



a Kendall Hunt Company

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 109

Read: [Matthew 13:44-52](#)

Gospel Summary

Jesus compared the Kingdom to a valuable treasure. First it was a buried treasure and second it was like a rare and priceless pearl. These findings were more valuable than anything we have known previously and that is what the Kingdom will be, too. When we finally understand the Kingdom of God, it will be like finding the greatest treasure we can imagine. However, it will be God who sorts out the good from the bad. Judgement is not ours.

Reflection for Families

We often let our children know what we think is valuable or what has little value. Sometimes we do this with body language and facial expressions. Sometimes we show them by what we choose to spend our time, money and energy on. Think about your actions for just one day and make a mental list of what you have shown to be "jewels" in your life. Be honest and if necessary, make some adjustments as a result of this reflection.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Look through family photos and identify members of your immediate and extended family. Describe a way in which each one of those people is a special jewel in the Kingdom of God. In what way does each person represent a special gift from God?

Discussion Starters

1. The greatest jewel in my field is . . . this directly relates to the Kingdom of God because . . .
2. One thing that is so valuable to me that I would give up everything I own to keep it is . . .
3. In order to better see my treasure, I have to get rid of some junk. That junk includes . . .

Connection to Faith First®

Faith First Kindergarten, Chapter 24

Faith First Grade 1, Chapter 22

Faith First Grade 2, Chapter 26

Faith First Grade 3, Chapter 9

Faith First Grade 4, Chapter 10

Faith First Grade 5, Chapters 10 and 26

Faith First Grade 6, Chapters 8, 10 and 16

Faith First Junior High—Creed and Prayer, Chapters 7 and 16