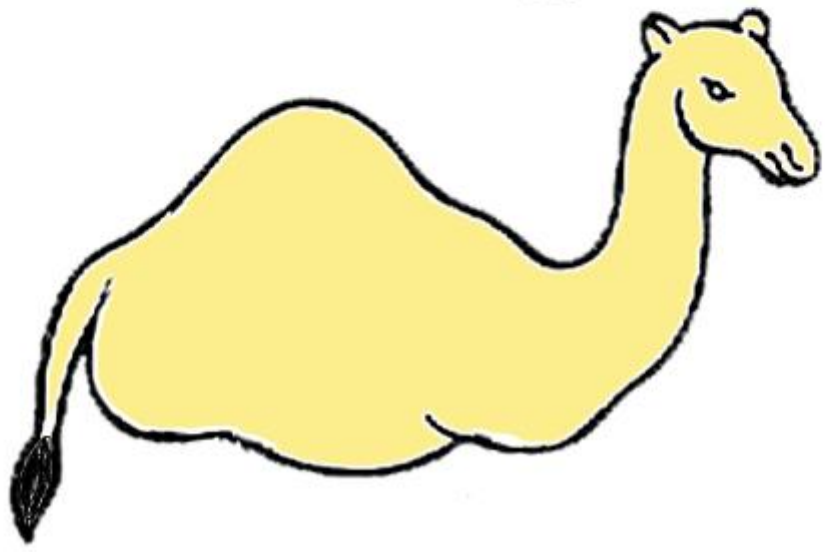
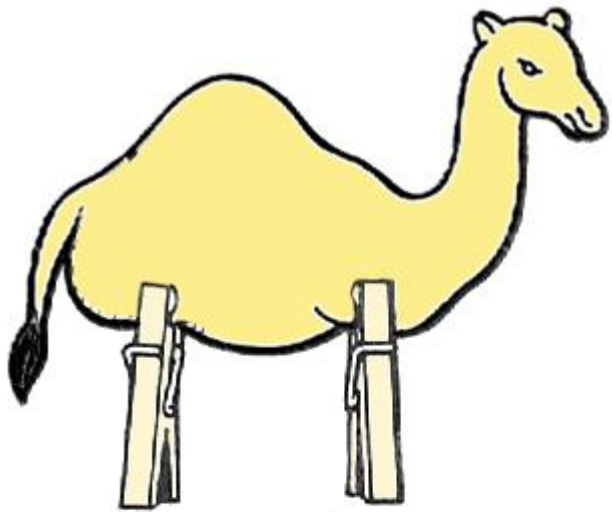


The "Eye of the Needle" has been claimed to be a gate in [Jerusalem](http://www.JerusalemShots.com), which opened after the main gate was closed at night. A camel could not pass through the smaller gate unless it was stooped and had its baggage removed!

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**CUT OUT CAMEL.
CLIP ON TWO
CLOTHESPINS AND MAKE
CAMEL STAND.**



Play a game and see how much you can hang on your camel until it falls.