Learn by Doing

Choice

I Spy Pearl Finder



The merchant in our parable was actively seeking pearls. This means he was *looking* for truth. In this activity, children will make "I Spy" finders with various "treasures" in them so they too can experience the search for a single special pearl of great price.

1. Tell children that they are each going to make an "I Spy" finder so they can search for a special pearl of great price like the merchant did in the story.
2. Show them the sample you made and how to shift and turn the bottle to find the pearl.
3. Give each child a bottle and a pearl to put inside it.
4. Invite them to choose 5-7 other items such as beads, coins, sequins, etc. to put in the bottles.
5. Now invite the children to put their bottles in the bin or bowl with rice. Scoop rice into the bottle, making the bottles about ¾ full.
6. Put the lids securely on the bottles. Seal the lids using sturdy tape, such as masking tape.
7. Write each child's name on their bottle with permanent marker.
8. Let the children have fun finding the pearl in their own and their friends' "I Spy" Pearl Finders.

Materials Needed

small plastic bottle or jar with lid and one pearl bead for each child, enough rice to fill the bottles, large bowl or bin with rice scoop (spoon or paper cup), other items to put in bottles (beads, sequins, shells, small stones, coins, paper-clips, etc.), sturdy tape such as masking tape, permanent marker

Prepare in Advance

Make sure bottles are clean and dry. Pour the rice into a large bowl. Make a sample.

New Church Concept
Pearl of Great Price

"Pearls" stand for the knowledges of good and truth. "The one precious pearl" means the knowledge about the Lord and His Divine nature. "He sold all that he had and bought it" means to reject what is one's own in order to receive life from the Lord. See *Apocalypse Explained* 1044



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