

St. Mary's Wollaton Park
Online kids' church, Sunday 23rd August 2020

The best treasure

We remembered our pirate treasure chest from a few weeks ago. What was our treasure in heaven which never breaks or wears out or gets lost, but lasts forever? It's Jesus!

Sometimes people will treat Christians badly for following Jesus. In the UK people might say mean things to us or make fun of us, but in other countries it's more dangerous – Christians might even be sent to prison. But Jesus said that even when people treat us badly for being Christians, we can be happy – because we have treasure in heaven to look forward to.



Jesus said, "Those who are treated badly for doing good are happy, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. People will insult you and hurt you. They will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do, you will be happy. Rejoice and be glad, because you have a great reward waiting for you in heaven."

from the Bible, Matthew 5:10-12, New Century Version

Christians in other countries

We watched a video together about a Christian family in Iran who saw the police take their pastor away. Did they stop following Jesus? No, they kept praying to Jesus, because they knew he is the best treasure, he is our wonderful reward if we keep going.

Something to do at home

There are real Christian families around the world who have to keep their faith secret, and if we believe in Jesus, they are our brothers and sisters in God's family. We can do something special this week to let them know we care about them – we can send them a picture about hope.

Please read <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/letter/iran-hami/> for exact instructions on what can safely be in your picture. Pictures need to be e-mailed by the end of August.

We can pray for our Christian brothers and sisters too. Why don't you pray for them now?