The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

What Do People Value? What Do People Value?

Instructions:

- 1. Read the scripture and discuss the parable.
- 2. Talk about the differences between God's Kingdom (when God rules) with Earthly Kingdoms (when people are in charge).
- 3. Fill in the lists with what people might value (good and bad). Younger children could draw pictures instead of writing words.
- 4. Go back through the list and place a crown by things on the list that are valuable in God's Kingdom.
- 5. Pray that we can allow God to rule our lives.