

Hello, everyone,

This is a Sunday School lesson on another important parable that Jesus told: The Pearl of Great Value.

First open the lesson story and Bible verse about the parable.

Then watch the short video.

Then print the two activity sheets and complete them. One is really a poster that you can color and decorate. Make the pearl as glittery and beautiful as you can! Then you can hang it up in your room to remind you that the Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus talked about is as priceless and beautiful as your special pearl poster.

Then say a closing prayer that includes praise and thanksgiving to God and requests for you and those you love. Please pray for the sick and homeless as well.

Blessings to you,

Miss Sue

The Pearl of Great Value

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all he had and bought. Matthew 13: 45-46

Would you rather have an old penny or a brand new book? Well if the old penny was a special one that was worth thousands of dollars, you would rather have that. Or how about a sports trading card or a video of your favorite movie? You would be surprised to learn that a trading card of a famous athlete when he was a rookie sold for over a million dollars!

The point is that the way we perceive value can differ from what our world seems to say. The world puts a dollar sign on what everything is "worth." Things cost more or less depending on how much people are willing to spend on them- on how much other people want them. Sometimes earthly treasures seem valuable, or seem like things we should try to get.

What about heavenly treasure? What do you think it might mean to seek God's kingdom over other kinds of treasure? In the parable Jesus told, He talked about how Heaven is a treasure that we should value. Jesus said the kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure or a beautiful pearl that someone would give up everything else to get. When something is extra special, we are often willing to sacrifice something else to obtain it. You might give up playing with toys to go to soccer practice or to a Brownie meeting. You might skip a TV show or movie to go to Putt Putt with your family, because you get something of greater value.

Life with Jesus is the same way. In the parable, people were willing to give up their own treasures to obtain a much more important treasure. We can recognize that there is no earthly dollar amount or value that even begins to match what the blood of Jesus does for us. He paid the ultimate price for us, to free us and forgive us. Because of that, we know that we can go to heaven one day. We don't have to do anything but accept and receive Jesus in our hearts. That means that we need to speak and act as Jesus taught- with kindness, faith in Him, forgiveness and service to others. Then we receive the most valuable treasure of all!

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looking for *fine pearls.*



When he found one of
great value
he went away &
sold everything he had
and *bought it.*

«««Matthew 13:45-46»»»

Will It Last Forever?

Instructions: Rate the following items 1 through 10. 1 being the item that would last the shortest amount of time and 10 being the item that would last the longest. Each number can be used only once.




















