

Jesus meets a rich man – Luke 18:18-30

Video of the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsHTvUo8k0Q>

Key points:

- Jesus wants us to love him more than anything else on earth and be willing to give up everything to follow him
- God can do anything, even things that seem impossible!

Introduction activity:

State: I want to show you something very special, something I treasure very much. (Hold up your treasured possession.) This is one of my most valuable possessions. It is valuable to me because...(you fill in the blank.) What are some of your most treasured possessions? (Allow time for them to respond.) Sometimes we love other things more than Jesus. Our treasured possessions can sometimes get in the way of loving Him with our whole heart.

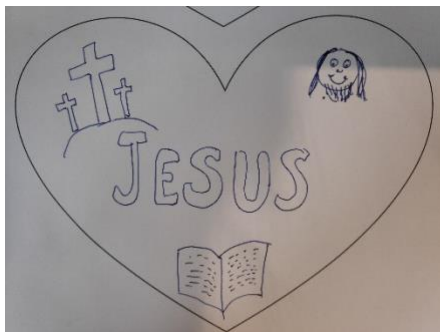
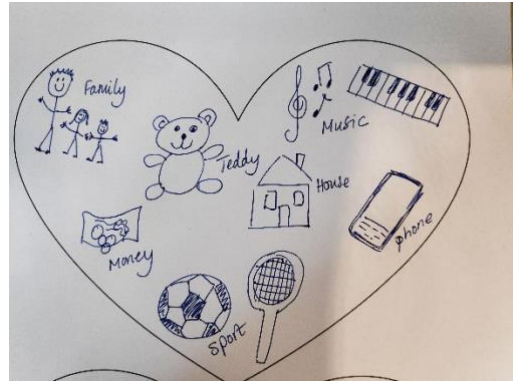
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- Gather the children around you. Ask: Was this young man a good person? Why? Did this young man love Jesus with His whole heart? Why? This rich young man had been very good. He followed all of the ten commandments. But he was not willing to give up all of his nice things for Jesus. He could not love Jesus with his whole heart because he loved his things too much!
- State: Remember my treasure I showed you? Remember the things you told me that were your most treasured possessions? Go over the things they listed.
- Ask: Do you think we could give these things up to follow Jesus? Why would Jesus ask us to give up our things for Him?
- State: Jesus desires for us to have hearts that will give up everything to follow Him. He does not call everyone to give up everything, but He does ask us to not love anything in life, even our families, more than Him. He wants us to have hearts that are ready to give up all of our things for Him because we love Him so much more than anything else.
- State: This is not easy! In fact, it can seem impossible. This is what Jesus told His disciples, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.” So it is impossible for us to love Jesus more than all of these things *by ourselves*. We have to turn to God and ask Him to give us hearts that love Him more than anything, hearts that would give up everything to follow Him! Let’s do that now.

Have a time of prayer with the children about what they have heard.

HEART CRAFT: Use the heart outlines below. On the first heart explain that this is a picture of our hearts before we give them fully to Jesus. Have them draw in the hearts everything they love, specifically some of their most treasured possessions discussed before.

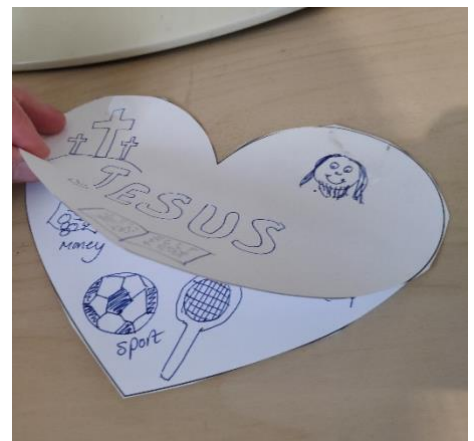
Have them cut out the hearts. On the second heart, this should be a picture of our hearts after we have given them fully over to Jesus. They can draw Jesus in the heart or write out His name or any other creative ideas.



Have them cut out this heart as well. Now tape the top of the second heart (the Jesus heart) over the top of the first one so that they are able to flip it upward.

Explain that the things they love can still be in their hearts, but after they are given over fully to Jesus, He is first, or on top. He should always be our first and greatest love. When Christ has our full hearts, it is easier for us to give up these other things if He asks us to.

REMIND: It may seem impossible to give every bit of our hearts to God, but God has made it possible through Christ. With Him, all things are possible!

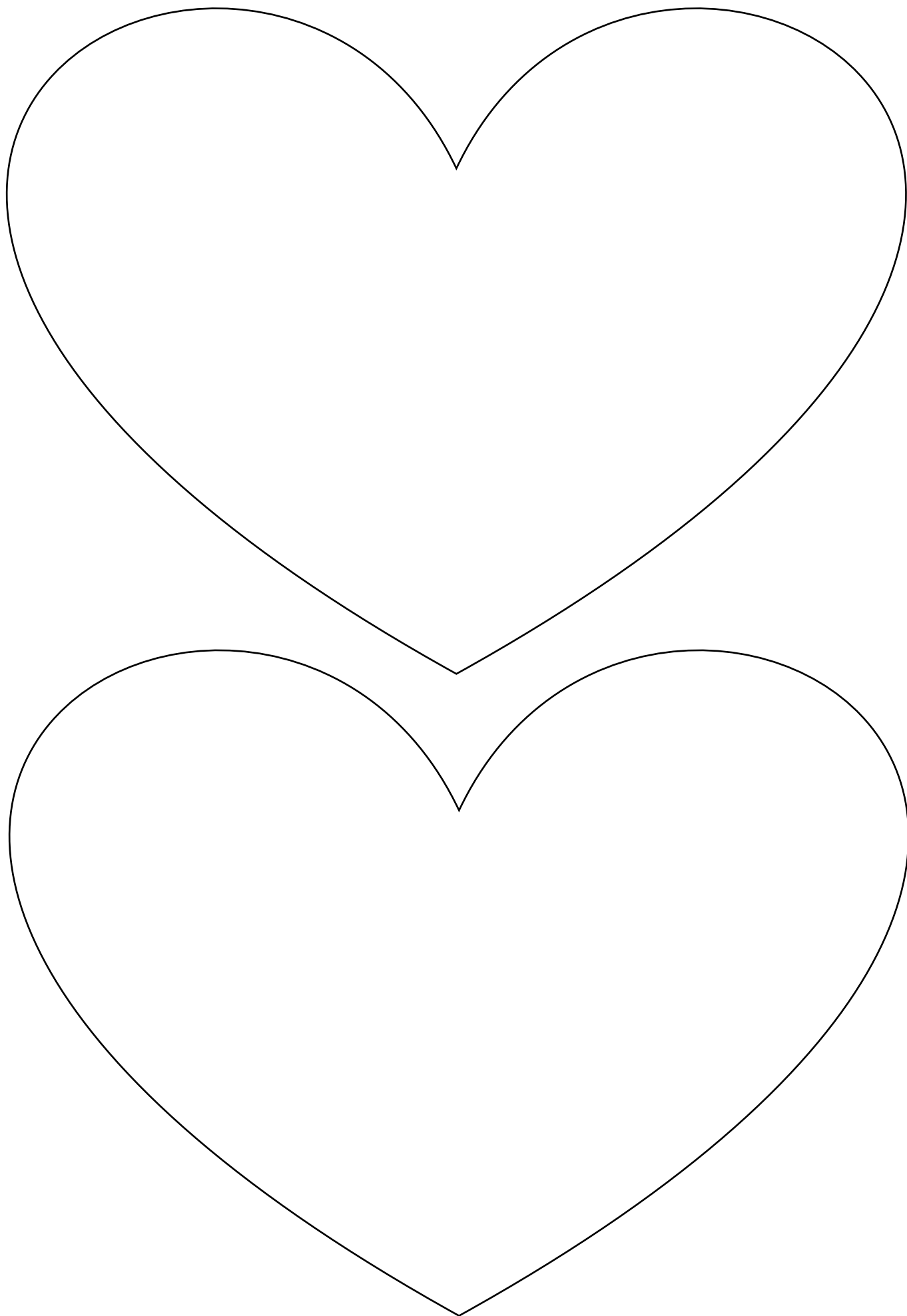


Other activities:

BANNER: Place a very long piece of white paper on the floor, Provide the children with markers, stickers and glitter, etc to decorate their ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD, banner.

CAMEL PLAY TIME: If you drape a blanket over one or two children, can they make themselves look like a camel by walking on all fours and giving themselves a hump by arching their back?

HULA HOOP: Can your child climb through a hula hoop? Can they climb through a hula hoop while pretending to be a camel? Can they get through something smaller? Finally, pull out a needle. Can they get through there?! They can go over it, they can go under it, but they can't go through it!! (bear hunt wording adapted!)

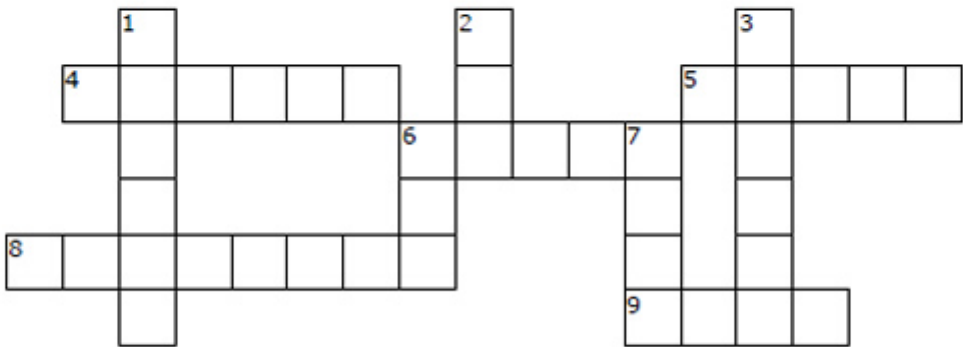


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Crossword

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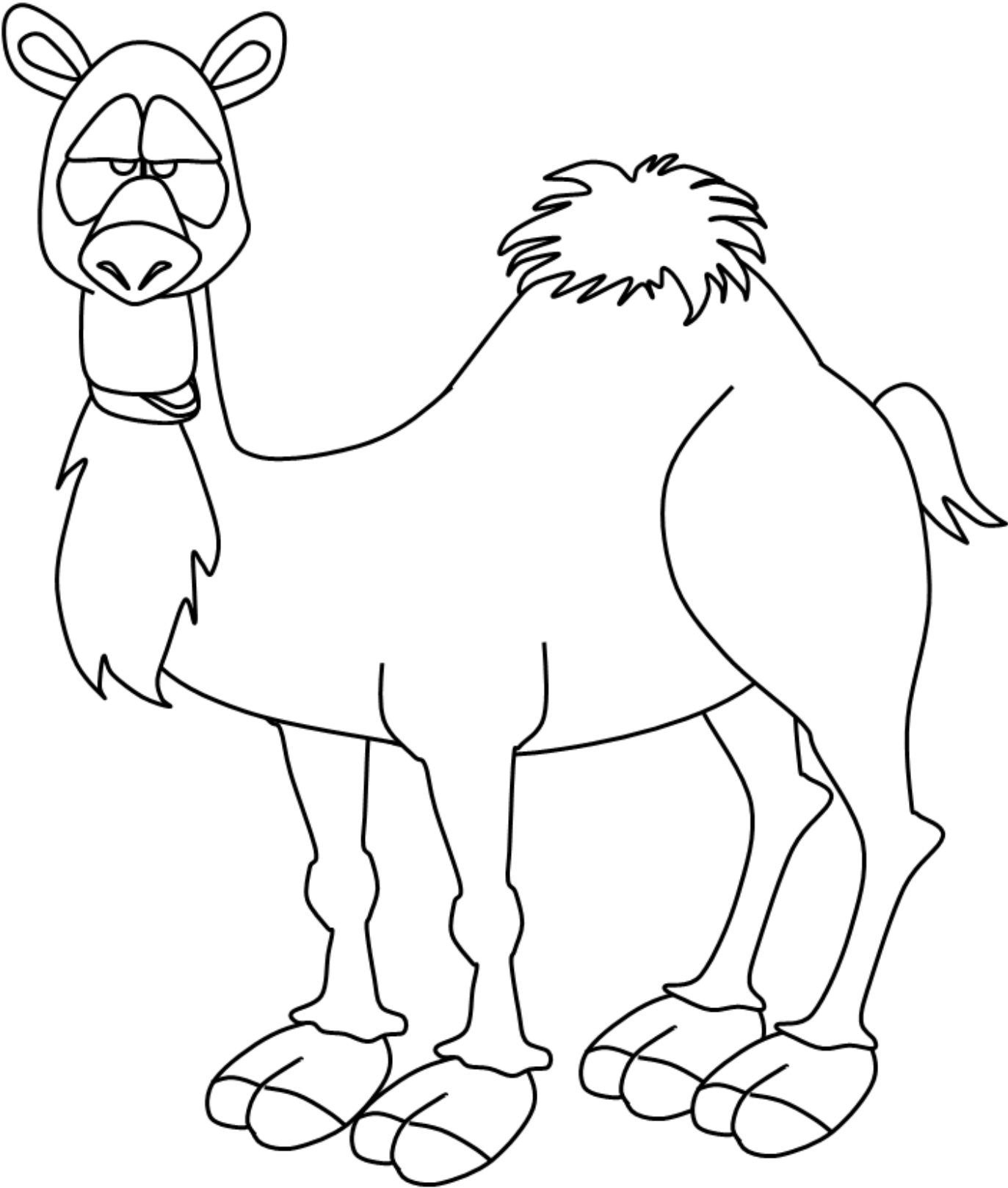
ACROSS

- 4. A small, slender implement used for sewing
- 5. A long-necked animal with humps
- 6. To go into
- 8. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
- 9. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

DOWN

- 1. The home of God and the angels
- 2. An adult male human
- 3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
- 6. An opening in a needle
- 7. Possessing great material wealth

rich	easier	eye	hard	heaven
man	camel	needle	enter	treasure



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Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him and asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to have eternal _____?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only _____ is good. You know the commandments. `Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Honor your _____ and _____.' "

The man answered, "I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man."

"There's one thing you still need to do. Sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in _____. Then come, _____ me."

When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich.

Jesus said to his disciples, "It's hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom! In fact, it is easier for a _____ to go through the eye of a _____ than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom."

Jesus' disciples were amazed. They asked each other, "How can anyone ever be _____?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do _____."

anything	father	God	life	needle
camel	follow	heaven	mother	saved