17th Sunday in Ordinary

July 26, 2026

Matthew 13: 44 – 52

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes all sells all that he has to buy the field.” **Mathew 13: 44**

Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

"The kingdom of heaven is like _____ hidden in a _____. When a man _____ it, he hid it again, and then in his _____ went and _____ all he had and _____ that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine _____. When he found one of _____ _____, he went away and sold _____ he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

bought	field	great	pearls	treasure
everything	found	joy	sold	value

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.

___1. An adult male human
A. boy B. girl C. man D. woman

___2. Gave something in exchange for money
A. hid B. sold C. buried D. found

___3. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense)
A. found B. treasure C. hid D. joy

___4. A feeling of great happiness
A. sad B. angry C. joy D. tired

___5. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example
A. kingdom B. joy C. found D. treasure

___6. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters
A. pearl B. diamond C. gold D. silver

___7. The worth of something in money
A. joy B. kingdom C. value D. sold

___8. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
A. kingdom B. field C. treasure D. pearl

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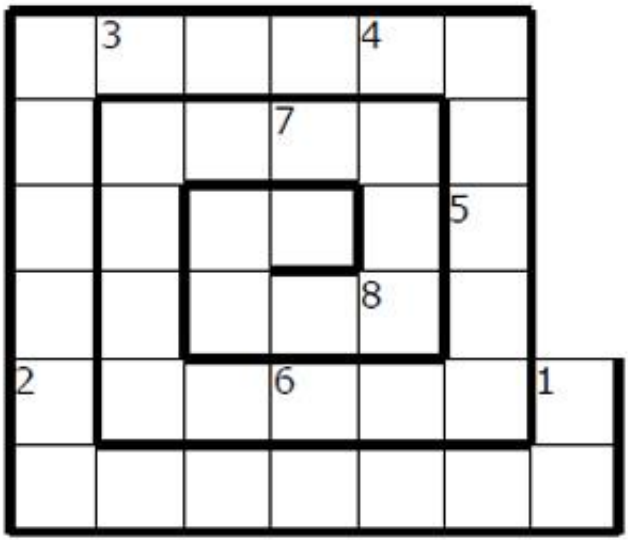
Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



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VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY

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M K E J O Y A G A I N E V A D
H B Z G M H D P G N U V S R H
O I O N A V K L V L J D S T T
V Q B U M K R I A Q U U F Y R
V K M M G U A V N I F N O A E
F F I S G H V S Z G E O U R A
S I Z W W E T S J D D K N M S
O D E K V X D T D C L O D Q U
L F D L N B B I G F C X M E R
D M R K D C H S S I R C S T E
O N V L O V L L K F H H A K T
H R L L M R U H E A V E N G R
X A C P A W B A B F R B X X D
Z K Z E P X A E D G H H N Z L
Y I P L N M S P M A N L X F B

GREAT	AGAIN	SOLD	TREASURE	BOUGHT
KINGDOM	FIELD	JOY	FOUND	HIDDEN
VALUE	ALL	HEAVEN	MAN	PEARLS

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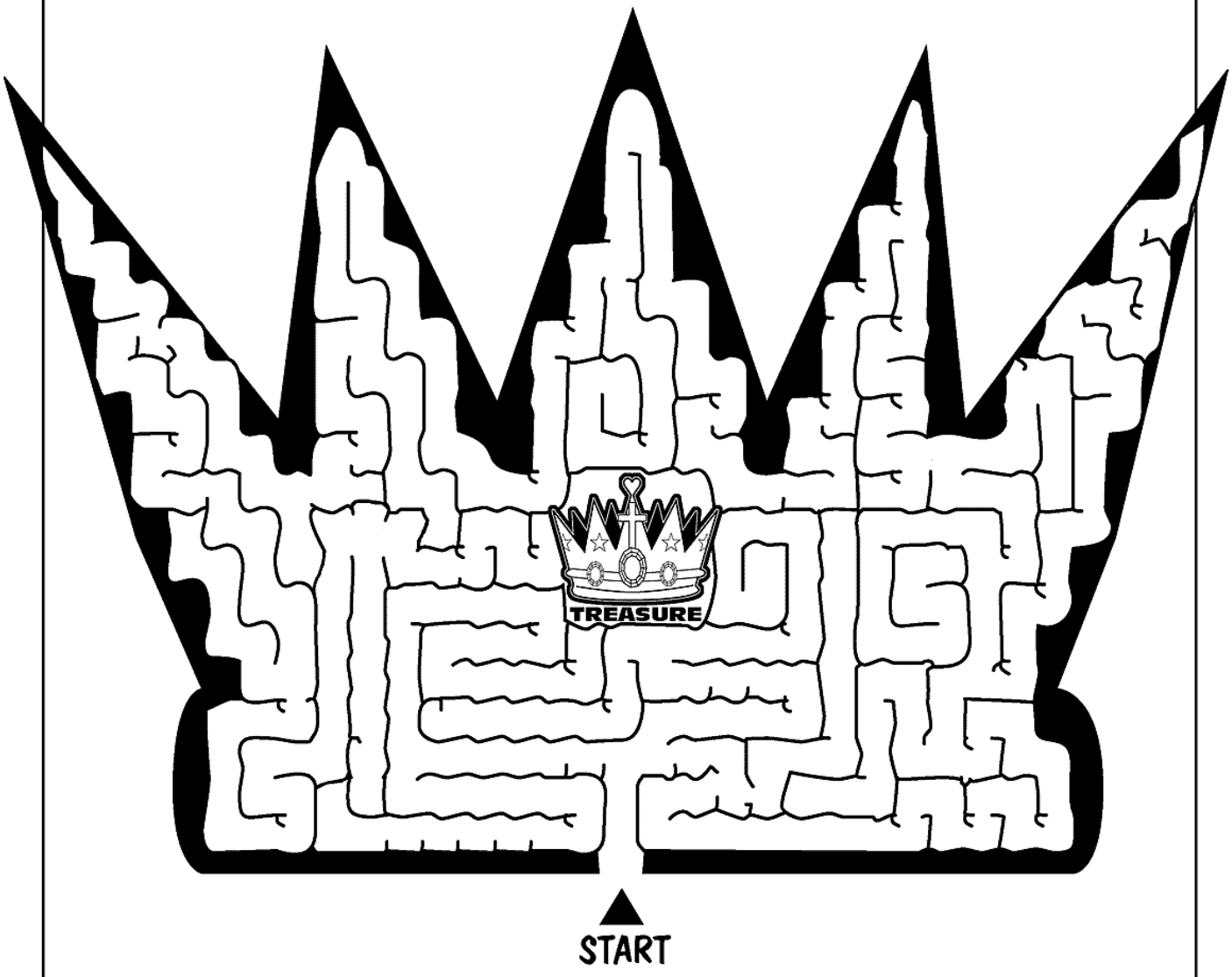
Parable

The Hidden Treasure

Find your way to the treasure hidden in this crown maze.



Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man came and while he was walking around the field he found the treasure. He quickly covered it up so no one would see it. Then he went home and sold everything that he owned and took the money and brought the field.

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Break the Code

The chart below lists the codes for the missing letters. Find the code and write in the letter on the space provided.

Example: ___ ___ ___ would be G O D.
17 31 14

#s	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
2	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
3	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
4	V	W	X	Y	Z		

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35 15 11 34 13 21 31 16 16 22 27 15

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___:
32 15 11 34 25 35

What do fine pearls and the kingdom of heaven have in common?

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Speak, Lord

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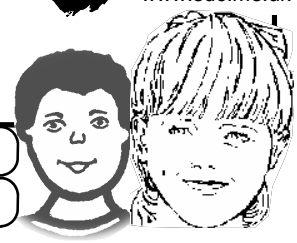
1 Kings 3:5.7-12
Psalm 118
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

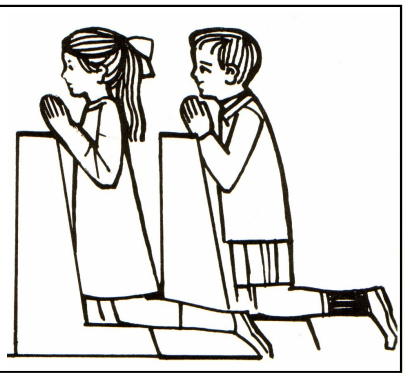
Year A — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FINDING GOD ...
is like finding a
... TREASURE.

HOW CAN YOU FIND GOD?

In the spaces below draw pictures or write about 2 ways of how or where you can find God.

My prayer

Lord God, you are my treasure. I want to love you more than anything else.