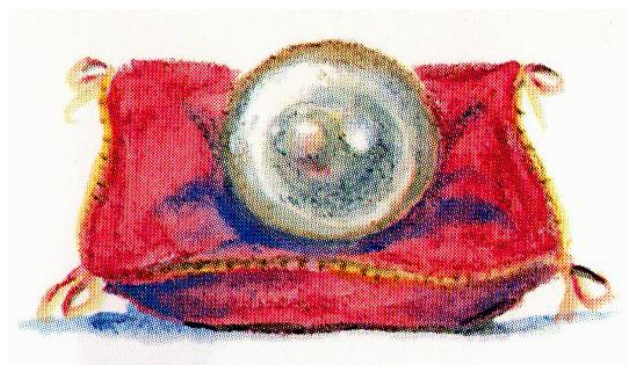


The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price





Today we are going to listen to another story Jesus told about the Kingdom.

We are going to hear about a merchant who goes looking for pearls. It is like a precious pearl that costs a great deal of money.

If it is available, show the diorama of the merchant's house and the merchant.

Read story from Scriptures Matthew 13:45-46

(Light the candle)

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

46 When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Bring out a beautiful pearl.

Move the merchant back to his house, and put out the "For Sale" sign in front of it.

(Extinguish the candle)



I Wonder...

Let's begin to think about what the story means...

I wonder why the merchant thought this pearl was so special that he would sell everything he had so that he could buy it.

I wonder why Jesus told us that the kingdom of God is like that pearl?

You might like to paint or draw some pictures that tell this story while you think about it...

