

The Precious Pearl



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You can colour this picture.



From the Bible

Jesus said:

“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 chapter 13 verses 45-46 (New International Reader's Version)

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you watch this story on the computer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZN75FzrfSs>

? To think about

Do you know what a pearl is?

Why do you think pearls are so special?

I wonder what you think is valuable?

Does something have to cost a lot of money for it to be special?

What would you give up so you could have the thing you really, really want?

Where could you look for something precious?

Are you special?

What does God give for you?



Craft Activity

Making a treasure chest

You will need:

- An empty small cardboard box with a lid (e.g. a box that teabags come in)
- Glue
- White card
- White paper
- Different pieces of patterned or shiny paper (e.g. left over bits of wrapping paper)
- Scissors
- Pens, crayons or paints

First use the glue to cover the outside of your box with white paper. This will cover the labels and writing on it and also make it a bit stronger.

Use your patterned or shiny paper to cover the outside of your box. You could cut the paper neatly or just rip it into small pieces. Will you make a pattern or a picture with the different colours?

Use the white card to make a label for your treasure box. Decorate your label, maybe put your name on it or write 'Treasures' so everyone knows it's a special box. When the label is all done, stick it onto the outside of your box.

To think about

What sort of things might you keep in your box?

Will your box keep things safe?



Outdoor Activity Suggestions

Hunt the pearl

Find an object that you can pretend is a pearl. It could be something big like a beach ball, smaller about the size of a tennis ball or really tiny like an old button.

Ask someone else to hide the pretend pearl around the garden or park while you're not looking.

As you look for the pretend pearl they could give you clues – saying 'warmer' when you get close to it and 'colder' if you move further away from where it has been hidden.

Spotting things that are special

Go for a walk with the person looking after you today.

Can you find a special flower?

Which cloud in the sky is your favourite?

Did you see any animals – which ones did you like best?

Can you find the best tree?

How about people, God thinks all people are special, did you meet anyone on your walk?



Building Block Challenge

Can you build the merchant's house from the story in the video that you watched earlier? You could use building blocks or some empty cardboard boxes.

Song

It's a new new day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVsmwrNWphI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI9m0JmYmzo>

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to this song on the computer.

Prayer

Father God,
Thank you that I am special to you and you gave Jesus for me.
Knowing about you and Jesus is precious and important,
help me to look out for you and listen to you every day.
Amen.

(Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)

? Puzzles

Can you help the merchant get to the pearl of great price?



Use this code to read the message on the pearls.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
d	e	f	g	h	i	k	m	n	o	t

