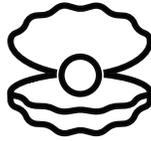


Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant who.....”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities, nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

Read: Matthew 13: 45-46

Activities and Background:

This week is the Parable of The Pearl or is it really the Parable of the Merchant. You can decide. Traditional interpretation sees the Pearl as Jesus. We are to seek Jesus. Finding Jesus changes your life.

1. Read the scripture and wonder about the story with your child. I wonder what the merchant was going to do with the pearl once it was obtained. I wonder where the merchant had been looking for the pearl – in the right places or the wrong places. When the merchant sold all he had, how did that change his life?
2. What things do you seek after? How does getting those things change your life? How do you seek Jesus? How does doing those things change your life?
3. Children will enjoy going on a treasure hunt. Create a treasure hunt or scavenger hunt. Talk about how they felt when all the items were found.
4. Discuss, as a family, ways you might seek Jesus.
5. Older children might enjoy struggling with this scripture passage alongside Matthew 6: 19-21.
6. Read the story one more time and then draw a picture to help you remember the story.
7. End with a prayer.

*Lord,
Show me where to look for you.
Help me to open my eyes and heart that I might find you.
Thank you for the scriptures.
Thank you for parables which help me find you.
Amen.*