

THE TREASURE IN THE FIELD

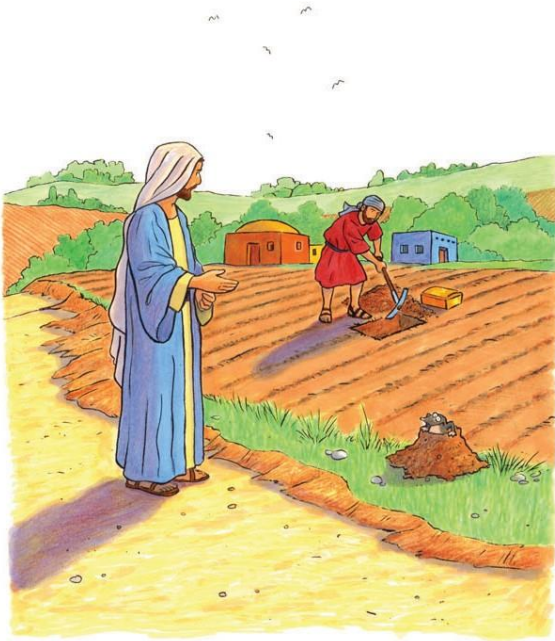
Matthew 13:44



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Message	The kingdom of heaven is our treasure.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ God's kingdom can be found in the hearts of people who embrace and follow the teaching of Jesus.
Bible Text	Matthew 13:44

The Treasure in the Field



One day a man filled with sadness and despair walked along a field. He did not know if his luck would change or what would happen in the future. In the corner of the field, the man saw something shining out of the soil.

When he stooped down to see what it was, he realised it was a great treasure! He knew it was precious so he covered the treasure he found with soil and rocks.

He joyfully went home and gathered everything he owned. He took his belongings to a merchant and sold them. With the money that he collected from the merchant he went to the farmer and bought the field where he found the treasure.

After Jesus explained several different parables to His disciples, He told them, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid. And for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

The Treasure in the Field

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Jesus tells this parable. What is a parable? (It is a story, which we can transfer to our life.)
- How would you feel if you would discover such a treasure?
- What does this man do? (He sells all his belongings to get money to buy this field.)

Have the children repeat...

- God's kingdom can be found in the hearts of people who follow the teaching of Jesus.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- The man bought the field to possess the treasure.
- What is our treasure? (Being together with God in his kingdom forever.)
- What should we do?
(We give up anything that might prevent us from being together with God forever.)

<p style="text-align: center;">Repeat the Message The kingdom of heaven is our treasure.</p>
