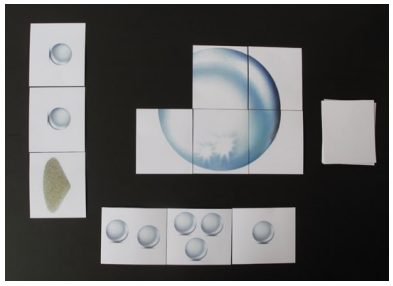
Learn by Doing

Choice Seeking Pearls Game



Seek pearls by playing a simple game. Players will take turns picking up one card. Each card pictures sand, one or more pearls, or a piece of the "Pearl of Great Price" (6 cards), which players cooperatively put together. Players keep individual pearl and sand cards. The game ends when all six parts of the pearl of great price have been found. Scoring the individual hands is optional.

1. Thoroughly shuffle **all** the cards into a single deck. (All the cards = a copy of pp. 8-9 for each child plus one copy of p. 10 for the group.) Place cards face down in the middle of a table or floor space.
2. We are going to seek pearls! The pearls are all in this deck of cards.
3. Explain the game by showing samples of various cards. Show cards with one, two or three pearls. (If you are choosing to score the game, let children know that each pearl on the card is worth one point.)
4. Some cards do not have any pearls—only sand. (These cards do not have any points.)
5. You may also get a card that has a piece of a huge pearl—the "pearl of great price". These cards are used to build one huge pearl in the middle of the table. Once this pearl is finished, the game ends.
6. Take turns taking the *top* card from the deck. (This can be challenging for younger children.)
7. Place pearl and sand cards in front of you as you get them. When you get a "pearl of great price" card, help build the large pearl in the middle of the table.
8. When the "pearl of great price" is complete the game ends. (f you are scoring, help children count the value of their cards.)
9. Replay if there is interest.
10. Let children take home the pearl cards they found, if they wish.

Materials Needed

Stiff paper for printing copies of *Seeking Pearls Game Cards* pp. 2-4, scissors or paper cutter

Prepare in Advance

Print *Seeking Pearls Game Cards* on thick paper. **Print one copy of pp. 2-3 for each child, and one copy of p. 4 for the entire group.** Cut apart using a paper cutter or scissors.

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

New Church Concept Gates of Pearl

The reason why "each of the gates was of one pearl" is that all the knowledges of truth have relation to one knowledge, which is their containant. This one knowledge is the knowledge of the Lord. Acknowledgement and knowledge of the Lord conjoin into one all the knowledges of truth and good from the Word because there is a connection in all spiritual truths. See *Apocalypse Revealed* 916



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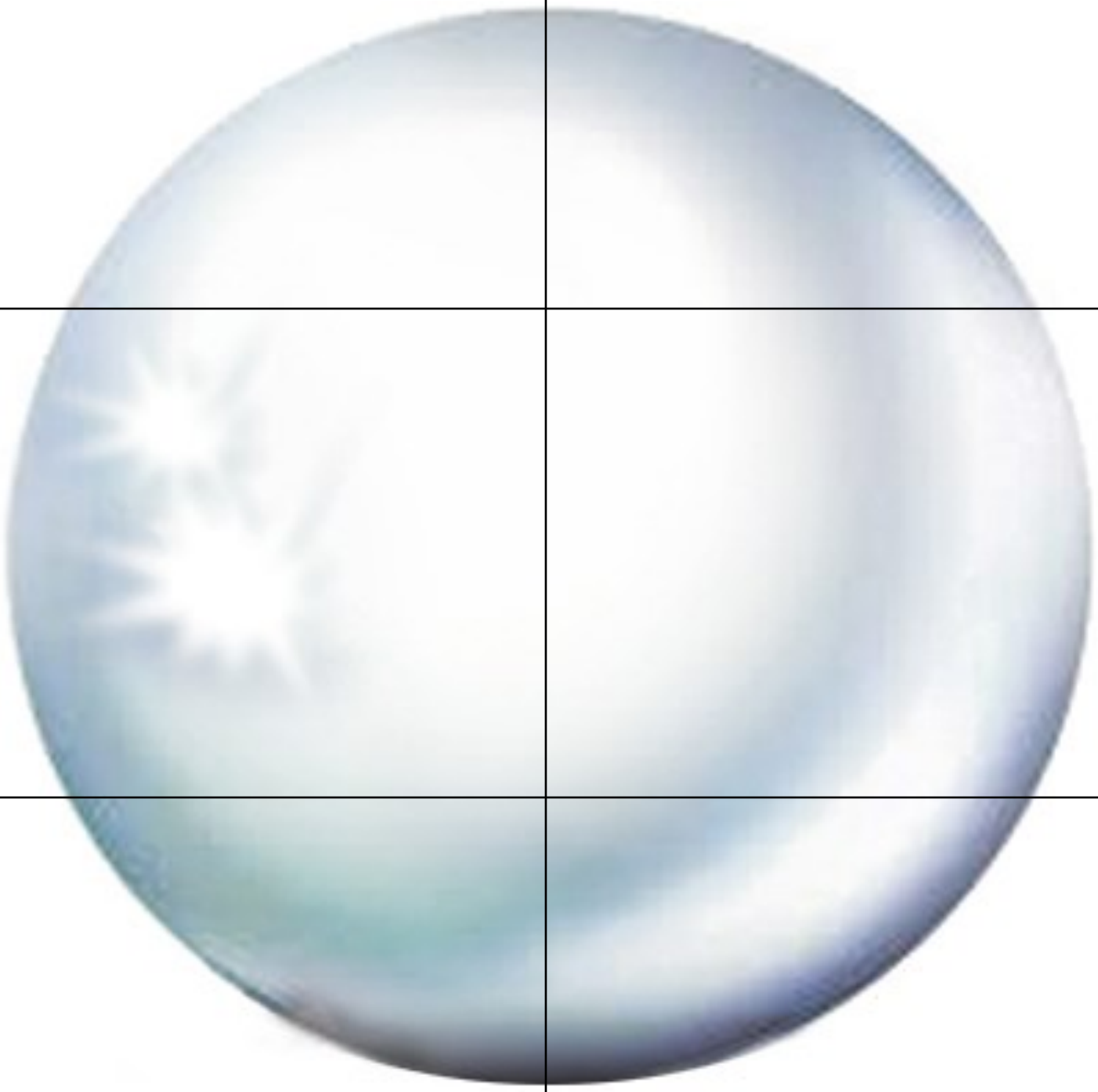






Seeking Pearls Game Cards

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