

July 26 – God is faithful, Parables of the Hidden Treasure, the Pearl, and the Net

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Deut. 7:6-9, Psalm 125, Romans 8:28-39, Matthew 13:44-52

Resources in this PDF

Coloring Page for Romans 8:28

Break the Code activity page for Romans

Parables of the Kingdom Fill-in-the-Blank

Parables of the Kingdom Word Search

Parables of the Kingdom Spiral Crossword

Hidden Treasure Coloring Page

Key Verses: “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.” Deuteronomy 7:9

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31b

Old Testament & Epistle Lesson Resources

[A Tennessee pastor’s sermon on Deut. 7:6-9](#) (11 minute video)

[A Missouri pastor’s sermon on Deut. 7:6-9](#) (reading)

What does the word faithful mean when we read that God is faithful (Deut. 7:9)? When we say that God is faithful that means God keeps His promises and always does what He says He will do. Can you think of times in the Bible where God kept his promise? *Noah and the flood, rescuing the Israelites from slavery, sending Jesus to save us, promising to always be with us (Matt. 28:19-20)*

God is always faithful to us. He never leaves us, he never stops loving us, he always keeps his promises. God is always for us. One of our Bible verses is “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31b). What does this mean?

If you have a rope or strong enough string and a few people, play tug-of-war with your family. Have the strongest person in your group not choose a side at first. Have each side pull a little bit, and then have that strongest person join one of the teams. That team is obviously now stronger and would win the tug-of-war. Have the strong person go to the other team, and now that team would win.

That strong person is so big and strong that whatever side he/she is on wins! This is like having God on our team. If God is on our side, then no one can possibly make us lose at life. Our strong person is pretty strong, but God is even more powerful than him/her. If God is on our side, standing up for us, we can be sure that we will win at life. We may have disappointments and hard times but we will know God’s love is always with us because we also know that He keeps His promises.

Gospel Lesson Resources

[Kristen from Ministry-to-Children](#) – includes a Children’s Sermon and links to [crafts](#) and other teaching resources

[Ministry-to-Children’s Bible Lesson on Matthew 13:44-46](#)

Songs

New this week: [What a Mighty God We Serve](#) (with actions)

New this week: [Jesus is My Treasure](#) (with actions)

[This Little Light of Mine](#) – with actions

[Power in Your Word](#) – with actions

[Let's Go, Go, Go!](#)

[Jesus Loves Me](#) – with lyrics and actions

[God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It](#) with lyrics

Even in difficult times, God's Word and His promises give us a peace that's much better than any kind of peace we can get on our own. Sometimes we call that the **peace that passes all understanding**. [I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy](#)

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for your great love and for being faithful to us. Thank you for always keeping your promises and for sending Jesus to save us. Help us to always stay close to you. Help us to always know that we are loved and we are safe with you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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nd we know
that in all things
God works for
the good of those
who love him,
who have been
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to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

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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		



Romans 8: 38,39

For I am , that neither
 32 15 34 35 37 11 14 15 14

 , nor life, nor ,
 14 15 11 36 21 11 27 17 15 25 35

nor principalities, nor , nor things
 32 31 42 15 34 35

 , nor things to , Nor
 32 34 15 35 15 27 36 13 31 26 15

 , nor , nor any other
 21 15 22 17 21 36 14 15 32 36 21

 , shall be able to separate
 13 34 15 11 36 37 34 15 37 35

from the of , which is in Christ
 25 31 41 15 17 31 14

 our Lord.
 23 15 35 37 35

Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

Parables of the Kingdom



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
everything

field
found

great
joy

pearls
sold

treasure
value

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When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

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
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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
KINGDOM
VALUE

AGAIN
FIELD
ALL

SOLD
JOY
HEAVEN

TREASURE
FOUND
MAN

BOUGHT
HIDDEN
PEARLS

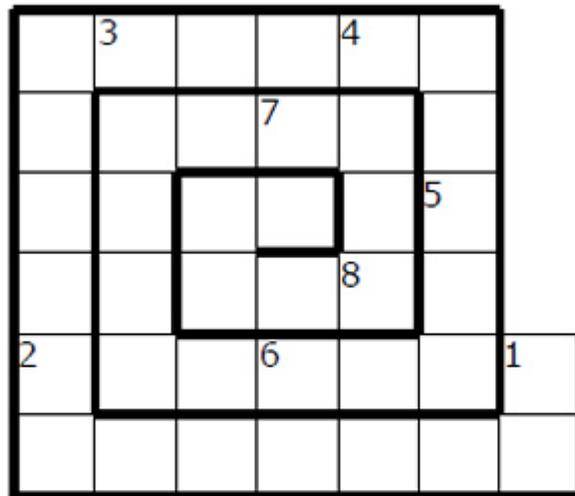
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Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example 2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters 3. A feeling of great happiness 4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Gave something in exchange for money 6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen 7. An adult male human 8. The worth of something in money |
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VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY

The Hidden Treasure



The kingdom of
Heaven is like
treasure hidden
in a field which
someone has found.

Matthew 13:44