

The Kingdom of God - an Amazing Treasure.

Aim

In this series we will be exploring the kingdom of God through the stories Jesus told and finding out what the Kingdom of heaven is like.

The Kingdom of God is a treasure.

Bible Passage

Matthew 13:44-46

Introduction

As Jesus travelled around the countryside with his disciples, large crowds often gathered around him to hear him teach and he often taught them by using parables. A parable is a story that Jesus made up to help people understand what he wanted to teach them. In these parables, Jesus would talk about the Kingdom of God and what it is like. We will be using the stories in Matthew 13 to explore the kingdom of heaven.

Game Time

Hide and seek - Hide some items around the house for the children to find. These items are to represent the 'treasurers' that God has given us and could include; a photograph of the family (families who love us), a picture of a house or toy house (somewhere to live), a packet of cereal or piece of fruit (food to eat), a pillow (a place to rest), a toy (things to do), a plant (the wonderful world), a Bible (the special book of God's word) and picture of Jesus or a book of stories all about Jesus (God gave us the special gift of Jesus).

Look at all the amazing things that God has given us, these are our treasures. In our lesson today, we hear two short parables or stories that Jesus told to help us understand how the Kingdom of heaven is like an amazing treasure.

Bible Time

Our Bible story today can be found in Matthew 13:44-46. This passage is actually two short parables that Jesus told to help us learn about the Kingdom of Heaven.

When a man found a treasure he hid it in a field and then sold everything he had to buy the field. Another man sold everything he had to buy a pearl of great value. Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like this. When we find God we should do everything we can to follow him.

Jesus knows that people want and like beautiful things, like the pearl and the treasure in these parables. But Jesus is the pearl of all pearls, the treasure of the greatest value. The merchant recognized that this pearl was worth more than all the other pearls put together and the man gave everything he had for the amazing treasure in the field. The Kingdom of God is a treasure more precious than anything in this world.

What treasures do you have in your life? God hides valuable things in your life so you will find them when you need them. The valuable things might be a home, a friendship or your family. Discuss together how kind God is to give us so many good things. On squares of paper, write down or draw your blessings, the things you would like to thank God for. Look back to our game at the top of the sheet for some ideas. These will form both part of your craft and prayers.

Craft Time

My Treasure Box

You will need - a box, paint, wrapping paper, stickers, pens.

1. Cover your box in bright paper, paint and coloured squares.
2. Decorate with pens or jewel stickers.
You may want to add your name!
3. Put the strips of paper or drawings in your treasure box.
4. You can look at your treasures and use when you pray.



Worship Time

I hope you enjoy these songs about God's treasure and Kingdom. More songs can be found on the TMC Facebook page and website.

The Kingdom of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ap-qLYnTUes>

Treasure - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbARUaX4frc>

Prayer Time

'Dear God, you are so kind to us. We want to praise you! Thank you for all the treasures in my life...(use your own treasures here to add to the prayer) and thank you for the best treasure of all, the Kingdom of Heaven.'
Amen