

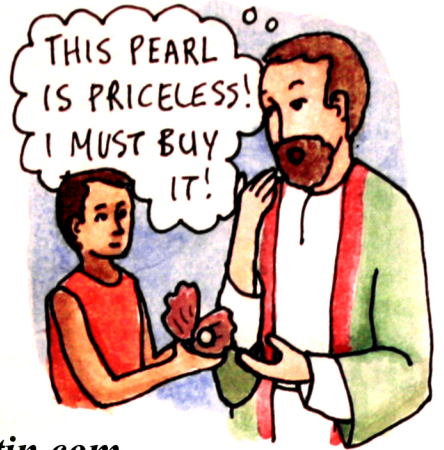
# The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

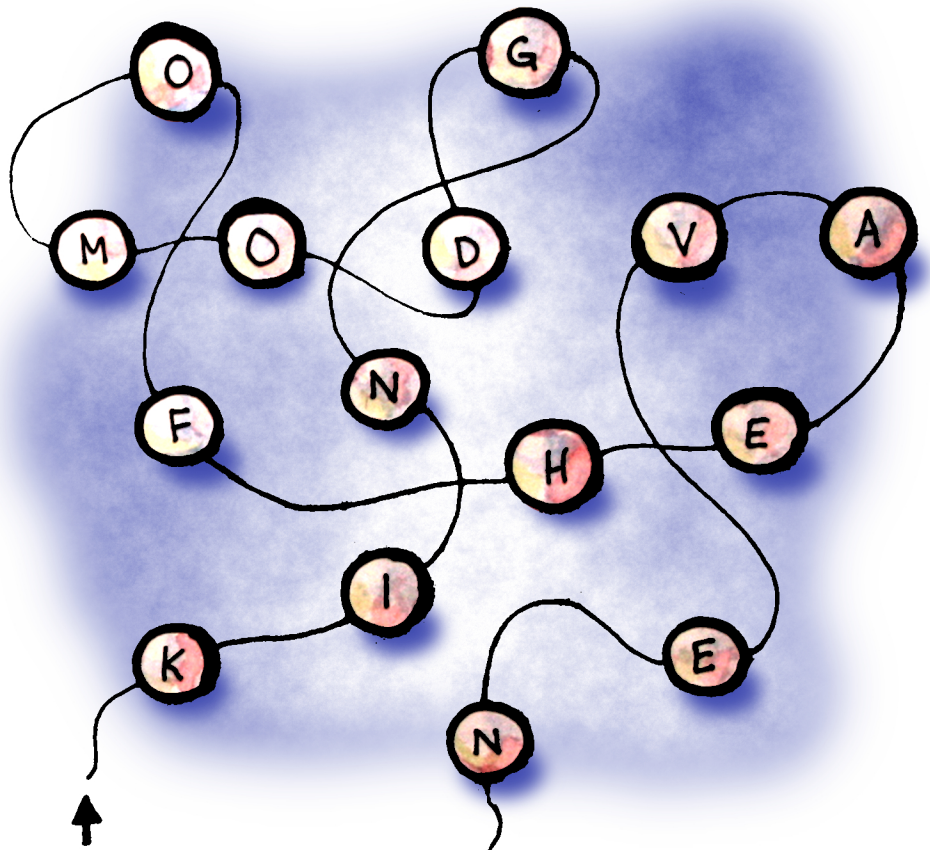
But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Answer to front page: Kingdom of Heaven  
 Answers to Cross-word:  
 across: 2.judge 4.act 6.who 7.wisdom  
 10.mere 12.wrong 15.God 17.heart  
 18.servant 22.numbered 24.king  
 down: 1.how 3.understanding 4.able 5.to  
 8.man 9.people 11.right 14.govern 16.give  
 18.serve 19.said 20.Lord 21.ask 23.me

# The Kids' Bulletin

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What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure or a pearl of great price?  
 Use the letters on the string of pearls to fill in the blanks and find out!

The \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Saint Alphonsus Liguori

## August 1

ALPHONSUS LIGUORI WAS BORN TO A CATHOLIC FAMILY IN ITALY IN 1696. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND BECAME A LAWYER BY THE TIME HE WAS 19.

WHEN HE WAS 26 HE MADE A MISTAKE IN A CASE, AND REALIZING THE PETTINESS OF LAW HE DECIDED TO QUIT.

WHILE VISITING THE SICK HE RECEIVED A VISION THAT INFLUENCED HIM TO BECOME A PRIEST.

AT FIRST HIS FATHER RESISTED, BUT HE FINALLY AGREED IF ALPHONSUS WOULD LIVE AT HOME.

SO ALPHONSUS DID MISSIONARY WORK FROM HIS HOME.

HE BEGAN TWO RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND WAS MADE A BISHOP TO A FALLEN-AWAY AREA.

HE PREACHED AND WROTE IN SPIE OF HAVING RHEUMATISM AND PARALYSIS. HE SUFFERED MANY HARDSHIPS WITH THE FOUNDING OF THE ORDERS TOO.

SAINT ALPHONSUS USED HIS INTELLIGENCE TO TEACH THE IGNORANT PEOPLE IN HIS DIOCESE, AND WHEN HE WAS TOO SICK TO PREACH HE WOULD WRITE. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU GIFTS THAT YOU CAN USE TO HELP TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. DON'T LET ANYTHING STOP YOU, JUST LIKE ST. ALPHONSUS DIDN'T!

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# King Solomon's Dream Cross-Word

God \_\_\_\_\_ (19d) to the young \_\_\_\_\_ (24a) Solomon in a dream, " \_\_\_\_\_ (21d) \_\_\_\_\_ (23d) for whatever you want me to \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) you."

Solomon knew that he was only a young \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) and couldn't rule God's people without His help. So he said \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) God, "O \_\_\_\_\_ (20d), I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (10a) youth, not knowing \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) to \_\_\_\_\_ (4a). I \_\_\_\_\_ (18d) you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ (22a) or counted.

Give your \_\_\_\_\_ (18a), therefore, an \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) \_\_\_\_\_ (17a) to \_\_\_\_\_ (2a) your people and to distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ (11d) from \_\_\_\_\_ (12a). For \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) is \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) to \_\_\_\_\_ (14d) this vast \_\_\_\_\_ (9d) of yours?"

\_\_\_\_\_ (15a) was pleased with Solomon's request and told him that He would grant him \_\_\_\_\_ (7a) greater than anyone else had ever had or would have.

Use the words from this list to fill in the blanks and figure out the cross-word.

- UNDERSTANDING
- ME
- NUMBERED
- TO
- ASK
- ACT
- GIVE
- SAID
- GOD
- WHO
- MAN
- KING
- HOW
- ABLE
- SERVANT
- WISDOM
- GOVERN
- WRONG
- PEOPLE
- JUDGE
- HEART
- RIGHT
- SERVE
- LORD
- MERE

