

Crew Time

Here are some games to enjoy with your family that will help you learn more about this week's lesson.

Introduction:

Have you ever found money somewhere? How much did you find?

Well today, we're going to learn a parable about a man who finds a hidden treasure and he is so determined to have it- he will do anything!

1. **Bible Search**

Can you find Matthew 13:45 in the bible?

Remember Matthew is the name of the book

13 is the chapter- it's the big number on the pages

45 is the verse- this is a little number in the writing.

2. **Digging for Treasure**

Scripture

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure that was hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again. He was very happy. So he went and sold everything he had. And he bought that field.

Matthew 13: 44

Supplies tub of dirt or sandbox, pennies and other small treasures

- Hide treasures in dirt.
- Allow the kids to dig in the dirt to find treasures.
- Chat about Matthew 13:44 to highlight the point that knowing Jesus is our real treasure.
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3. **Pearl Necklaces**

Scripture

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who was looking for fine pearls. He found one that was very valuable. So he went away and sold everything he had. And he bought that pearl. Matthew 13:45

Supplies pearl beads, necklace string, or white playdough/clay/toothpick/string

- String pearl beads onto necklace.
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- Roll clay or dough into small balls.
- Poke a toothpick through centre to make a hole.
- Bake clay according to directions,
- If necessary paint beads with white paint.
- String together to make necklace.

As you make this craft encourage the kids to remember the real treasure is Jesus

4. **Treasure Hunt**

Scripture

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who was looking for fine pearls. He found one that was very valuable. So he went away and sold everything he had. And he bought that pearl. Matthew 13:45-46

Supplies Treasure hunt clues, pearls

- Create a treasure hunt.
- Provide clues that will take the kids all around the house.
- Make clues more challenging for older students.
- Final clue will lead students to the pearl.
- Making two treasure hunts that lead to the same destination can turn the activity into a game with each child competing to find the pearl first.

5. **Children, Children, Where is Your Treasure?**

Scripture

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure that was hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again. He was very happy. So he went and sold everything he had. And he bought that field. Matthew 13:44

Supplies coin

- Get one child to hide a treasure somewhere around the house.
- The other people all have to find it.