



The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field,  
which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes  
and sells all that he has and buys that field.  
Matthew 13:44

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## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 30 July, 2023

### Matthew 13:45-46

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

Father, help us to remember that nothing we have can compare to life in the kingdom of heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

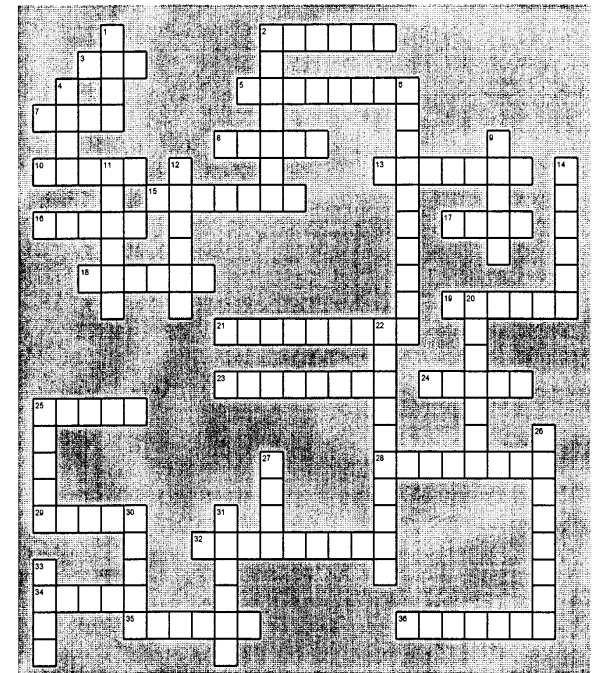


# Crossword: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

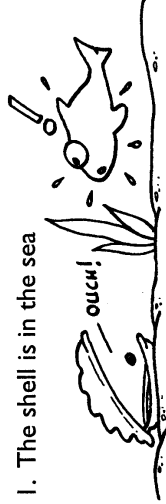
- 16 across) Jesus told them another \_\_\_\_\_: The 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 across) \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven is like what happens
- 2 across) when a \_\_\_\_\_ plants a mustard seed in \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 across) a \_\_\_\_\_. Although it is the smallest \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 down) of all seeds, it grows \_\_\_\_\_ than any \_\_\_\_\_
- 33 down) garden plant and becomes a \_\_\_\_\_. Birds \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 across) even come and nest on its \_\_\_\_\_.
- 35 across) Jesus also said: The kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 down) is like what happens when a \_\_\_\_\_ mixes \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 across) a little \_\_\_\_\_ into three big batches \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 down) of \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, all the dough rises. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 across) The kingdom of heaven is \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_
- 36 across) happens when someone finds \_\_\_\_\_
- 31 down) \_\_\_\_\_ in a field and buries it again. \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 across) A person like that is \_\_\_\_\_ and goes and \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 down) sells \_\_\_\_\_ in order to buy that field. \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 down) The kingdom of heaven is like what \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 across) when a shop owner is looking for fine \_\_\_\_\_.
- 23 across) After finding a very \_\_\_\_\_ one, the owner \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 across) goes and \_\_\_\_\_ everything in order to buy that pearl. \_\_\_\_\_



- 17 across) The kingdom of heaven is like \_\_\_\_\_ happens \_\_\_\_\_
- 29 across) Then those evil \_\_\_\_\_ will be thrown into \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 down) when a net is thrown into a \_\_\_\_\_ and catches \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 down) flaming \_\_\_\_\_, where they will cry and grit \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 down) all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_. When the net is full, it is \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 down) their \_\_\_\_\_ in pain.
- 32 across) dragged to the shore, and the \_\_\_\_\_ sit \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 down) Jesus asked his \_\_\_\_\_ if they understood \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 down) down to \_\_\_\_\_ the fish. They keep the good \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 across) all these \_\_\_\_\_. They said, "Yes, we do."
- 3 across) ones, but throw the \_\_\_\_\_ ones away. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 across) So he told them, "Every student of the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 4 down) That's how it will be at the end of \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 down) who \_\_\_\_\_ a disciple in the kingdom of heaven \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 down) \_\_\_\_\_ will come and separate the evil people \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 across) is like \_\_\_\_\_ who brings out new and old \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 across) from the ones who have done \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 across) \_\_\_\_\_ from the storeroom."



1. The shell is in the sea



2. A bit of grit gets in the shell



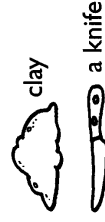
3. The bit of grit is covered with mother-of-pearl to make it smooth

To pray this week

*Knowing you, Jesus, is the best thing in my life. Nothing else is as important as your love and faithfulness; nothing else can give me lasting joy and peace.*

## How to make a pearl in a shell

You will need



water



a template

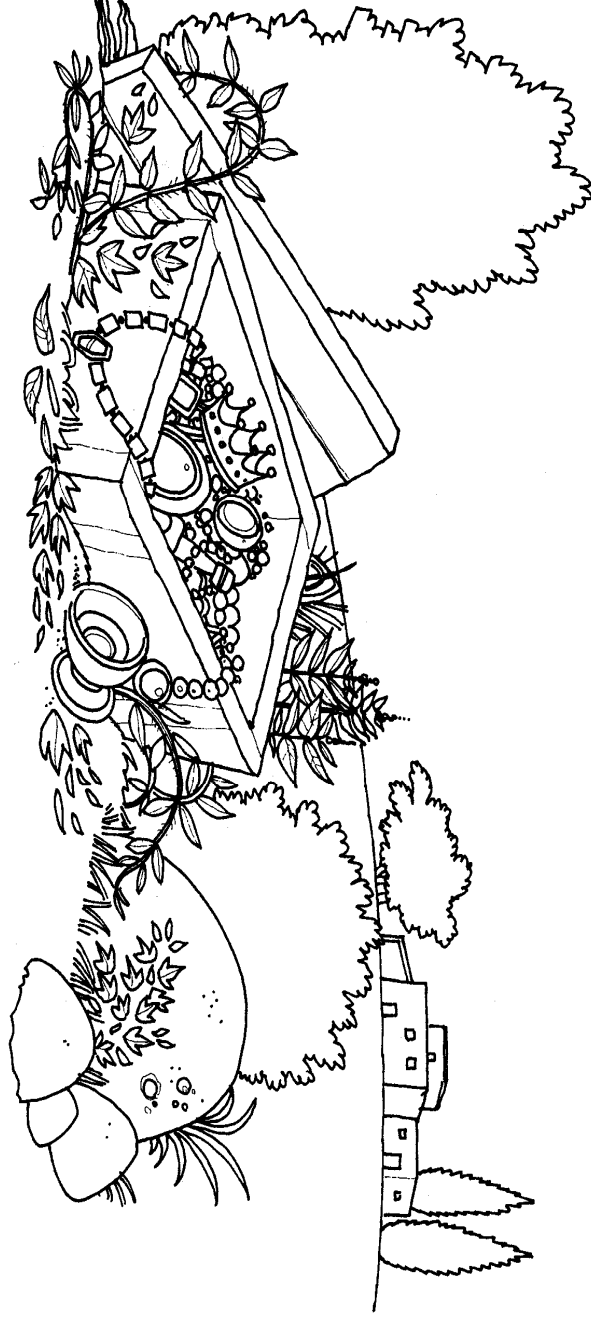


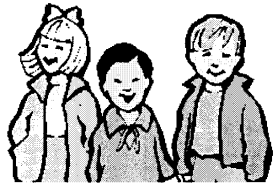
How to make it

1. Cut out this template
2. Roll a clay ball the size of a marble
3. Roll out the rest of the clay
4. Put the template on it and cut out a shell shape. Do this again so you have two shell shapes at the narrow ends
5. Wet your hands. Join the two shell shapes at the narrow ends
6. Put this week's prayer inside
7. Put the clay ball on top of the prayer
8. You have made a pearl in a shell. When it is dry you can paint it if you like

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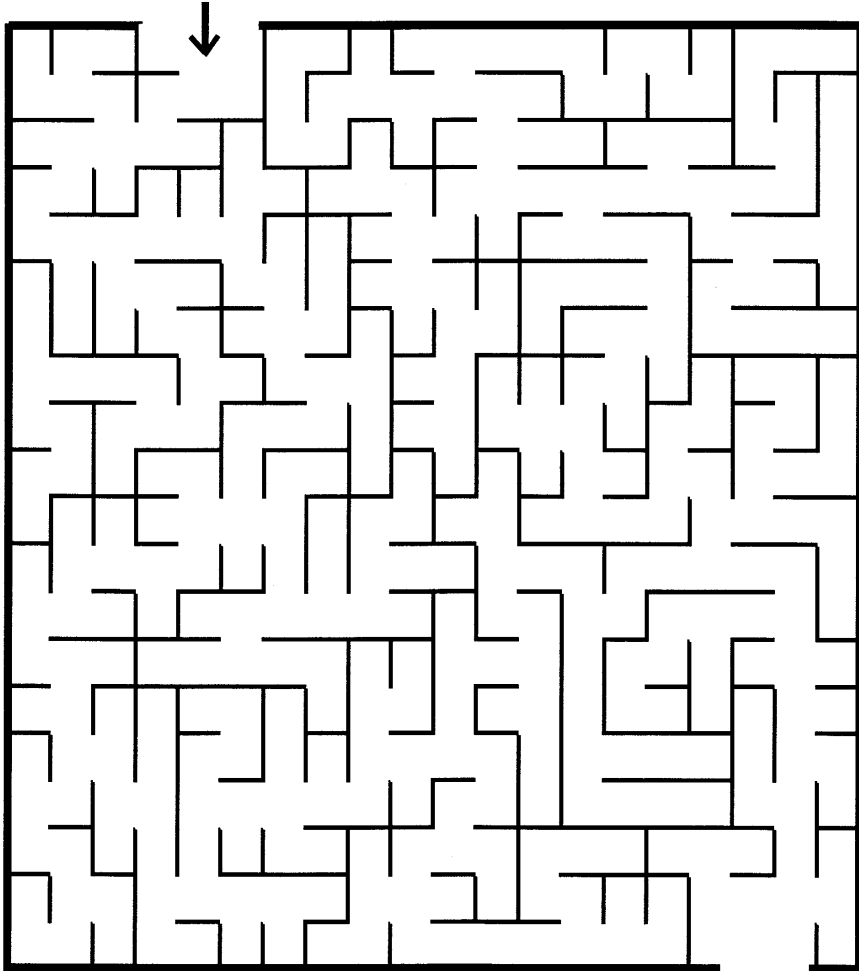




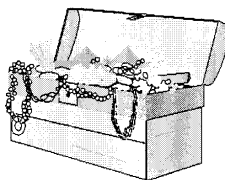
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Jesus said, "Every student of the Scriptures who becomes a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like someone who brings out new and old treasures from the storeroom."

Help the children find the treasure. Your treasure comes from Jesus, who loves us all.



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| KINGDOM  | WOMAN    | HAPPENS    | SEPARATE  | DISCIPLES  |
| FARMER   | YEAST    | PEARLS     | BAD       | THINGS     |
| FIELD    | FLOUR    | VALUABLE   | TIME      | SCRIPTURES |
| LARGER   | LIKE     | SELLS      | ANGELS    | BECOMES    |
| TREE     | TREASURE | WHAT       | RIGHT     | SOMEONE    |
| BRANCHES | HIDDEN   | LAKE       | PEOPLE    | TREASURES  |
|          | HAPPY    | FISH       | FURNACE   |            |

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