

## Right here, right now

### Luke 12.32-40

Jesus is telling his followers that God loves to give them the kingdom. We can experience that treasure both right now and in the future. He challenges people to think about where their treasure is, because their heart will be there also. Jesus wants us to set our hearts on God and his kingdom. Jesus also reminds us of the importance of serving and helping others.

Now read **Luke 12.32-40** see p.2 for text.

### A note on the passage

There are so many things in life which compete for our focus, energy and our resources. Jesus wants us to question if there are things that we spend too much time or money on, and which are not important in the kingdom of God. Are we actively seeking the gift of Jesus in our lives?



Where do you find treasure in your life?



The love of God is treasure which changes everything. Are there situations where you need to search deep to find love? Make some cupcakes with pink sponge hearts hidden inside, and share them with someone who needs to know that they are cared for this week. Find a Victoria sponge recipe. Make one pink sponge in a 20cm round cake tin, using a 2-egg mix and pink food colouring drops. Cool and cut out 12 pink hearts. Separately make a 3-egg vanilla sponge mix and put ½ tsp of it into each of 12 cupcake cases. Push a pink sponge heart into each case and top with another ½ tsp sponge mix. Bake, cool and decorate with frosting.



Save the money that you would usually spend on treats, and at the end of the week pool your savings and donate to a charity such as RNLI, who rescue people at sea. When people go out on a sea rescue, what do you think is in their hearts?

## Prayer Priorities

At the start of each day this week, take a few quiet minutes to ask Jesus to help you choose what is important, and to give you opportunities to love and help people. You could sketch or write down two or three things which you are planning for the day. And pray that Jesus shows you how to do them with love and gratitude. Perhaps add to your drawings, or list something which will remind you to love.



View the worship song 'Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God' (with Call To Worship) - YouTube. Meditate on the words and write your own verse to reply to God. You may want to sing each other's verses together as a household.



## TREASURE HUNT

God's word is a treasure that we seek. Play this together and take turns finding the missing word – all complete the actions; some outdoors, some inside. Alternatively, you could compete!

- Go outside and hug a \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 1.3
- Stand on a \_\_\_\_\_ and reach as high as you can. Psalm 18.2
- See if you can find an \_\_\_\_\_ (don't kill it). Proverbs 6.6
- Hold your \_\_\_\_\_ for 30 seconds. Acts 2.26
- Turn on a \_\_\_\_\_, do 5 jumping jacks or gentle stretches to your toes. John 8.12
- Look in a \_\_\_\_\_ for 30 seconds. 1 Corinthians 13.12

Choose a version of the passage to read. The first is the ROOTS version for children, the second is the NRSV text which may be suitable for older children, young people and adults.

**O**ne day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for God wants to give you the kingdom. Sell all your belongings and give the money to the poor and needy. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out. Your generosity will become treasure in heaven, where no thief can steal it, and nothing can destroy it. For your heart is where you will find your treasure.'

On another occasion Jesus said, 'Be dressed and ready for action with your lamps lit. Imagine being like servants who are waiting for their master to return home from a wedding party, so they can open the door to him straight away. Even if the master comes in the middle of the night, or when it's nearly light, he will be very pleased with his servants if they are awake and ready for him. In fact, he will sit them down to eat, and serve them himself.'

Jesus told them another story. 'If the man who owned the house had known when the thief was going to break in, he would have stayed awake and not let it happen.' He said,



'You must be ready as well, for the Son of Man will come at an unexpected moment.'

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### Did you know?

- Jesus says that God's love helps us to let go of our fears.
- When we learn that we have God's treasure right now, we can share our things, be generous with others and receive, too.
- 'Son of Man' is found in the book of Daniel. Jesus uses it for himself.

## Luke 12.32-40 (NRSV)

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master

finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.'

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'