

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

August 11, 2019

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40



9th Sunday After Pentecost

Good morning everyone!! I have a question for you this morning. What is your most favorite thing in the whole wide world, the thing you treasure most in life? Why is it your favorite? (allow for answers) I'll bet you can tell me all about where you got it and the whole story behind it. But...what would happen if that favorite thing got lost or stolen or destroyed?

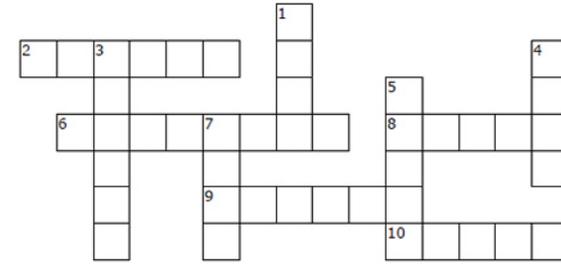
In our gospel lesson from Luke, Jesus said to his followers, "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." (Luke 12:33-34)

So, how do we store up treasures in heaven as Jesus said we should? We do it by taking our eyes off of our own desires and look at others and their needs. We feed the hungry, help the poor and those in need, we love our neighbors and practice kindness to everyone. Those are things that will build treasures in heaven and these treasures can never get lost or destroyed.

Let's pray together.

Loving God. Help us to focus on what's really important in this life, not things, but your people. Help us to follow Jesus by loving our neighbor and helping those in need. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. The home where we will live forever with God
6. Valuable things such as gold, silver, jewels, or money
8. The organ that pumps blood through the body
9. Small in size
10. A group of sheep that live or feed together

DOWN

1. Having little money or possessions
3. Filled with fear
4. An insect with wings similar to a butterfly, usually flies at night, and is attracted to light
5. Someone who steals
7. To exchange or deliver something for money

heaven	treasure	sell	moth	flock
thief	heart	afraid	little	poor

Activity: Find a big, sturdy cardboard box and write the words "Treasure" on it. Decorate it with colorful stickers or markers. During the week, ask your congregation, neighbors, and friends to donate some canned good items. At the end of the week, take the box to the local food bank.

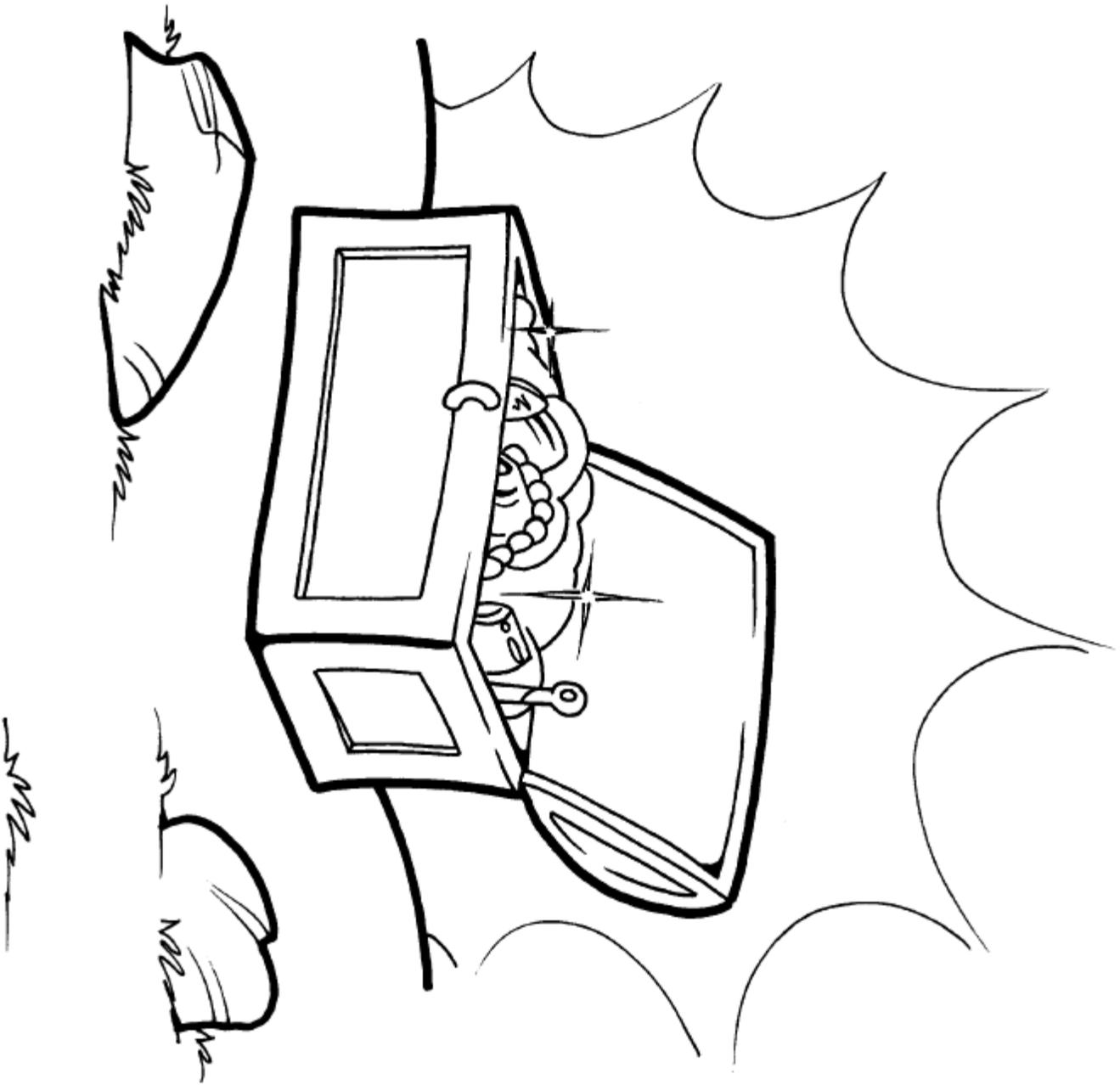
Discussion Question: Jesus tells us that where our treasure is, our heart is there also. What is most important to you? Why? Remember, things can be replaced, but people can't.

Family Table Prayer for August:

For family time and longer days
For heartfelt hugs and the warm sun's rays
For blessings Lord that only you give,
Thank you, Lord, for this life that we live. Amen.

August Memory Verse: Psalm 113:3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

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Treasures in Heaven

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Luke 12:33b-34 (NIV)