

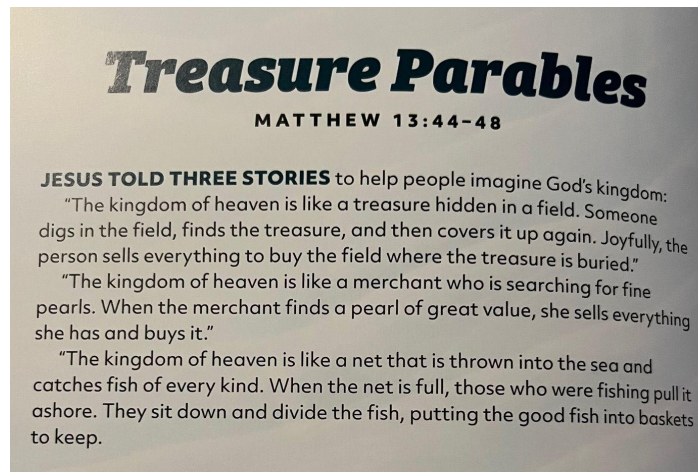
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Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Mathew 13:44-48

Theme of this story: God's Kingdom Is Of Great Value

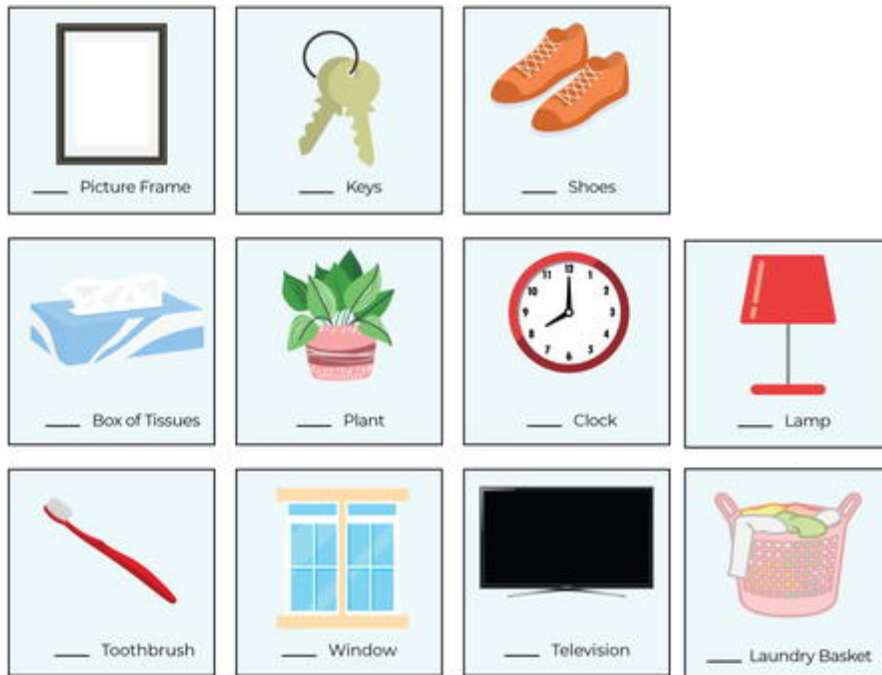
Story: You can read the scripture for this story from your bible or children's bible. I have also included the [link](#) to a story of the merchant who finds a pearl, which is great for littles and reads like a story book. Choose the option that you think would work best for your family.



Conversation: take some time after reading the story to talk about it with your child. You don't need to cover all these questions. My best advice is pay attention, listen more than share, and just be curious.

1. What was your favourite part of the story?
2. Do you have any questions?
3. I wonder what the merchant does with the pearl after selling everything to get it?
4. What are 3 things you treasure?
5. What does this story tell us about God?

Activity: Make a treasure hunt for your child. If your child can read, you can write out the clues, but if they aren't reading, pictures work well as clues. Pick 5 locations to hide your clues and at the last one have a special treat or surprise. It doesn't have to be anything extravagant; I know from experience that kids love finding the clues as much as the reward at the end. Below are some possible clues you could use.



Craft: Make a treasure box and have your child either glue or draw treasure into it.



For Littles (under 2): Create a sensory bin with jewels and kinetic sand. Have them find and collect the treasures in the bin.

