

## LESSON 22 – CASCADE NEW CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Text: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." – Matthew 13

### Recitation:

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (*Matthew* 13:45-46).

### Themes:

1. Talk about the 6 things heaven is likened to in this parable. (Note: Some of these comparisons may be difficult for the children to understand. If so, try focusing on the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price.)
2. The six parables are from Matthew chapter 13. They are verses 24-30, 31-32, 33, 44, 45-46, and 47-50

### Procedure:

Use squares of felt and then cut out felt scraps and apply sequins, yarn, glitter, glue, etc. to create banners with pictures of one of the ideas about heaven.

Then attach yarn to hang the banners. Ann found that the two most popular ones were heaven being compared to a net cast into the sea and heaven compared to a hidden treasure.

### Adaptation for Toddlers:

A possible suggestion for toddlers is to "cast a net" to collect plastic or cardboard fish (or maybe use Pepperidge Farm fish) and/or the children could hunt for a treasure box (either hidden by the teacher or letting students take turns hiding it).

