

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP GUIDE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Treasure hunt! The story of the hidden treasure, from Matthew 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.

INTRODUCTION:

We've learned that Jesus has power over sickness, over death, over nature, and he can feed more than 5,000 people with a few loaves and fish. Being in the kingdom of God is as wonderful as finding hidden treasure - it is worth anything you have to give up, because Jesus is the real treasure.

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.



WHAT YOU NEED: Template, Colouring in crayons or pencils, Eraser

The Parable of the Hidden

SOLD

MAN

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PRE-PRIMARY

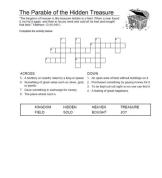


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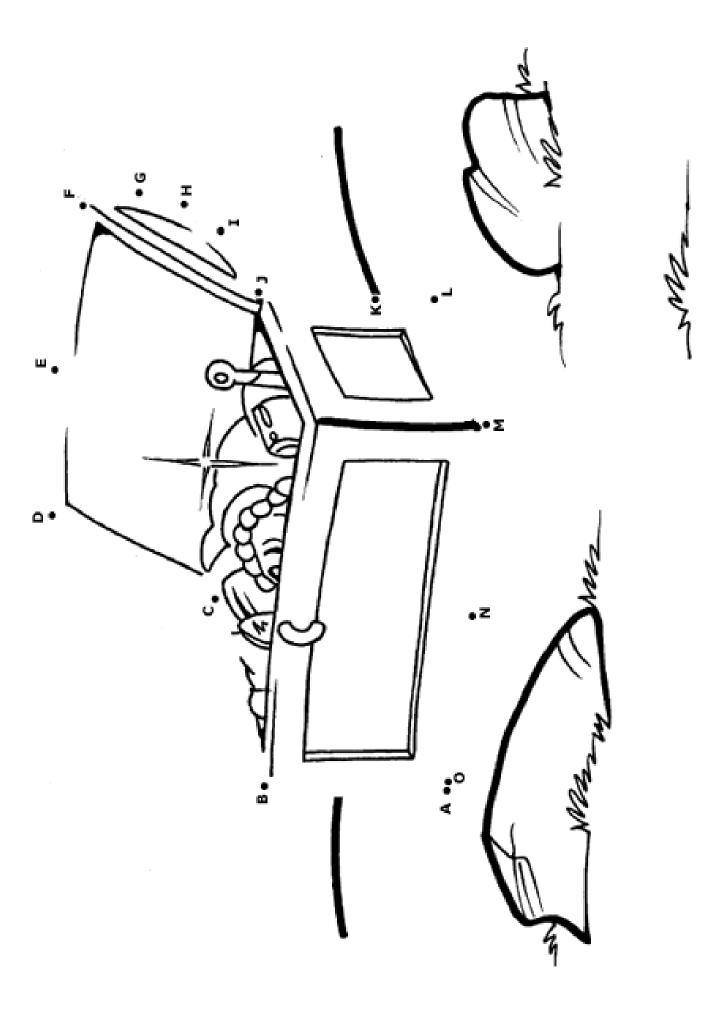


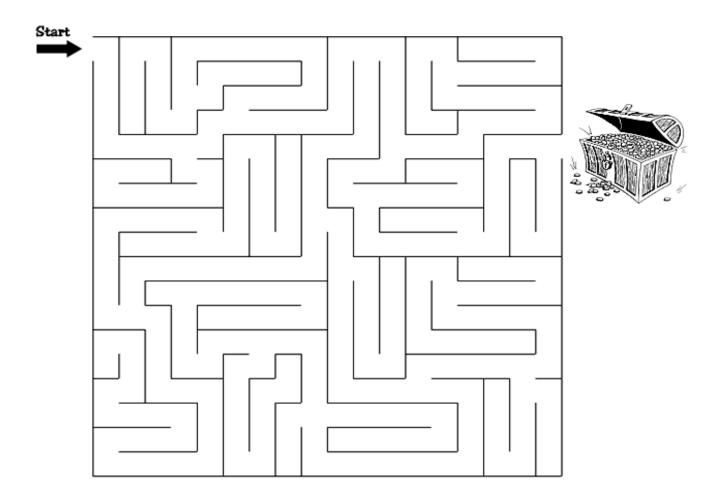
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Can you find the way to the hidden treasure?

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Matthew 13:44

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The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:44 (NIV)

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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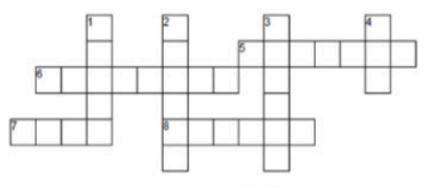
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| HEAVEN | SOLD | MAN | HIDDEN | |
| JOY | FIELD | TREASURE | FIELD | |

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Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

- 5. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
- Something of great value such as silver, gold, or jewels

Gave something in exchange for money

DOWN

- 1. An open area of land without buildings on it
- 2. Purchased something by paying money for it
- 3. To be kept out ouf sight so no one can find it
- 4. A feeling of great happiness

8. The place where God is

| KINGDOM | HIDDEN | HEAVEN | TREASURE |
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| FIELD | SOLD | BOUGHT | JOY |