

JULY 27, 2014
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
PENTECOST

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Jesus is the greatest treasure!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	Parables of the kingdom
Monday	Philippians 3:7-11	Nothing compares
Tuesday	Matthew 6:19-21	Treasures in heaven
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:17-19	Lay up treasure
Thursday	1 Peter 2:4-7	Christ is a precious stone
Friday	2 Peter 1:1-4	Our faith is precious
Saturday	Proverbs 2:1-8	Hidden treasure
Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds five thousand

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.” Matthew 13:44 (NIV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you are the one true treasure. May we seek after you ahead of all other things. Amen. (Matthew 13:44)

Mealtime Prayer:

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow. For food and drink, we thank God now. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God’s love hold you tight. May you have faith to trust in God’s love, now and always. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were excited to find or discover something.
- Jesus told a parable about a man who found a treasure hidden in the field and then sold everything he had to buy that field. What would you be willing to give up everything to have?
- How precious is Jesus to you? How precious are you to him?

DEVOTIONS

Saint Paul tells us that God is always at work for the good of everyone who seeks to love God, even when times are difficult or when we can’t understand God’s workings (Romans 8:28). In your home devotional times this week, make a list of the ways you have experienced God working for good in your lives, even in the hard times. Say a prayer of thanks to God for never-ending love.

SERVICE

Purchase a packet or packets of small seeds. Cut up a sheet of card stock paper into strips the size of bookmarks. On one side of each strip, write the words, “*God has great plans for you – Matthew 13:31-32.*” Glue seeds onto the other side. Laminate or cover it with clear contact paper. Give these away to your friends or neighbors.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Plan a fun household activity reflecting one of Jesus’ parables about the kingdom of God:

1. Plant seeds in indoor pots or in your garden (Matthew 13:31-32)
2. Bake bread from basic ingredients (Matthew 13:33)
3. Go on a neighborhood hunt for “treasure” (Matthew 13:44-46)
4. Go fishing (Matthew 13:47-48)



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