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!

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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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 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (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 SERVANT
ASK WISDOM
ACT GOVERN
GIVE WRONG
SAID PEOPLE
GOD JUDGE
WHO HEART
MAN RIGHT
KING SERVE
HOW LORD
ABLE MERE

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