



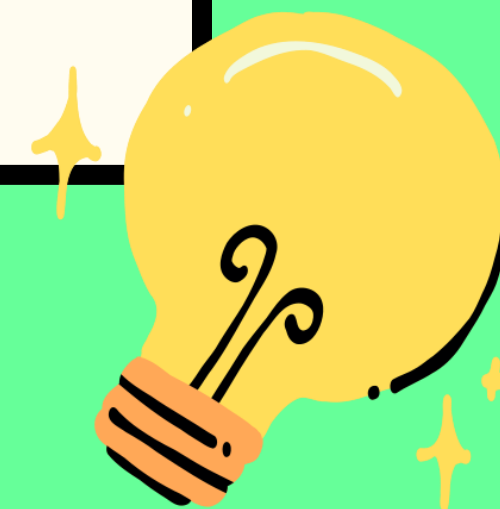
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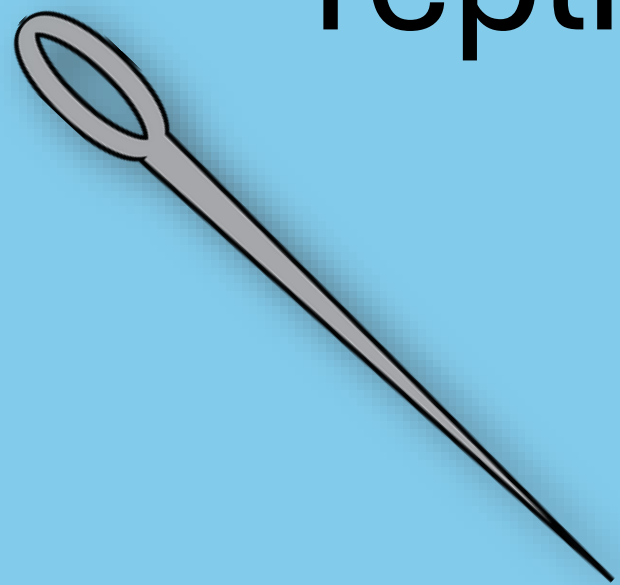
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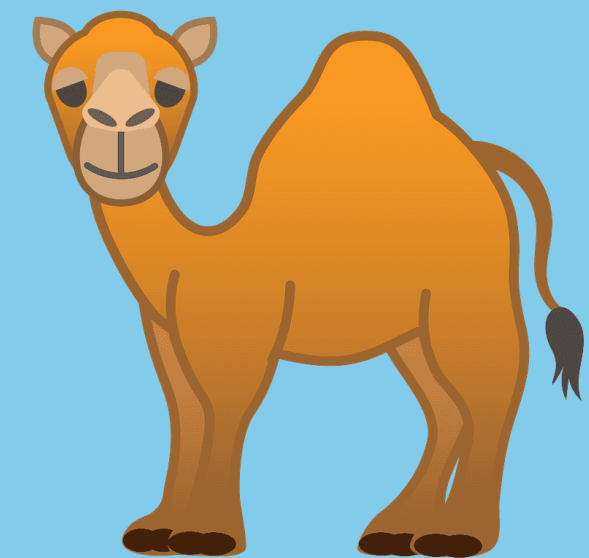
Family Discussion



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."



Luke 18:24-27 (NIV)

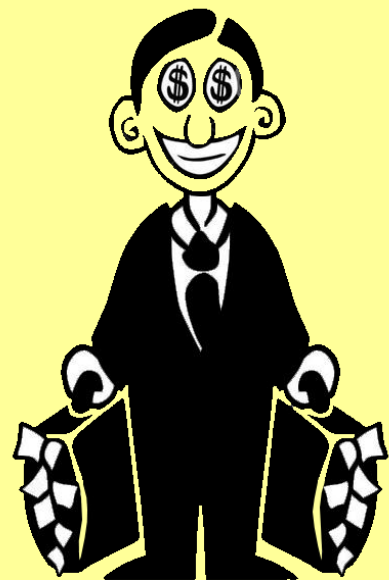


Discuss



- What astonishing statement did Jesus make about the rich and the kingdom of God?
- What conclusion did the disciples seem to draw?
- What are some things other than wealth that can keep people from following Jesus?
- How can our material possessions become an idol in our lives, something that becomes more important to us than loving God?
- So, how do you think God does want us to use the material wealth He has given us?

Pray



- Thank God for His many blessings, both spiritual and material.
- Ask God to help you identify and set aside anything that has become an idol for you.
- Pray that God will help you to use your finances and material possessions to serve Him and bless others.
- Pray for people who are very poor, even homeless and are struggling to make ends meet.
- Also pray for people you know of who have so much that their material wealth could become an idol to them.