

A Precious Pearl: Matthew 13.45-46

'Jesus said 'Also, the Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man is looking for fine pearls, and when he finds one that is unusually fine, he goes and sells everything he has and buys that pearl.'

Here is a man who buys and sells things. He is called a merchant. He has a fine fur coat and a felt hat with a floppy feather. It is his favourite. The house he lives in is huge. It has five floors and a fishpond with a fountain in the front garden. The merchant has everything he wants. He has fifteen rooms filled with furniture.

He has four freezers full of food (and three fridges for fizzy drinks). And there is more money under his mattress than you could ever imagine. Much more. Yes, the merchant has everything he wants, until....

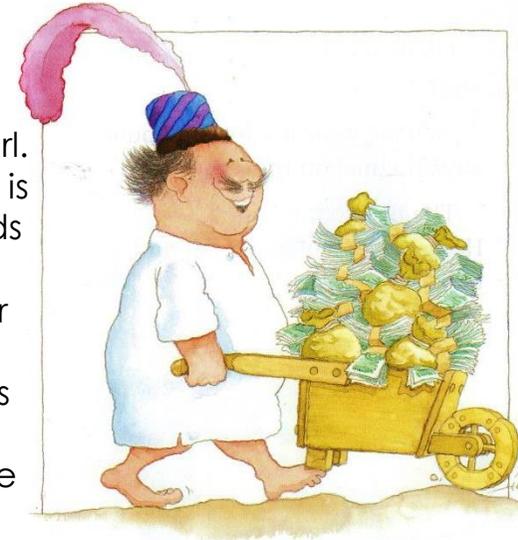


He sells his furniture, his fridges and his freezers full of food. He sells his house, his fountain and his fishpond.

He sells his fine fur coat. But the felt hat with the floppy feather, he keeps. It is his favourite. He borrows a barrow and bundles in the money.

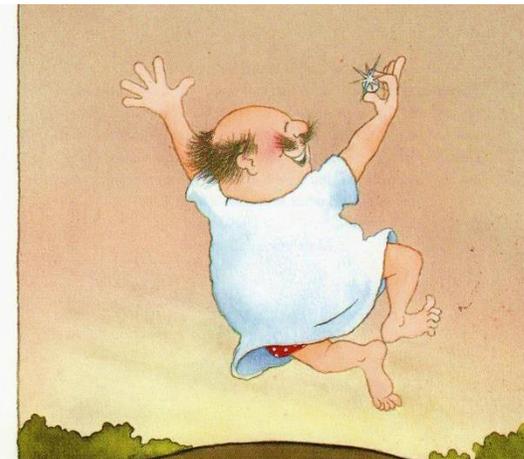
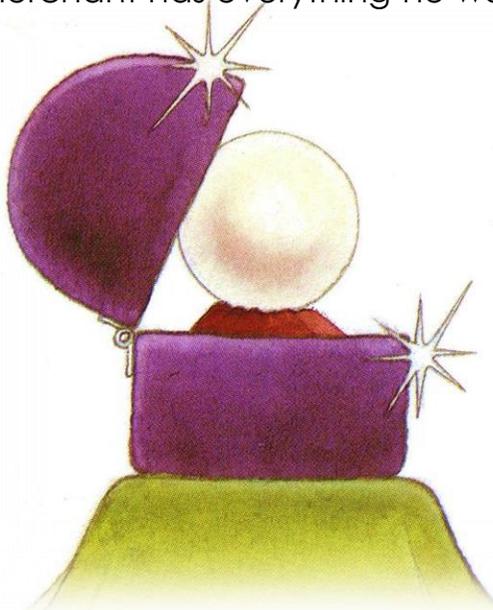
Off to the shop he trundles to buy the pearl. Oh dear, he is still six pounds short.

'Sell me your hat for six pounds' says the man in the shop. The merchant laughs.



One day in a shop window, he sees something. Something special. It is a wonderful white pearl.

'Five hundred thousand pounds' says the man in the shop. It is even more money than the merchant has under his mattress. But he wants that pearl more than anything in the world. He hurries home. He has a plan..'



He hands the man his hat and takes the pearl. Hooray! The pearl is his at last.

Jesus says 'God is just like the merchant's pearl.

It costs everything to know him. But he is worth so much more than anything else in the world.'