

****We covered these questions in small groups during service (utilize for additional recap)****



WEEK 1 BIBLE STUDY

Memory Verse: "Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow." Psalms 25:4

Read Matthew 13:44-46

Answer these questions:

(K - 3rd Grade)

1. What do the stories of the pearl and the treasure have in common?

In both stories, the finder sells everything they own to get the thing they want.

2. What does Jesus say is like the pearl and the treasure?

Heaven

3. Why is it hard sometimes to give things up for Jesus?

As Humans, we are prone to wanting material things. It's hard to give those things up, no matter what the "reward" for giving them up is.

4. Is there anything more valuable than knowing Jesus?

Jesus is the only way to get to Heaven. All of the possessions we have mean nothing if we don't have Jesus.

(4th & 5th Grade)

1. Why did Jesus tell these two stories together?

Jesus wanted to teach the same lesson to separate sets of people. He wanted the farmers and landowners to understand, as well as the merchants and those who fish for a living. He wanted both audiences to understand the point he was trying to make.

2. What do these stories tell us about Jesus?

These stories show us Jesus' value. He is the ticket to Heaven, and we should view him as valuable enough to give up everything if that's what's asked of us.

3. What makes Jesus such a priceless treasure?

The only way to get to Heaven is through him. God's sacrifice of Him for us makes Jesus the most valuable thing ever.

4. Why is it hard sometimes to give things up for Jesus?

We get immediate satisfaction out of things in this world. It's hard to remember the long-term benefit of Heaven when we can have things in the immediate

5. What can we do to surrender more of ourselves to Jesus?

(Leaders: tell a personal story- if you have one, of a time you felt like you had to give something up for Jesus)



MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Pumpkin Parables Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: PUMPKIN PATCH



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Pumpkins grow in a big field usually referred to as a pumpkin patch. Jesus told a story about a man who found a great treasure hidden in a field and he sold everything he had to get it. Once we realize how great God is, we will value it more than anything else in the world. Matthew 13:44-46, The Stories of the Pearl and the Treasure



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

If you haven't already picked out a pumpkin, make a trip to do so this week. Ask your kids about this week's parables. How is searching for the perfect pumpkin like the stories Jesus told? And what is the meaning behind those stories?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did the men in the parables sell everything for pearls and treasure? **They wanted to own them**
- What treasure was Jesus talking about in those stories? **Heaven**
- What are some things that keep us from putting Jesus first, ahead of everything else?

Examples could be: desire for more possessions, wanting to be liked, wanting to be "first", desire to achieve more and more



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow." Psalm 25:4



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

God wants to be first in our lives. He bought our salvation with the blood of His Son Jesus, and He wants us to love Him in return. What is keeping you from putting Jesus first?



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