

Hidden treasure



Read it from the Bible

Matthew 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when someone finds treasure hidden in a field and buries it again. A person like that is happy and goes and sells everything in order to buy that field.”

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Tell the story

“A man was digging in a field...,” Jesus began.

“A story!” said his friends. “We love Jesus’ stories.”

“The man was digging deeper and deeper,” Jesus went on. “His spade hit something hard. ‘What’s this?’ the man wondered. He got down on his hands and knees and looked into the hole.

“He saw something shiny. So he dug with his hands and brought out... some treasure! He held it up so that the sun shone on the gold. He stroked it to feel the coolness of the sparkly metal. ‘I wish I had treasure like this,’ he thought.

“Then he had an idea. He hid the treasure in the field again and went home. He sold everything he had for money. Then he took the money and bought the field from its owner.

“He was very happy. ‘Now the treasure is mine!’ he said.”

Talk to God

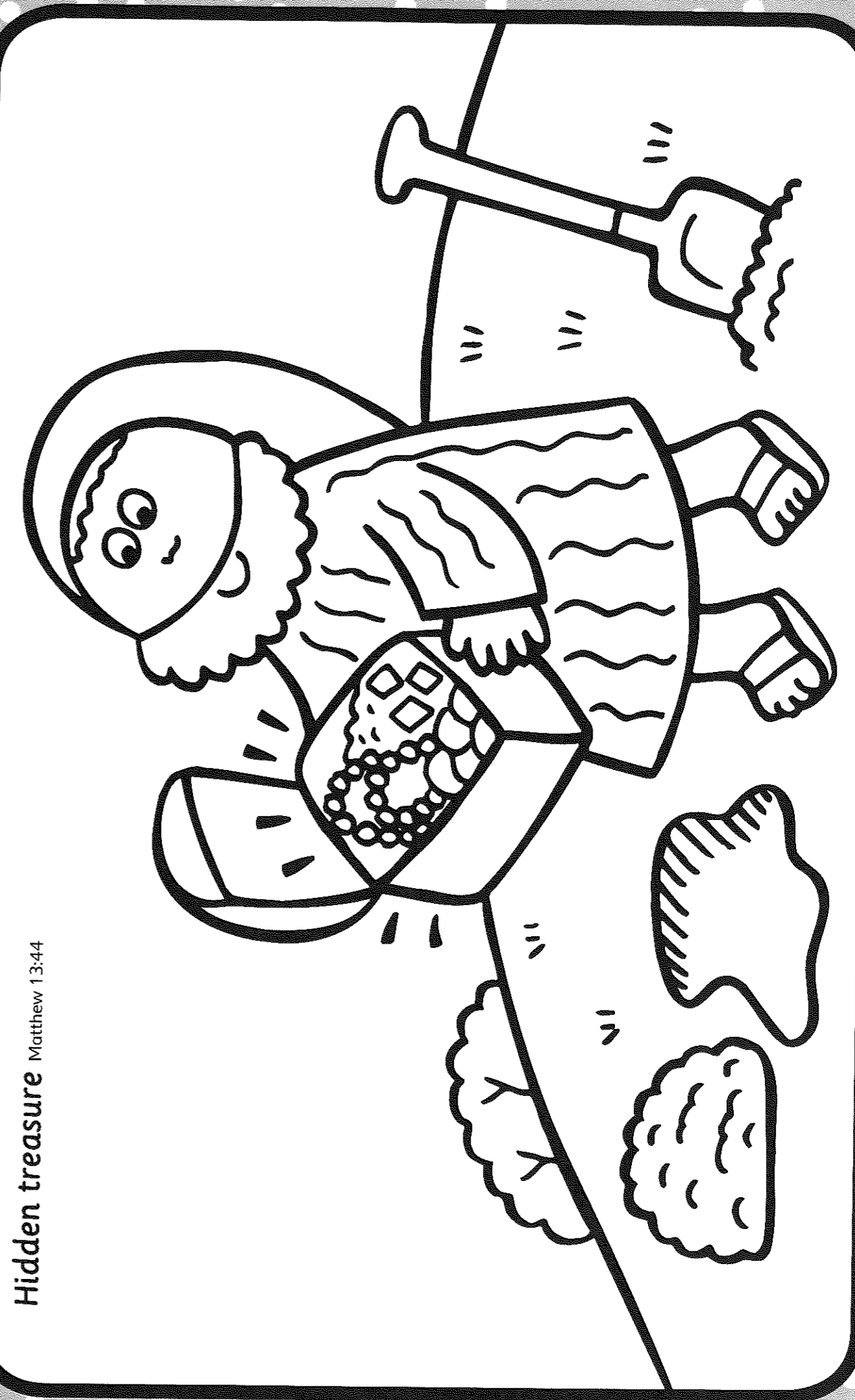
Thank you, God, that being part of your family is like having some wonderful treasure!

Use the picture

1 You can use the picture as an introduction to the Bible story or to help you review the story together.

2 This is a picture where you can go wild with collage! Provide a variety of glitter, sequins, plastic ‘jewels’, cellophane scraps, foil, holographic paper, adhesive shapes and stars, metallic crayons and so on. Set the items out in separate containers and guide the children to choose one piece at a time to stick down on their own ‘pile’ of treasure.

3 Encourage the children to make their pictures as exciting as they can – just like being part of God’s family.



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