

# THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



## The Pearl of Great Price

- Best for Upper Elementary to High School ages •

**Main Point:** The Kingdom of Heaven is worth more than anything; we must be willing to give up everything to obtain it.

**Bible Story:** 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."

**Bible Passages on the Topic of the Kingdom of Heaven:** Matthew 3:2; 5:3; 5:10; 5:19,20; 7:21; 18:1-4; 19:14. These are some of our favorite verses on the kingdom of heaven, a term used predominantly in the Gospel of Matthew. The verses are posted here to perhaps inspire your thinking regarding the subject.

**Instructions:** The demonstration video explains the details. In short, tape a box shut, then cut a hole just large enough to drop in a standard ping pong ball. The player who can get the ball to fall out of the box wins a prize of your choice.

- When ready, sit the kids in a circle facing inward (on the floor or in chairs). Show everyone the box and the ball. Explain the rules of the game: The object is to get the ball out of the box as it is passed from player to player. Each player gets a five-second countdown to get the ball to fall out of the box—after five seconds the box must be passed to the next player. Play continues until one lucky player wins the game.
- Now read the Bible passage. Be sure your listeners understand that Jesus is the King of the heavenly kingdom, and those that trust in Jesus become citizens in Christ's kingdom. Explain that the ping pong ball represents the pearl of great value that Jesus talked about. That pearl, the kingdom of heaven, is worth more than anything else on earth. We must be willing to give up everything to obtain it. We do that when we turn our lives over to the King, Jesus.

**Important:** When constructing the box, bear in mind the age-level you are working with. For young children, the box should be relatively small and the hole fairly large so that the ping pong ball isn't too difficult to get out. High School students, on the other hand, will have a lot of fun with a larger box with a more challenging hole diameter.

**Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video:** [https://youtu.be/YEjUNa6b\\_qA](https://youtu.be/YEjUNa6b_qA)

**Activity Page:** Ping Pong Carnival

This activity works best with kids in Upper Elementary or above.

# PING PONG CARNIVAL



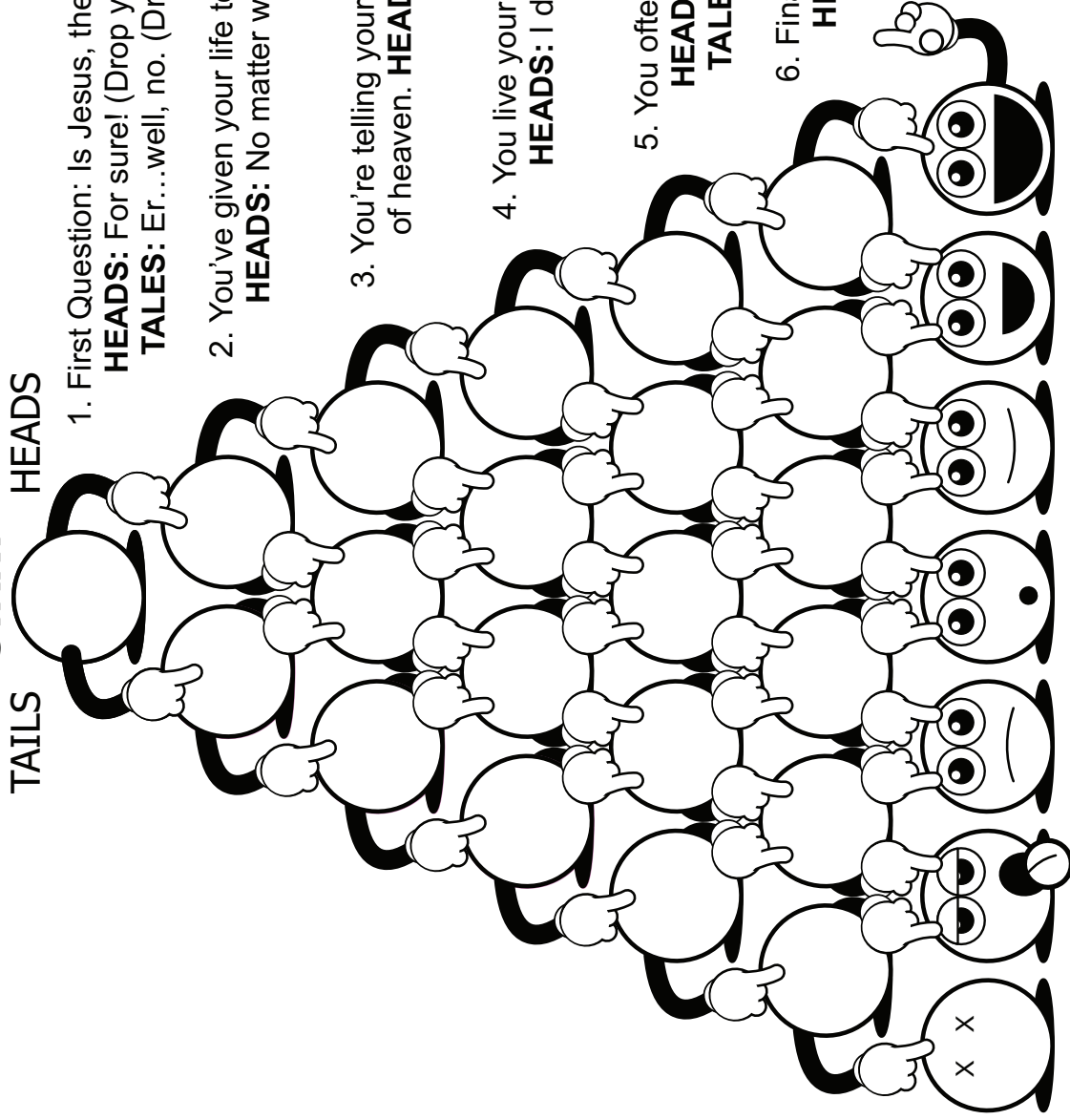
**Play this with a friend or two. You need a coin to flip and a pen or pencil.**

Read the first question. Flip a coin. **Heads** is good and takes your line to the right and down one level. **Tales** is bad and takes your line to the left and down one level. The winner is the player most to the left at the bottom level.

**START**

**TAILS**

**HEADS**



1. First Question: Is Jesus, the King of the the kingdom of heaven, your King?  
**HEADS:** For sure! (Drop your line down one level and to the right.)  
**TALES:** Er... well, no. (Drop your line down one level and to the left.)

2. You've given your life to Christ because you know it's **soooo** worth it!  
**HEADS:** No matter what the cost! **TALES:** Ask me tomorrow.

3. You're telling your friends the exciting news about the kingdom of heaven. **HEADS:** Yep! **TALES:** Friends? I have friends?

4. You live your life to please King Jesus.  
**HEADS:** I do! **TALES:** Can I go home now?

5. You often talk to the King in prayer.  
**HEADS:** I love to!  
**TALES:** Sometimes I talk to my parents.

6. Final Question: You love this game, right?  
**HEADS:** Kinda. **TALES:** Kinda. Not.