



MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

*'The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure** hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant **looking** for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. **Matthew 13:44-46***



Jesus told this parable about this man who found a treasure. It must have been a very special treasure for him to go and sell everything else that he owned to buy just one treasure.

Jesus wants us to think about him like that. He wants us to find him as our one and only Lord and Saviour and be willing to love and follow him. We don't have to sell everything we have to find him because he tells us in the Bible that he is with us already. How wonderful is the treasure we have in Jesus. He has saved us from our sins and loves us no matter who we are. He has a place in heaven for us and that is the best treasure of all to be able to spend eternity with Jesus.

A great activity to remember that Jesus is our treasure, is with a message in a bottle!

- Find a piece of paper and write out the Bible verse. You might like to take a used tea bag and dab the paper to stain it brown so it looks old like a treasure map.
- There are a variety of glass jars available in the 'discount shops'. A clean, dry water bottle would be just as effective.
- Find some small shells or pebbles, these can also be found in cheap shops if you are not near a beach.
- Collect blue items from around the house including beads, buttons, wool and sequins.
- Place all these items in your bottle.
- Roll up your message and place it in the bottle. Remember to roll this tightly so it can be pulled out to read. You might like to tie some string around the roll.

