

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 195: PARABLES OF THE TREASURE & THE PEARL
MATTHEW 13:44-46

"God's kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure. He hid it again and was so happy that he went and sold everything he owned and bought the field. "Also, God's kingdom is like a merchant (someone who sells things) looking for beautiful pearls. One day he found a very fine pearl. He went and sold everything he had to buy it.

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“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field; one day a man found the treasure. He hid it again and was so happy that he went and sold everything he owned and bought that field.”

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MEMORY VERSE:

"You were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 CORINTHIANS 6:20

Review Questions

True or False

1. The kingdom of heaven is like corn hidden in a field.
2. A man found the treasure in a field, and hid it again.
3. He was so happy that he took it and sold it for a lot of money.
4. The man was so happy that he went and sold all that he had and bought that field.
5. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for beautiful pearls.

Questions

1. The kingdom of heaven is like what hidden in a field?
2. What did the man do with the treasure when he found it in the field?
3. What did the man do to get the treasure?
4. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for what?
5. What did the merchant do when he found a very beautiful fine pearl?

Lesson 195 Visualization/Activity

What is Your Secret Treasure?

Have each child write down or draw a picture (for younger children) of something in their lives that is more important than anything. It can be a very special gift or a pet or even a person, like a parent, brothers and sisters, or a friend, or something very special to them.

Have a few children tell the class what their treasure is. Try to offer different things to the students to give their treasure up. If the child accepts any offers, explain that his treasure was not really a treasure at all.

Explain to the class that when we have a "treasure" nothing is more important or valuable to them than that treasure. Tell them that that is how God looks at His church – WE are His treasure. Nothing is more important to Him than His treasure, which is US!

This whole parable represents what Jesus did to buy us with a GREAT price. He came to earth and found a treasure, which He hid. In those days, a person would hide a secret treasure because there were no banks. Then Jesus, because of the love He had for the great treasure, sold all He had in order to buy the field where the treasure was hidden.

How did Jesus sell all that He had?

The Bible tells us in Philippians 2:5-8:

In your life together, think the way Christ Jesus thought. He was like God in every way, but He did not think that His being equal with God was something to use for His own benefit. Instead, He gave up everything, even His place with God to come to earth. He accepted the role of a servant, appearing to us in human form. During His life as a man, He humbled himself by being fully obedient to God, even when that obedience caused His death -- death on a cross.

Jesus valued the treasure enough to give up His heavenly position and come in the form of a servant to earth in order to die on the cross to save His treasure – His church made of the people who have accepted His sacrifice.

Today, if you are not sure you are part of His church but you see that you need Him, please talk to a teacher or your parents about it, and we can pray with you. You can become His today, and you can spend the rest of your life being part of His great plan.

What are some ways that we can show the Lord we love Him because He has shown us such great love? (Let the children give you some answers)

We certainly can worship Him. We can tell others about Him. We can also obey Him and do everything He would like for us to do. Since we have been bought with a price (the very life of Jesus), how much more should we obey and serve Him for our whole life.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for making us His treasure. Be sure to pray with children who would like to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.