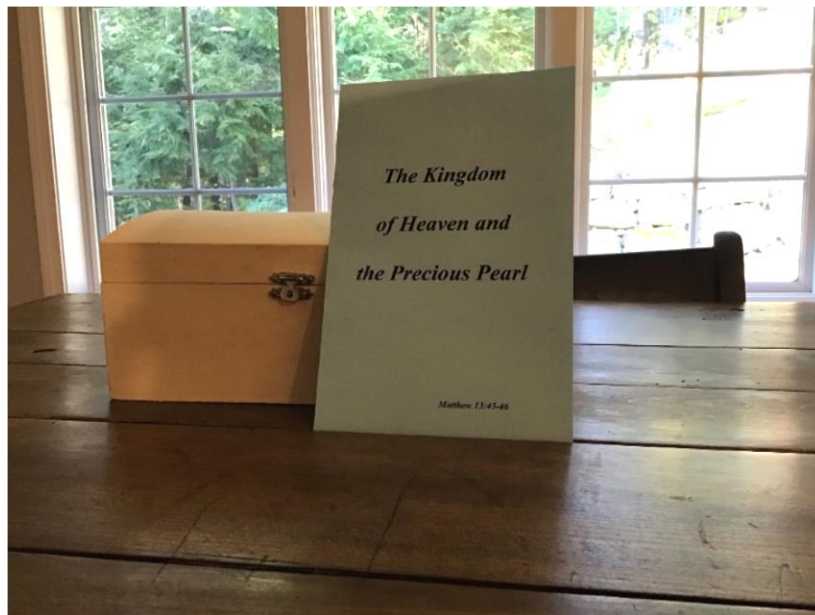


The Kingdom of Heaven and the Precious Pearl



The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls;



when he finds one of great value...



he goes and sells everything he own... and buys it.



What did you hear? The merchant had so many pearls, didn't he. He loved those pearls. But what happened when he found that special pearl? Even though he loved his other pearls he gave up everything he had to have that one special pearl. He must have really delighted in it.

Can we tell the difference between that one pearl and the others? I wonder what made it so special to the merchant? I wonder what is so special to you that you would give up other things to keep it?

I wonder what Jesus was saying about the kingdom of heaven? How might it be like that special pearl?

Can you draw a picture of the special pearl, or of something that is very precious to you?

