

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Camel



The camel has been given the name “*ship of the desert*” for good reason. The camel can travel great distances through very difficult conditions with ease. Its rolling gait is like the motion of a ship. Its

feet are perfectly designed for walking on hot, soft sand and its body has incredible ability to store all it needs on a journey. The camel does not store water in its hump (*or humps if it has two humps*). The hump stores fat which is used for energy. Water is stored in the camel's stomach pouches. The camel has three stomachs and the first two can store as much as twenty quarts of water.

The camel is also known for its bad temper. It is a very difficult animal to work with and will often spit or bite its handler.

What can we learn from the camel?

The camel teaches us to always be prepared for the journey to heaven when Jesus returns. Just as the camel will always have water and fat stored in its body for a journey, we should always fill ourselves up with the gospel message so that we can journey through life and its difficult times more easily. When Jesus returns, we should be ready to meet Him as He tells us in Matthew 24:42, *"Therefore keep watch because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."* As the camel is always ready when his master calls him, so we too should be ready when Jesus calls us.

Another lesson we can learn from the camel is that anger does not make us better people. The camel is a very useful and wonderful animal but it is not much loved. The Bible teaches us in Proverbs 22:24, *“Do not make friends with a hot tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.”*

The camel gives us a good and a bad example of how we should live as Christians.

