

As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, we are willing to give up everything to follow Jesus, and we tell everyone about how much Jesus loves them.

Story Time with Jesus

Lesson Four

The Parables of the Kingdom

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In the parable of the Hidden Treasure, we learned that Jesus can save people even when they aren't looking for him, like he saved Paul in the book of Acts.

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From the Parable of the Pearl, we learn that when people look for the truth, they find God and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mathew 13:44-50

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. 45 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. 46 When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it! 47

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. 48 When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. 49 That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, 50 throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

we are to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

From both the Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Parable of the Pearl, we learn that salvation is a free gift from God, but following Jesus still costs us everything. Jesus has to be the most important relationship in our lives if

In the Parable of the Fishing Net, we learn that at the end of the world, those who follow Jesus will get to go to Heaven and those who don't will be thrown into Hell. This message is good news for those who love Jesus, but bad news for those who don't! Part of being a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven is telling everyone about Jesus so they don't get thrown away like the bad fish in the story.