

Needle's Eye

Supplies List:

- game board
- supports
- 3-5 stuffed camels
- 3-5 small nerf footballs
- basket for camels/footballs
- candy bucket
- chair
- sign

Game Instructions

Child is given 5 stuffed camels to toss through the “eye of the needle.” Smaller children may stand closer, larger children farther back. Give one piece of candy per successful toss. They get 3 pieces if they miss completely.

Game Information

This game involves “simply” tossing a small, stuffed camel or a mini nerf football through a hole (the eye of a needle) in a 4x8’ piece of plywood. The Biblical theme of “The Eye of the Needle” can be applied to this game. While you most likely won't be able to share the theme with every child, if the opportunity comes up, take advantage! If you get a group of kids, tell the theme to all of them at once, and then continue to play. All these kids need to hear the word of God and to learn that God loves them! Listed below are verses for you to read and memorize, a “how to” present the instructions for the game, and an example conversation you can have with a child to share the theme.

Helpful Verses to Memorize/Read

“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.” Mark 10:25

“. . . With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.” Mark 10:27b

Conversation Example:

Game Instructions to Child

“Welcome to the Needle's Eye! The goal of this game is to toss a camel through the eye of the needle. You get 5 chances, and you'll receive one piece of candy for every camel that goes through the hole.”

Sharing God's Word

“One time when Jesus was talking with His disciples, He told them that it is difficult for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God. They were surprised, so He explained that for those who trust in riches it is hard to enter the kingdom of God. 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.” This lesson is found in Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31 and Luke 18:18-30. If we want to live in Heaven with Jesus forever, we need to trust in Him to save us and to be everything we need. You can learn more about following Jesus in the Gospel Castle. “