

THE BIBLE STORY

Matthew 19:13-30; Mark 10:13-31; Luke 18:15-30

Everyone was hearing wonderful things about Jesus. Lots of people came to hear Jesus teach and to ask for healing. Jesus' helpers watched to be sure that everyone got a turn, but they felt that the people should leave their children at home. They thought that the children were getting in the way of what Jesus needed to do with the big people.

Jesus saw that his helpers were trying to send the children back home. Jesus told them to send the children to Him, not take them away. He said that everyone should love as quickly and freely as a child loves. God's family will be made up of people who love like children do.

Jesus spent time praying for each child.

Then a man spoke to Jesus "I think you are a good teacher so I want to ask you, what do I need to do to live forever as a part of God's family?"

Jesus smiled and said "You call me good? Only God is good. You know all the things that God asked you to do in the Old Testament, like: love and honor your wife; don't murder; don't steal; don't lie; honor your parents...."

The man replied, "But I've always obeyed God's rules. Is there anything else?"

Jesus knew this man was not seeing others the way that God sees them, so He said, "Yes, there is more. You should sell all you own and give everything to the poor. Then your heart will be like God's and you can come and follow me."

The man went away, unhappy at Jesus' words, because he was very rich.

Jesus told his helpers, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to be a part of God's family. But, with God, all things are possible."

One of Jesus' helpers, named Peter, said, "Jesus, we have left everything to follow You."

Jesus said, "Everyone who follows me will be a part of God's family on earth and will have eternal life in heaven."

FAMILY RESOURCE

BIG IDEA: Choose Jesus first.

READ LUKE 18:15

Why would people bring babies to Jesus?
Why wouldn't Jesus disciples want the babies around?
Look at your baby pictures.

READ LUKE 18:16-17

What did Jesus say about the babies?
Tell each other your story about when & why you chose to love and follow Jesus.

READ LUKE 18:18-20

What is the man's question?
What is Jesus' answer?
Make a list of things a "good" person does.

READ LUKE 18:21-22

Draw pictures of the three things that Jesus asks the "good" man to do.

READ LUKE 18:23-25

Why is the man sad?
Put thread through the eye of a needle.

READ LUKE 18:26-27

Who makes it possible for a man to be saved?
Make a sign of the memory verse (John 14:6) to put on the refrigerator.

READ LUKE 18:28-30

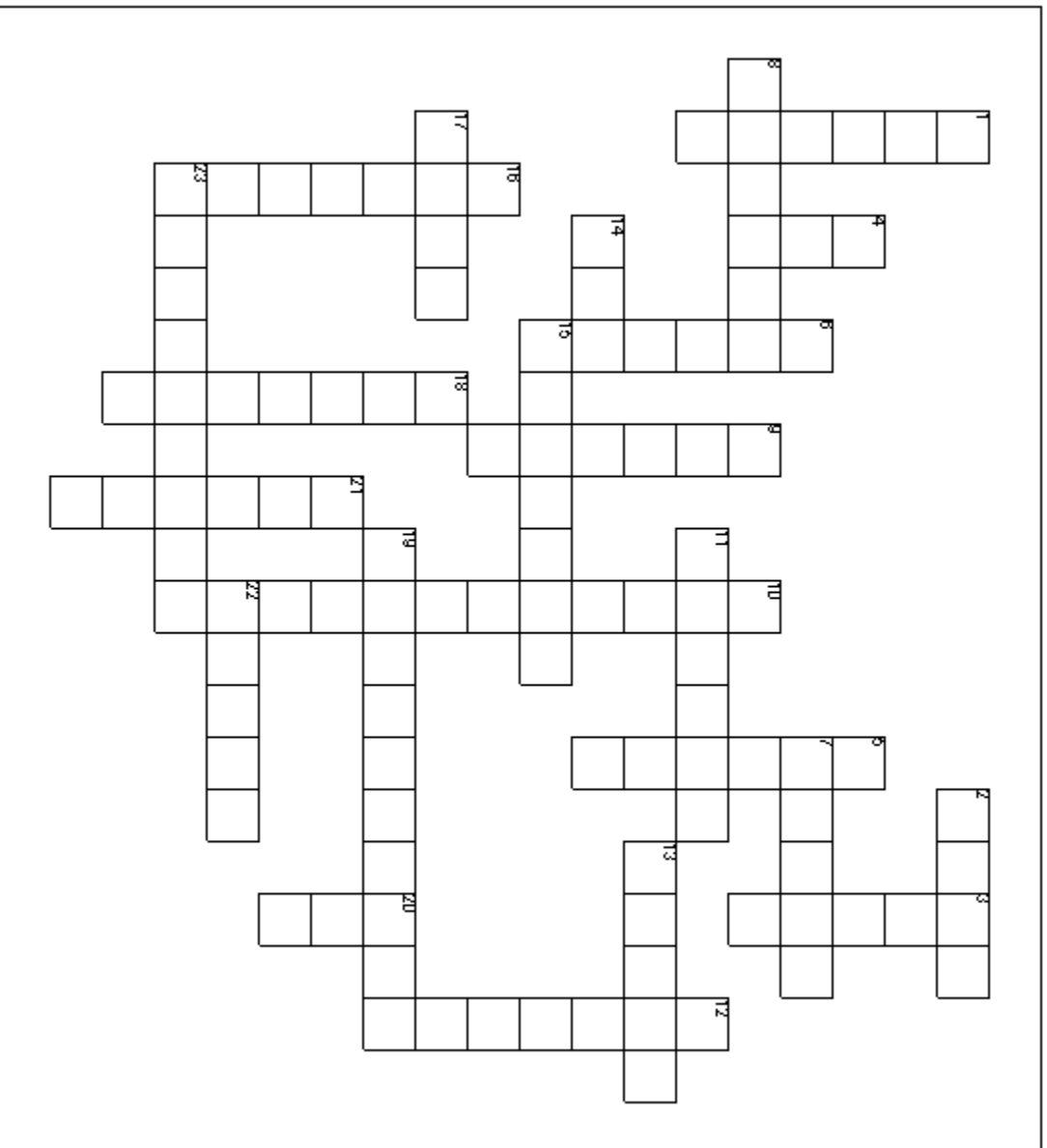
What does Jesus promise to those who follow Him?
Play "follow the leader".

MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6 TNIV

Choose Jesus

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



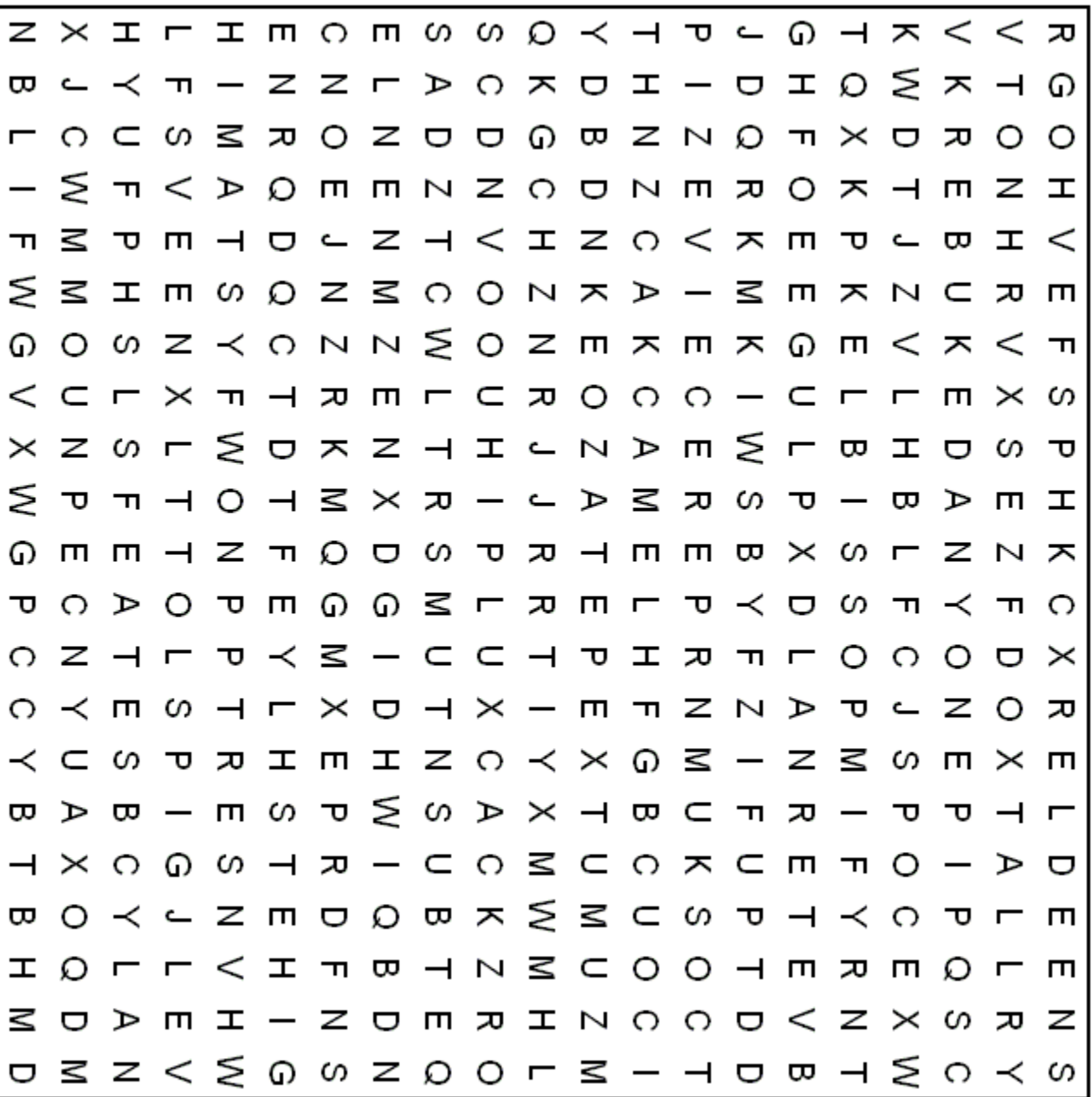
Across

- need (Luke 18:22)
- not ever (Luke 18:17)
- you need this to sew (Luke 18:25)
- trust and obey (Luke 18:22)
- leader (Luke 18:18)
- everything (Luke 18:21)
- forever (Luke 18:30)
- obeyed (Luke 18:22)
- cannot ever happen (Luke 18:27)
- not a lie (Luke 18:29)
- followers and helpers (Luke 18:15)

Down

- hold back (Luke 18:16)
- an animal that has humps (Luke 18:25)
- unhappy (Luke 18:23)
- whoever (Luke 18:17)
- humans (Luke 18:15)
- newborn people (Luke 18:15)
- God's rules (Luke 18:20)
- get (Luke 18:30)
- corrected (Luke 18:15)
- be given after someone's death (Luke 18:18)
- a young man (Luke 18:21)
- lots of money (Luke 18:23)

Choose Jesus



babies

disciples

follow

people

ruler

camel

receive

needle

truth

eternal

sad

anyone

commandments

never

inherit

boy

impossible

rebuked

lack

wealth

hinder

kept

all