

Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge

1. Hidden Treasure

The Bible says lots about treasure. The bloke in the parable below was REALLY happy when he found it. Then he did something radical.



This bit of the Bible says the "kingdom of heaven" is like a treasure. If there's a kingdom there must be a king. I think I know who that will be.

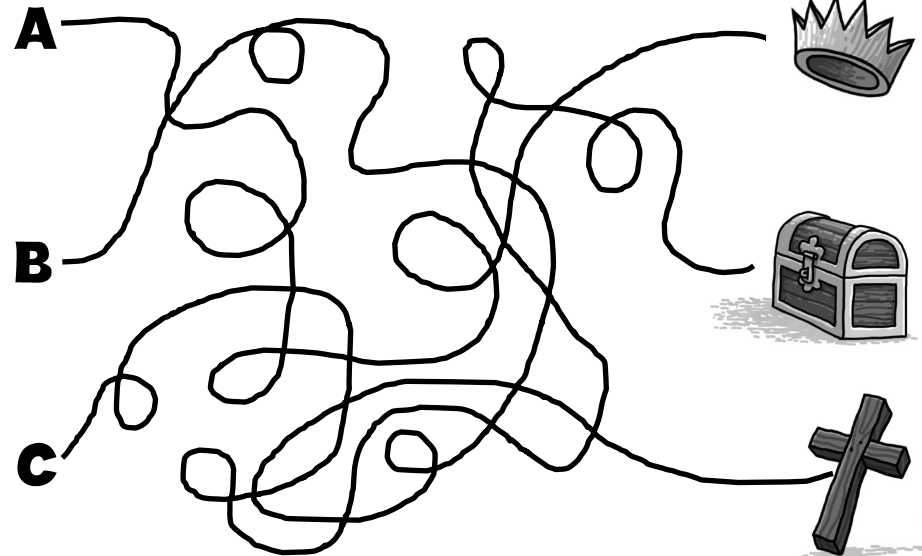
Don't forget to collect your first coin and stick it on the start circle on your map.

Matthew 13:44 (a parable)

The *kingdom of heaven* is like a *treasure* hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure, and then he hid it in the field again. He was so happy that he went and sold every thing he owned to buy that field.

Which path leads to which object?

Why might Christians believe that all 3 of these are treasures?



Name

Finding your way around.....the Bible

After all, it's not just one book; it's a massive collection of 66 books often printed in very small writing. There are more than 30,000 verses in it! How are you supposed to find one verse in the middle of all that lot?

Bible verses are usually written like this: **Matthew 13:45**

This means the book of **Matthew**, chapter **13**, verse **45**
So your first task is to find the book of Matthew.



1. Look at the CONTENTS.

Like most non-fiction books, there is a list in the front of each Bible that tells you which page to turn to if you want to find a particular book. It might take a minute or two to look down the list in order to find the book you want. When you find it, take note of the page number and turn to it.

2. Okay, so you've found the right page. Now what? Each book is broken down into **chapters**. You'll spot those wherever there's a **BIG** number. So in this case, you'd look for the big number **13**.

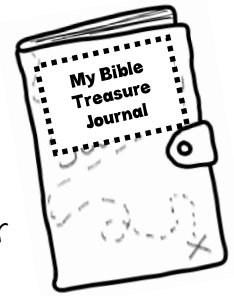
3. Each chapter is divided into verses. To find these, look for the *teeny-weeny* numbers. So get out your magnifying glass and look for number **45**.

"The thing that I most treasure about my faith is the assurance that whatever I do, wherever I go, Jesus is always by my side guiding & protecting me by His Holy Spirit. He always has my best interests at heart, does not disappoint me & loves me unconditionally."

Gemma Hunt, CBeebies presenter



JOURNAL IDEAS...



- Doodle about what you treasure most or find pictures to stick in your journal.
- Ask a Christian what they treasure most and draw them with their answer in a speech bubble.
- Have a look at another Kingdom of Heaven parable in Matthew 13:45-46. Jot down what it says.
- Doodle your answer to the question about tax collector Matthew. (see below)

New Testament: The book of Matthew

Matthew is one of the 4 gospels (gospel means "good news"). Can you colour in all 4 (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)? They tell us the stories of Jesus' life. Matthew was written by Matthew (surprise surprise) and he was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. He used to be a tax collector, but he left his job to follow Jesus for three years. I wonder what made Matthew so sure Jesus was worth it?

