

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE RICH YOUNG RULER

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MARK 10:17-31

Matthew 19:16-30, Luke 18:18-30

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**There was a young ruler
who was very rich.
But there was something
he did not have.**

**He came to Jesus,
knelt at His feet and asked,
'Good Teacher,
what must I do
to get life that lasts forever?'**



**‘Why do you call Me good?’
asked Jesus.
‘God is the only One who is good
and you know His commands.
“Do not kill,
or take another man’s wife.
Do not steal,
cheat,
or tell lies about anyone.
You are to honour
your father and mother.”’**

**The young man answered,
‘Since I was a boy
I have done all these things.’**



Jesus looked at him.

**He loved him and said,
'There is one thing you haven't got.
Go and sell what you have.
Give the money to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven.
After you have done this,
come and follow Me.'**

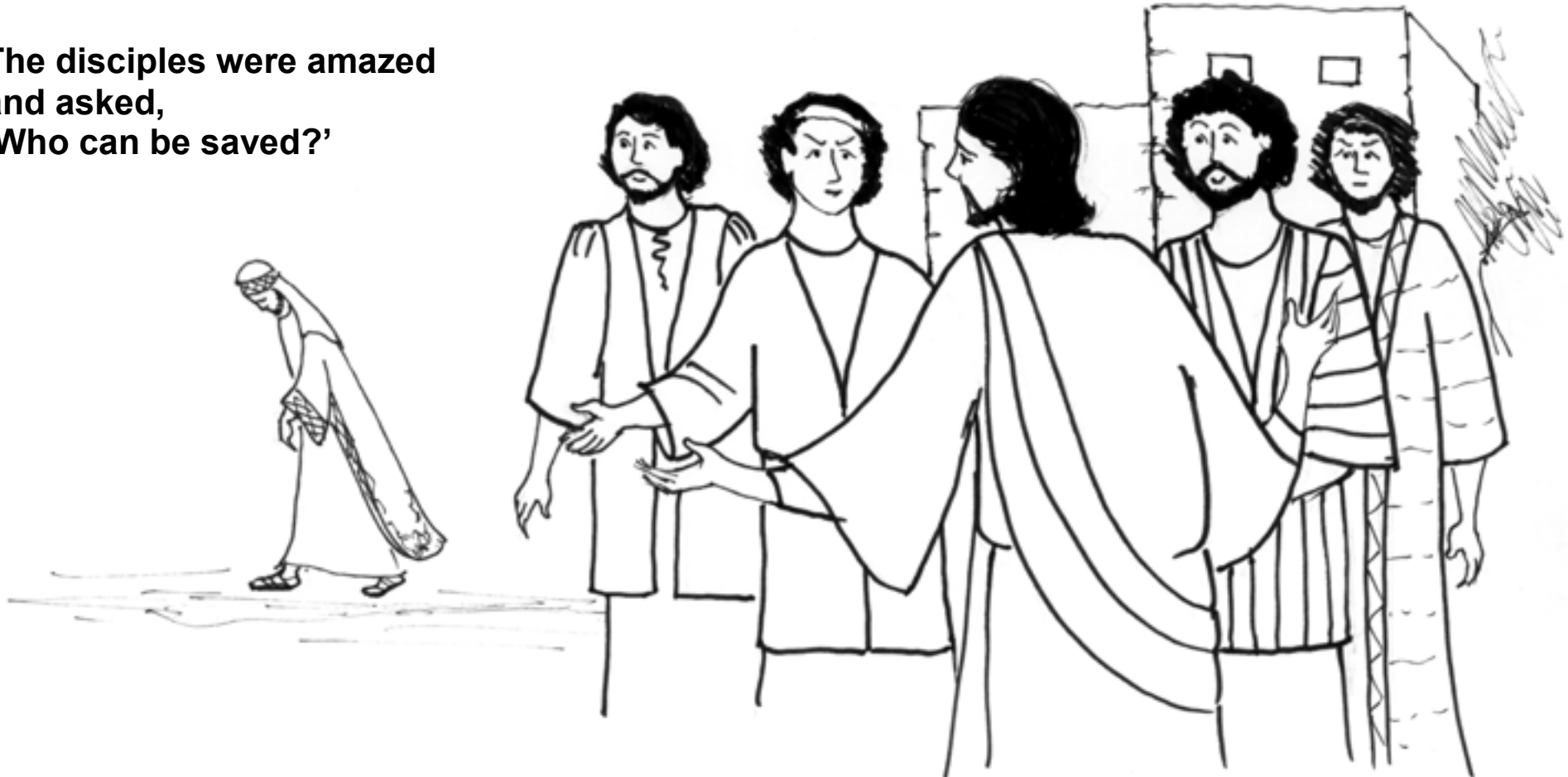
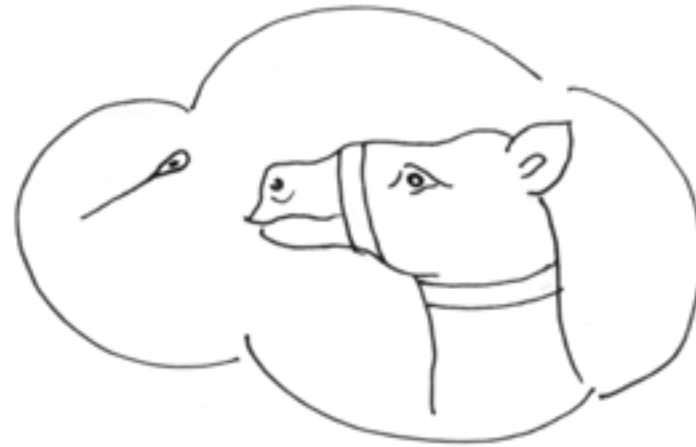
**The young man could not do
what Jesus said.
He was very rich
and did not want to
give away his money.**

He went away very sad.



**When the man had gone,
Jesus said to His disciples,
'It's hard for rich people
to come into God's kingdom.
It's easier for a camel
to go through the eye of a needle
than for a rich man
to come into God's Kingdom.'**

**The disciples were amazed
and asked,
'Who can be saved?'**



**Jesus looked at them
and said,
'No one can save themselves.
Only God can save you,
give you life forever,
and bring you into His kingdom.
With God all things are possible.**

**'Those who have left everything
to follow Me
will have all they need here.
They will suffer
for believing in Me,
but will live forever in heaven.**

**'Everything seems
upside down on earth.
Those who seem to be first
will be last.
Those who look like
they are last
will be first.'**

