

Before the Story:

Say: CBF field personnel Matt and Michelle Norman help pastors and churches in Spain share the good news of God's love. Being a pastor in Spain is hard, because most people there don't go to church. Matt and Michelle help to encourage and show love to the pastors and leaders in Spain.

Share the Story:

God's Love is a Treasure

"Come on, Dad! Today is the day!" Daniel was excited because they were going to see the castellers build human towers in a competition. (Show picture.) It was so much fun to watch! Before they could go see the castellers, Daniel's dad, Paul, had a few things to do. Paul was a pastor at a church in Spain. He had to call someone in the church who was sick. He also needed to make sure everything was ready at church for worship the next day.

When Paul told Daniel their plans for the day, Daniel said, "Aww, Dad! Do we have to do all that stuff? It's so boring! I just want to go to see the competition!" "Daniel, we have to make sure things are ready for church tomorrow so that people can come to learn about God's love," Paul said. "After we do our work, we'll get a treat at the café before we go to see the casteller competition. How does that sound?" Daniel agreed, and they started their work. Daniel swept the floor, counted the chairs at church, and helped get everything ready for worship.

After the work was done, Daniel and Paul went to the café. At the café, they saw a woman sitting alone and crying. She looked very sad. Paul gently said, "Hello. It looks like you are having a hard time. Is there anything I can help with?" The woman said, "I am having a hard time. I feel so sad and lonely." Paul and Daniel talked to the woman for a while. They bought a cup of coffee for her. Paul listened to the woman's story and told her about God. Paul said that God's love is like a special treasure. The woman said she had not gone to a church before and did not know much about God. Daniel said, "Hey! You can come to our church tomorrow to learn about God." The woman smiled at Paul and Daniel. She said, "Thank you, guys. I think I have learned a lot about God from you two today. You have been kind to me and showed love to me. If that's what God's love is all about, then I definitely want to know more!" Paul and Daniel smiled. Paul wrote down the address of the church. "Goodbye," Paul said and waved. The lady smiled and said, "See you at church tomorrow!"

After the Story:

1. **Ask:** What happened in this story? How did Paul and his son show God's love?
2. **Pray:** Thank you, God, for the pastors in Spain. Help everyone find the treasure of God's love to share with others.



Learning Activity:

Find the Treasure Word Hunt

Items needed: Treasure Hunt (see back), pencils, Bible

1. Find Matthew 13:44-46 in the Bible and read the verses aloud. Locate Treasure Hunt on reverse side and a pencil.
2. **Say:** This word search uses words from the Bible verses we read.
3. Give children time to complete the word search together. Assist children as needed.
4. **Ask:** What is the most precious treasure you can imagine?
5. **Say:** The treasure of God's kingdom is even better than the best treasure we can imagine. God's kingdom is a treasure that is available to everyone, because God loves us no matter what. That's good news!

Meet the Field Personnel:



Matt and Michelle Norman are CBF field personnel in Barcelona, Spain, where they train churches and pastors, host Bible studies, and partner with local organizations to address community needs.

Treasure Hunt



KINGDOM
HEAVEN
TREASURE

HIDDEN
FIELD
HAPPY

SHOP
FINE
PEARLS

VALUABLE
BUY