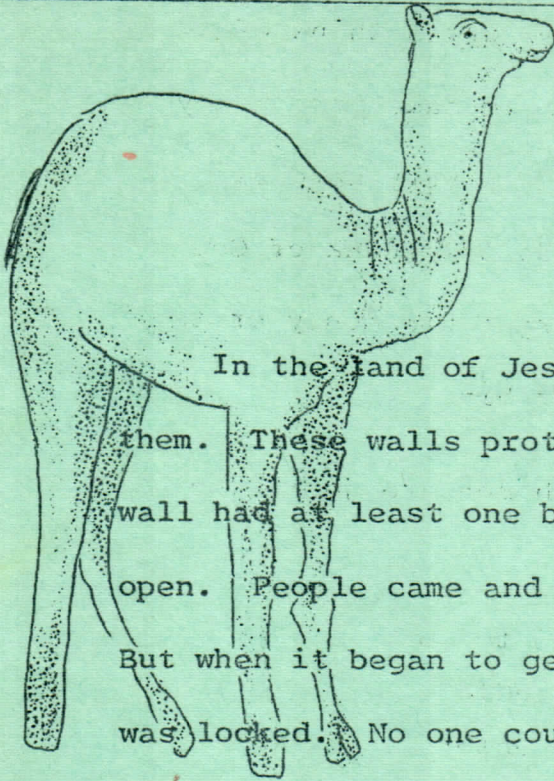


CAMEL - CAN A CAMEL GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE?

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In the land of Jesus all of the cities had walls around them. These walls protected the cities from enemies. The wall had at least one big gate. All day long the gate stood open. People came and went through the big gate of the city. But when it began to get dark, this big gate was closed. It was locked. No one could enter the city through this gate. If someone came after the big gate was closed, he could go into the city through a very small gate. This gate was so little, it was called the needle's eye.

Many travelers rode on camels. When they came late to a city, it was very funny to see the camel try to get through the needle's eye. The camel knelt down. His load was taken off and shoved through the gate. He wiggled back and forth on his knees trying to get through. What a hard job this was!

Jesus must have watched the camel trying to wiggle through this little gate.

TURN CARD OVER

Jesus had also seen how rich men so often think of nothing but money. They talk about how to make more money and how to protect their money. They work very hard at making more money. So often such men do not think of God. How hard it is for such a person to forget his money or the things he has that his money bought for him.

One day Jesus thought - those rich men are just like that camel. He said,

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.