

Scripture reference: Treasure Hunt! Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Matt. 13)

Story summary: A man sold everything he had so that he could buy a field that had treasure on it. Finding the Kingdom of God is like this - giving up everything to follow Jesus and telling everyone about how much Jesus loves them.

Optional Lesson Strengthening: Fill a bowl with rice and hide "treasures" in the rice (or torn pieces of paper if you do not have rice). Let the bowl be handed around the room and let all the children to take turns digging for buried treasure in the sensory box. Discuss with the children that the man in the parable was so happy when he found the buried treasure that he sold everything that he had to buy the treasure and the field where it was buried. Tell the children that Heaven is the greatest thing (treasure) in the world and that they would be willing to give up everything so that they can please God and go to Heaven someday. End with this prayer, Dear Lord, we thank you for promising that we will get to go to Heaven someday. Amen*

Activities:

What you need:

- Template
- Colouring in crayons or pencils
- Erasor

Further discussion: Ask some of these questions: What's your favourite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it? If you found a hidden treasure, what would you hope to find in it? What is a parable? What was Jesus trying to teach through this parable? Why can Jesus be hard to find? Who needs to help people to find Jesus? Read Matthew 6:19-21. Why shouldn't we care more about our stuff than Jesus? What do our priorities say about our hearts? How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Resources*:

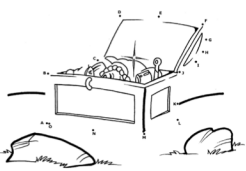
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/lesson-the-greatest-treasure/>
- <https://www.pursuegodkids.org/the-parable-of-the-hidden-treasure/>

Pre-primary

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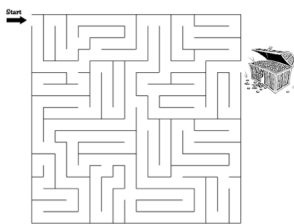
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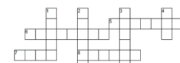
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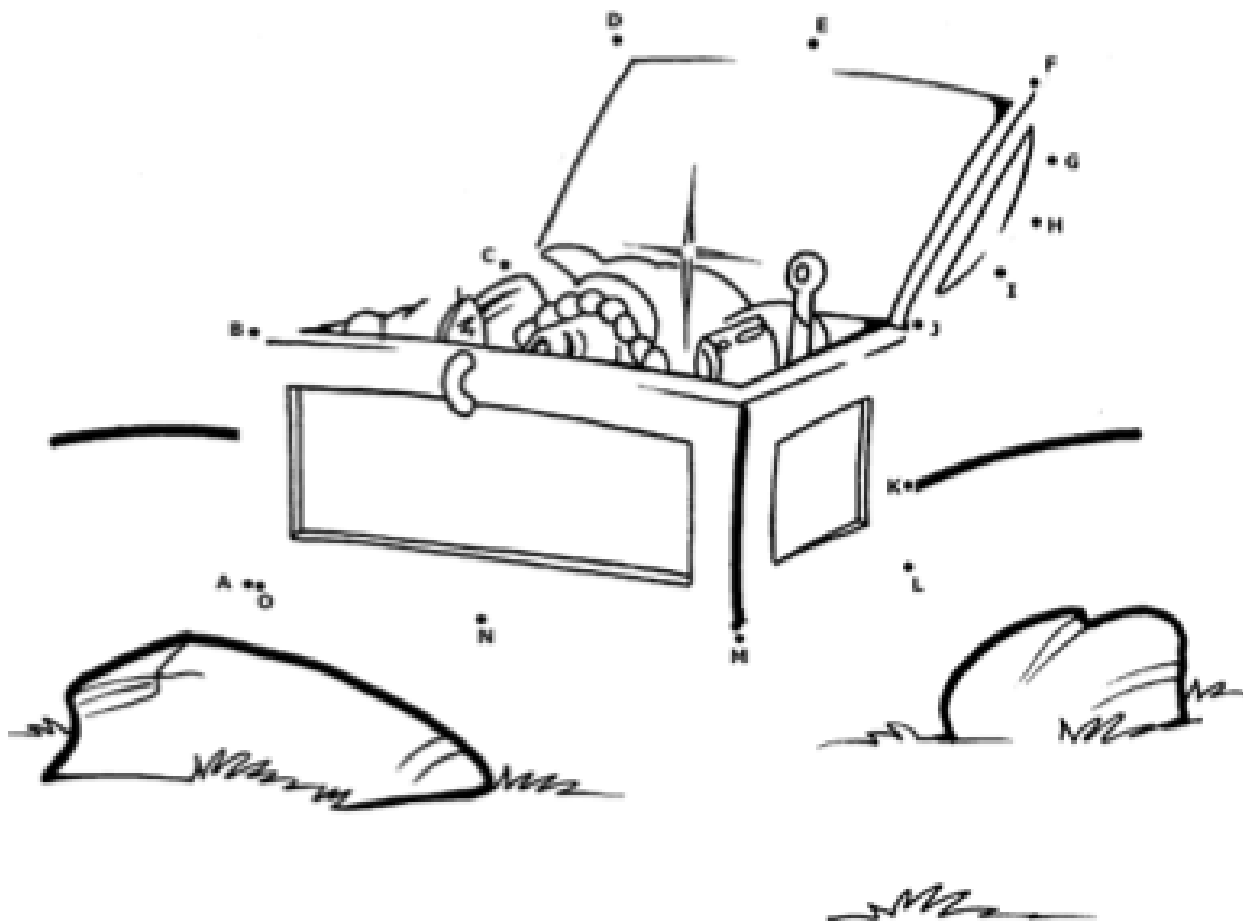
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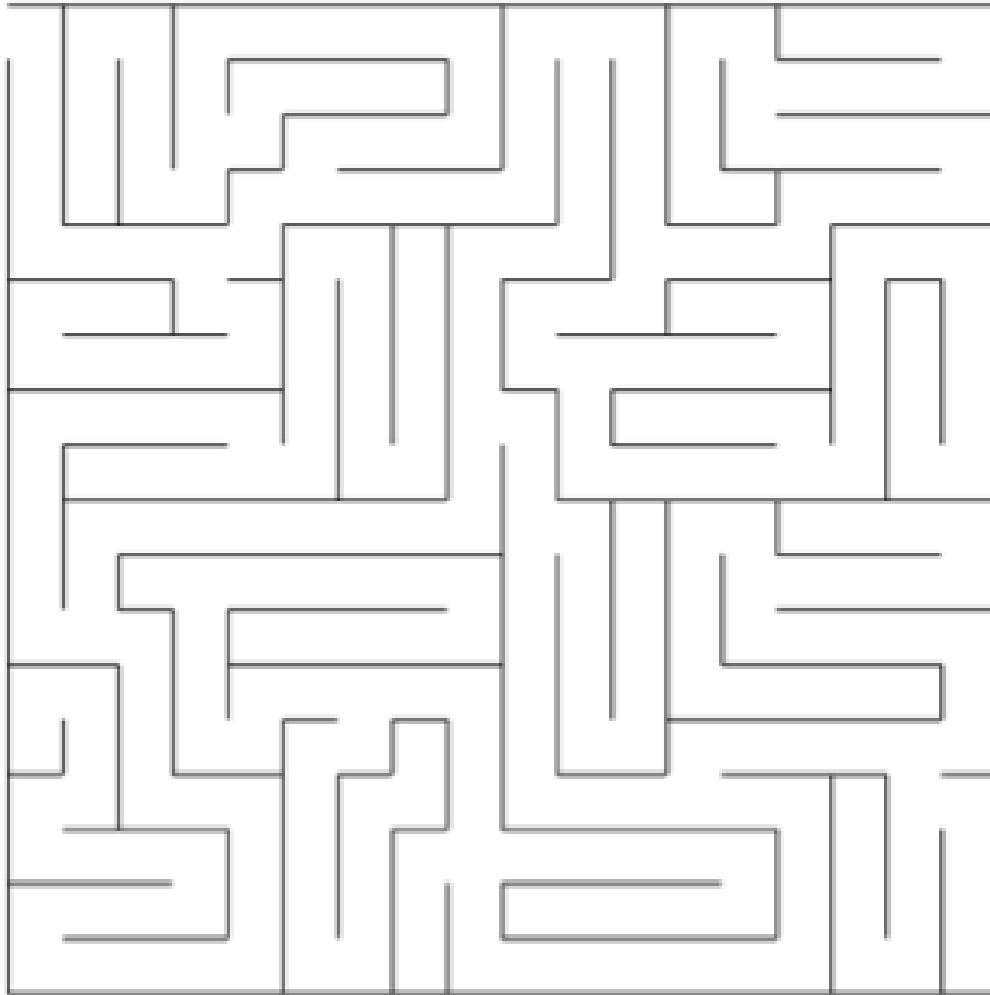
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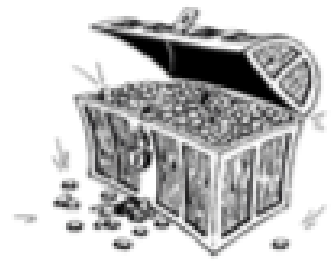
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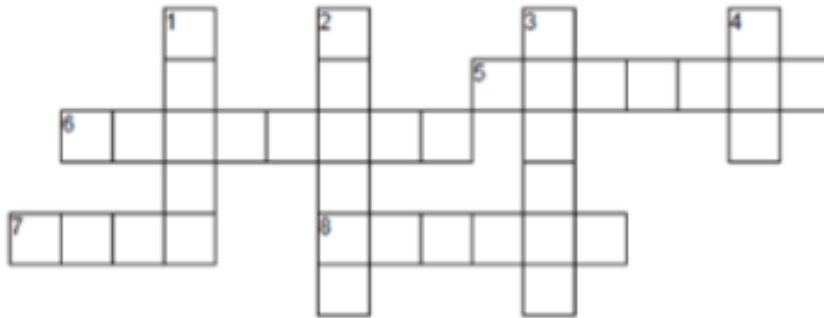
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