

Hidden treasure, pearls and God's Kingdom ...

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Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Pearl Treasure Bracelet

One for the girls! Or boys could make one for their Mum or Grandma.

You will need:

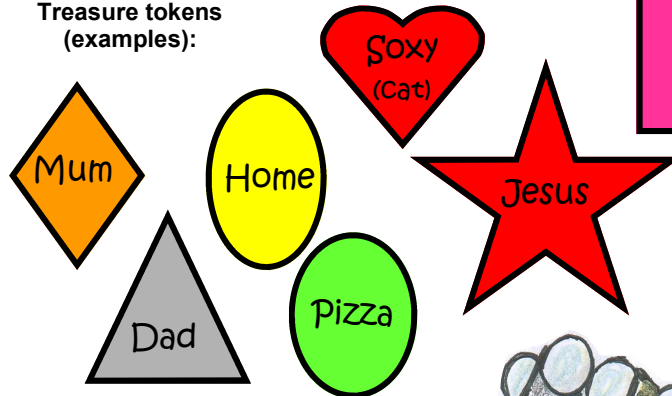
- ♦ pearl beads
- ♦ beading wire, thick thread or yarn, or hat elastic
- ♦ white-backed foil card [red, gold, copper, blue, purple, silver etc]
- ♦ permanent felt pens
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ hole punch

What to do:

Make tokens:

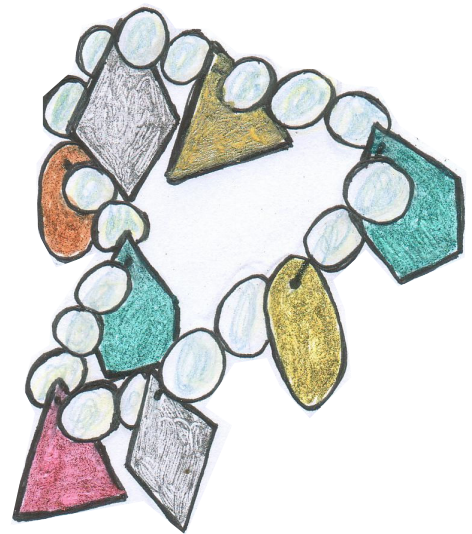
- ♦ Children discuss what are the real treasures – the most important things or people in their lives, or what they are most thankful for.
- ♦ Cut out several tokens or oval shapes from the foil card. Children can write on the white side of the tokens the names of their 'treasures' – God, Mum, Dad, Gran, their favourite book, their home, family, friends, food, school, church, the Bible, Jesus ...
- ♦ Punch a hole near the top of each oval.

Treasure tokens (examples):



- ♦ Cut a length of wire, thread, yarn or hat elastic long enough to fit around the child's wrist, with extra so it can be slipped on and off, and some more so it can be tied in a knot.
- ♦ Children can thread beads onto the wire/elastic and after every two or three beads add a token.
- ♦ When the wire is filled up, tie the ends in a knot. Thread the ends of the wire/thread back through the last few beads if possible.

Children can wear the bracelets to remind them what the important things in life are.



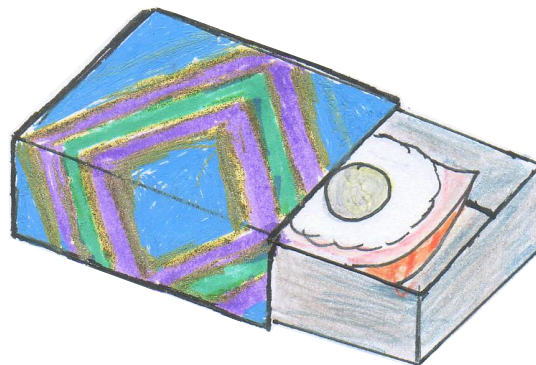
Hidden pearls

You will need:

- ♦ small shells
- ♦ pearl beads
- ♦ cotton wool
- ♦ match boxes
- ♦ decorative paper
- ♦ glue, scissors, felt pens

What to do:

- ♦ Cover the outside sheath of the matchbox with decorative paper.
- ♦ Place a pearl on a bed of cotton wool in a shell.
- ♦ Place the shell inside the matchbox and close it up.
- ♦ On the outside write:
"God's kingdom is like ..."



Images of the Kingdom...

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