Preschool–Grade 5

Rich Young Ruler Craft

The eye of a needle · Mark 10:17–27 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



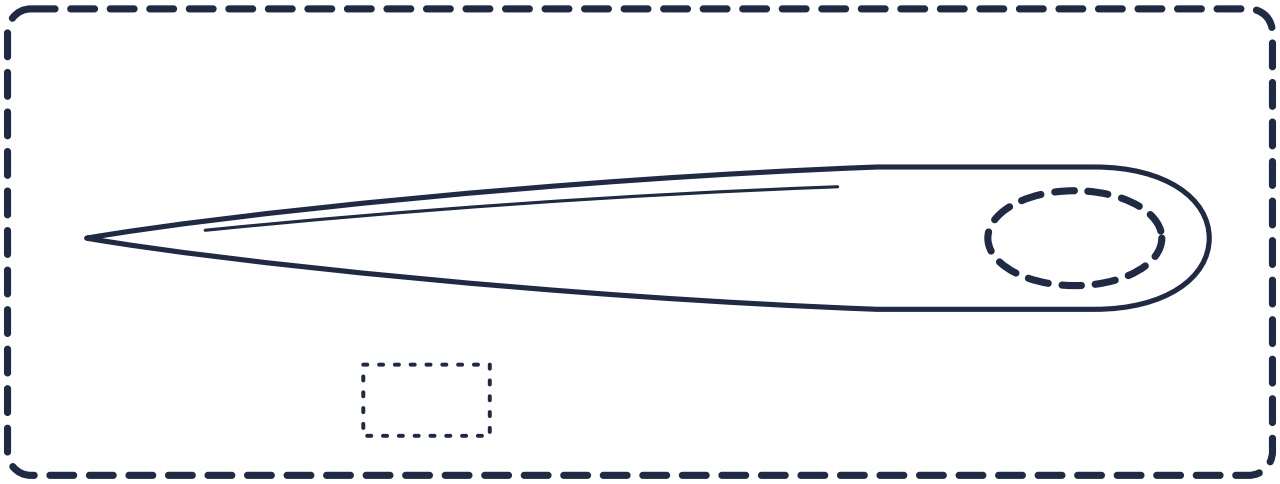
Harder

Both levels are a light blue card with a big gray needle lying across it, and a real hole cut in the eye of the needle. A brown paper camel on a craft stick sits beside the eye: it is far too big to go through (Mark 10:25). The verse strip, Mark 10:27, is glued on the back. Medium (left): the card and the camel. Harder (right): the same, with a red paper thread pulled through the eye of the needle and glued on the dotted spot. The thread goes through; the camel can't.

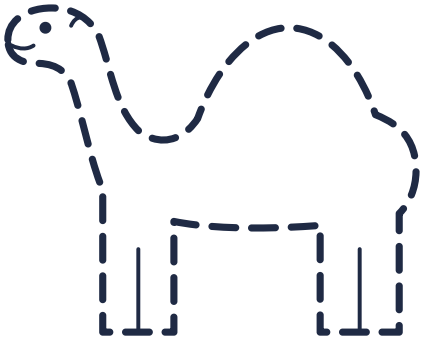
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: color it light blue and the needle gray. Leave the eye of the needle and the dotted spot white. The teacher cuts out the eye (the dashed oval). The dotted spot is only for the harder level.



camel: color it brown; glue a craft stick on the back

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the camel and the verse strip. Glue a craft stick on the back of the camel and the verse strip on the back of the card. Then try to push the camel through the eye of the needle!

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



thread: color it red

How to add the thread

1. Make the card and the camel from page 2, but cut out the eye of the needle yourself: poke a sharp pencil through the middle of the dashed oval (ask a grown-up to help), then cut around the oval from there.
2. Color the thread red and cut it out on the dashed line.
3. Push one end of the thread through the eye of the needle from the front to the back. Glue that end flat on the back of the card.
4. Let the thread make a loose loop down from the eye on the front of the card, and glue the other end on the dotted spot under the needle.
5. Tell it: the thread slips right through the eye, but the camel can't. Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:25). The disciples asked, "Who then can be saved?" (10:26). Turn the card over and read Jesus' answer on the back (10:27).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/rich-young-ruler-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in light blue, gray and brown, scissors, glue sticks, one craft stick for each child, and a craft knife or a sharp pencil for you. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a red crayon or marker.
Before class: cut out the eye of each needle (start the hole with a craft knife or a sharp pencil, then cut around the dashed oval). For preschoolers, also cut out all the pieces and glue the craft stick on each camel ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and the eye of the needle, and glue a craft stick on each camel. Kids color the card and the camel, then try to push the camel through the eye. Help them glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. You cut out the eyes ahead of time; kids color, cut out the pieces and glue. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** kids cut out the eye of the needle themselves, then pull the red paper thread from page 3 through it and glue both ends. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** the card light blue and the needle gray. Leave the eye of the needle and the dotted spot white. Color the camel brown.
2. **Cut:** cut out the card, the camel and the verse strip on the dashed lines. The eye of the needle is already cut out by the teacher.
3. **Glue the stick:** glue the craft stick on the back of the camel, so the stick sticks out below its feet.
4. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
5. **Tell it:** hold up the card and try to push the camel through the eye of the needle. It can't fit! Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:25). The disciples asked, "Who then can be saved?" (10:26). Turn the card over and read Jesus' answer: "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible" (10:27).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- How did the man come to Jesus? *(He came running and kneeled to Him, Mark 10:17)*
- What did he ask? *("Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" 10:17)*
- When Jesus looked at him, what did Jesus feel? *(Jesus loved him, 10:21)*
- What did Jesus tell him to do? *(Sell whatever he had, give to the poor, and come follow Him; he would have treasure in heaven, 10:21)*
- Why did the man go away grieved? *(He had great possessions, 10:22)*
- Point to the camel and the needle. What did Jesus say about them? *(It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God, 10:25)*
- What did the disciples ask? *("Who then can be saved?" 10:26)*
- Turn the card over. What did Jesus answer? *("With God all things are possible," 10:27)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: Master** means teacher; **inherit eternal life** means receive life forever with God; **beholding** means looking at; **lackest** means are missing; **grieved** means very sad; **possessions** are the things a person owns; **saith** means says; **impossible** means it can't be done.
- **What the Bible says:** the camel and the needle were not on the road that day. They are the picture Jesus used to teach His disciples (Mark 10:25). The Bible does not say what the needle or the camel looked like, and it does not say the "eye of a needle" was a gate; the craft keeps it the way Jesus said it, the tiny hole in a sewing needle. The colors are the craft's simple picture.
- **Keep the point clear:** the camel can't get through, and that is the lesson. Nobody can save himself, but "with God all things are possible" (10:27). Don't let anyone fold or squash the camel to make it fit!
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never Jesus.** The craft shows only Jesus' picture-saying.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything, cut out the eyes and glue on the craft sticks ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free rich young ruler lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/rich-young-ruler.

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