

# Pen Pals

## NISCU Jam Club Monthly Letter

### No. 5: Jesus's Tales

Hello,  
Happy New Year! I hope you are well and that you had a good Christmas, even though it may have been different to what you are used to. We are going to think about one of Jesus's parables today. Parables are stories Jesus told to help people understand important things about God. You may have heard it before at Jam Club. Take care. Love Diana

How many golden coins can you find hidden on this letter?

### TREASURE PARABLE

When Jesus told a story to  
The people round about, they knew  
His message was important so  
They'd listen really hard to show  
They wanted to know God some more.  
They'd sit round Jesus on the floor  
And Jesus, he'd use stuff that could  
Be really simply understood.  
He mentioned crops and dads and sheep,  
One time bridesmaids that fell asleep.  
And every story Jesus brought  
Was clever if you stopped and thought.  
One story told for people's pleasure  
Was all about a man with treasure.  
He found it in a field one day  
And in a most surprising way  
Hid it again and left the spot  
To sell everything else he'd got.  
And with the money from the stuff  
He found he'd taken just enough  
To buy the field and claim the prize -  
Apparently, this plan was wise!  
The treasure in this field was worth  
More than everything on Earth;  
And so when Jesus told this tale  
He hoped that people wouldn't fail  
To understand that God as King  
Was way more cool than anything.  
God is the treasure, He's enough  
When we've got God we don't need stuff.

### LET'S BAKE! BURIED TREASURE CUPCAKES

#### CAKE INGREDIENTS

110g self-raising flour  
110g caster sugar  
110g margarine  
2 eggs  
1tsp baking powder

#### ICING INGREDIENTS

50g margarine  
110g icing sugar  
Some sweets or chocolates

If you want to make them chocolatey, try adding some cocoa powder too!

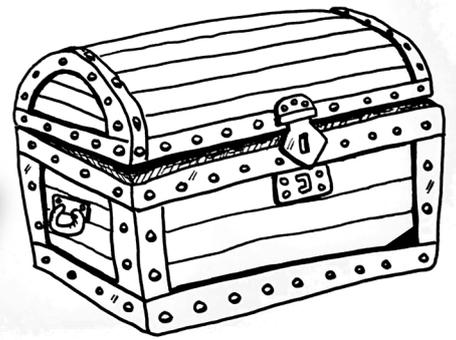
#### How to make them

1. Hands washed? Kitchen side clean? Mum or Dad ready to give you a hand?
2. Put your oven on at 180 degrees, or 160 degrees fan.
3. Sift your flour and baking powder into a big bowl then add all your other cake ingredients.
4. Mix them together until there aren't any lumps. If it's a bit thick then add a tablespoon of milk.
5. Spoon out your mix evenly into cupcake cases – try and split it into 12 cases.
6. Bake them for 20 minutes until they're golden brown. You can check if they're ready by poking a skewer into them – if it comes out clean then they're ready!
7. Leave them to cool whilst you mix your icing sugar and butter together until it's creamy.
8. When they've cooled down, use a little biscuit cutter, or ask your parent to use a knife, to scoop off the top of the cake.
9. Then bury your chocolate or sweet and cover it up with a dollop of icing before you put the top of the cake back on like a lid to hide your treasure!

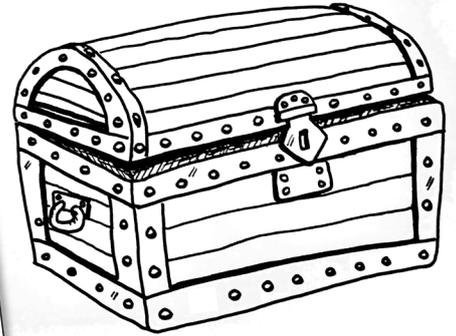


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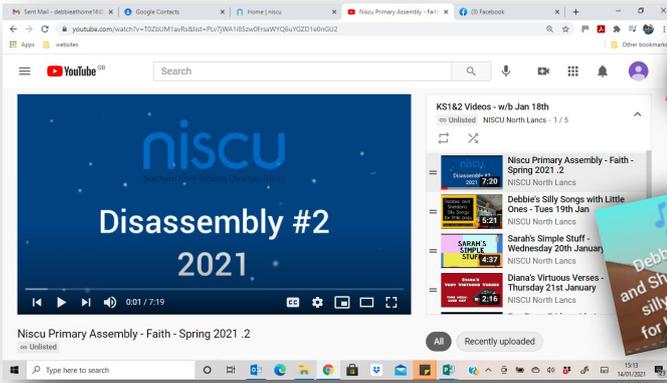
There are 5 differences to spot between these 2 treasure chests. You could colour them in too if you like.



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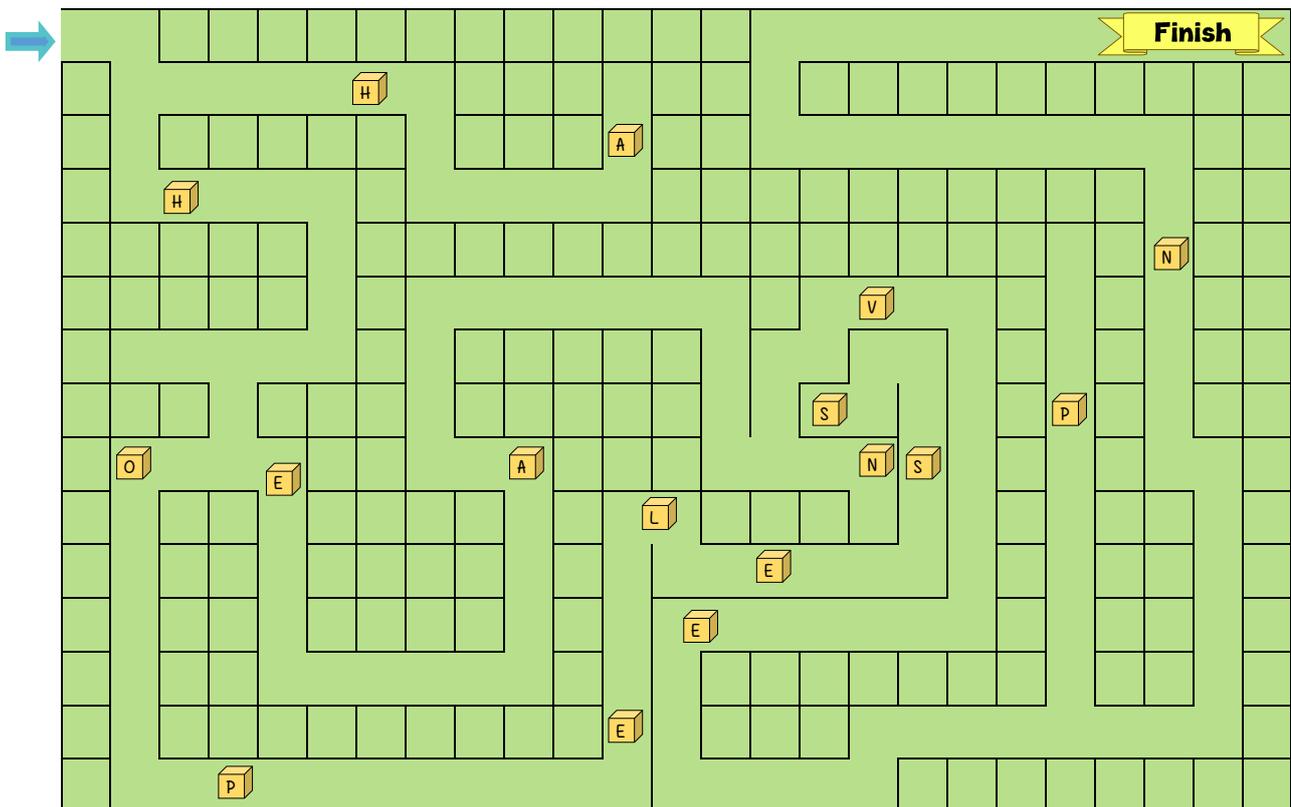


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Happy New Year everyone! Most of you will be doing school from home again, and I really hope that is going well. I've been thinking a lot about how I spend my time. You might be feeling busy with school work, or bored during lockdown at the moment. At the start of the year, lots of people make resolutions to start a new hobby or project, or give up doing something that wastes time. Jesus gives us a good example of how to spend our time. There were times when he was busy teaching and healing, doing God's work and helping people. Jesus always had time for people who needed him, and we also need to use our time to do good for other people. Maybe we could help more around the house or listen to a friend who is struggling. Jesus also knew that it was important to rest, and spend time with God. We need to make time for ourselves to relax and also talk to God about how we're doing. God doesn't want us to be busy all of the time and loves it when we chat to him by praying. So, remember to help others, rest and pray in 2021.

Collect the golden cubes on your way through the maze to find a good place to keep your treasures.



It should spell out a good place to keep your treasures. It's not a piggy bank.

