



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle A - XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

*1 Kings 3, 5. 7-12; Psalm 118, Romans 8, 28-30; Matthew 13, 44-52 o 44-46*

### The Parable of the Found Treasure.

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

#### Reflection

**What is the Kingdom of Heaven?** The presence of Jesus in our hearts. **Jesus knows it is difficult to describe the immense value of the Kingdom of Heaven, so He uses parables which compare the Kingdom to things we can understand. First, He compares it to what?** A treasure buried in a field. **What does the person do when he finds it?** He hides it again; then he goes and sells everything he has to buy the field. **What is the second comparison Jesus uses?** A merchant of fine pearls finds one of great value; he sells everything to buy it.



**What is Jesus telling us with these stories?** Nothing we have is more valuable than having Jesus in our hearts. **Why is it so valuable to have Jesus in our heart?** Jesus gives us everything we need to be happy in this life and in the next. He protects us and guides us to grow in love, service, peace, forgiveness, joy and all we need to get to eternal happiness in Heaven.

#### Activity

On the following page, answer the questions about the Gospel. Choose from the last two activities. Talk about the gifts that Jesus gives us every day.

#### Prayer

Jesus, enter into my heart. I want you to be my best friend. Thank you for all the gifts you give me every day. Help me to imitate you so I may be another Jesus on earth. Amen.

**Song:** Jesus is my Treasure, Rainforest Explorers VBS, <https://youtu.be/DKc0jV82MAo> (3-8 yrs.)

I Found a Treasure, Austin Stone Worship, <https://youtu.be/lbARUaX4frc> (9+ yrs.)

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hPSm36ToBcXK6EgDS\\_lkp0\\_mhLeYjB2/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtfpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hPSm36ToBcXK6EgDS_lkp0_mhLeYjB2/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtfpof=true&sd=true) (3-8 yrs.)

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THE GREATEST TREASURE

- Mt. 13,44-46 -

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a \_\_\_\_\_ searching for fine  
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pearl of great \_\_\_\_\_, he  
goes and sells all that he has  
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Fill in the blanks above with the following words:

MERCHANT, PRICE, FINDS, SELLS, PEARLS, HEAVEN, FIELD, BURIED

Insert the syllables or words to complete the following message:

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OUR GREAT \_\_\_ TREAS \_\_\_ IS FIND \_\_\_ \_\_\_ SUS  
AS OUR \_\_\_ FRIEND.

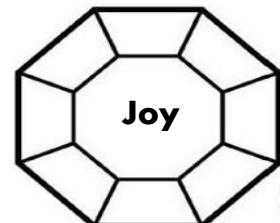
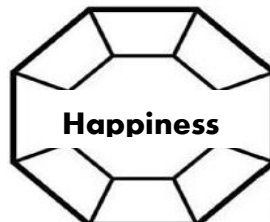
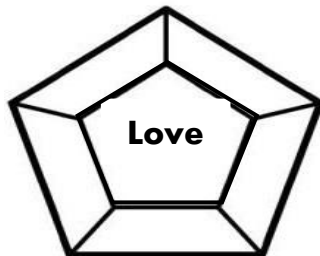
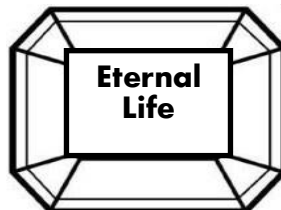
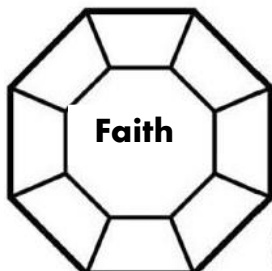
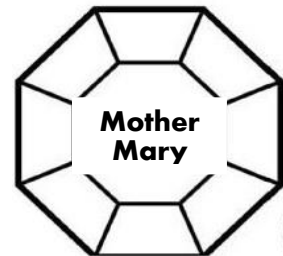
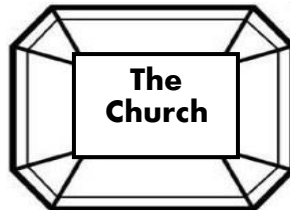
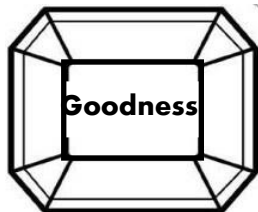
Solución: Nuestro mayor tesoro es descubrir a Jesús como amigo



## JESUS' TREASURES



**Instructions:** Cut the chest, Jesus, and the jewels. Color and glue them onto the chest. Talk about the treasures that Jesus gives us.



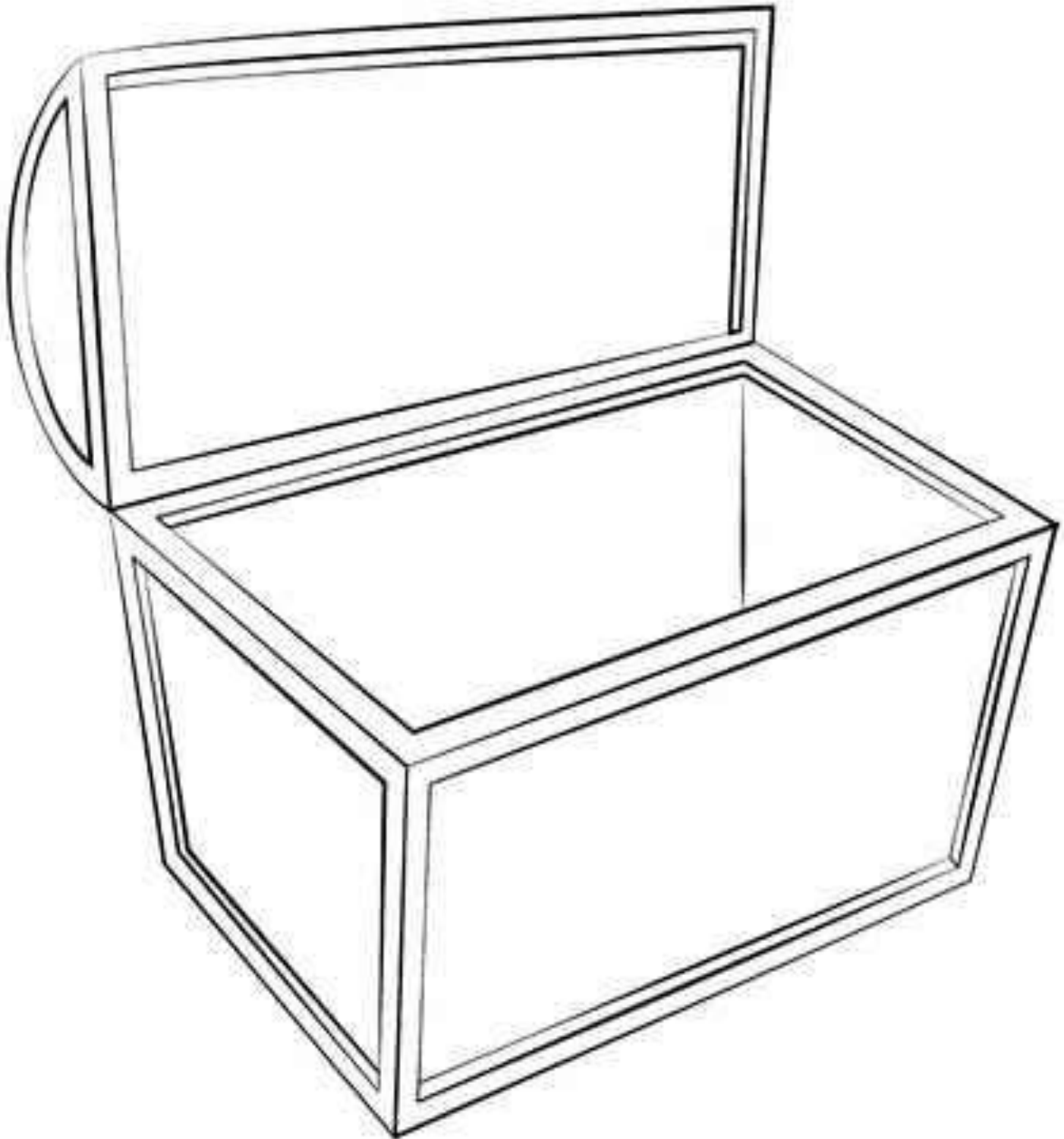


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