



Supplemental Materials:

 **About Pearls: Teaching Project**

Research pearls online or in books and present the findings to the group. One member of the group can teach about how pearls are made, another about natural pearls vs. cultured pearls, another about how pearls get their different colors, and another about the pearl as a commodity, for example.

 **The Pearly Gates: Art Project**

The Bible describes the new Jerusalem, that holy city that will come down from heaven when the time comes that we dwell forever with Jesus. Here is how the gates to the city are described: “And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass” (Revelation 21:21). That is hard to imagine! Draw one of the twelve gates, each of which is made of a single, solid pearl.

 **Ozymandias: Poetry Project**

Percy Shelley’s poem speaks of the ruins of a statue from ancient times. The king represented on the statue surely thought his rule and reign would last forever. But did it? What are things that do last forever? How should we place a value on those things that don’t last? Discuss.

Ozymandias

By Percy Bysshe Shelley

I met a traveller from an antique land,
Who said—“Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. . . . Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,

And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;
And on the pedestal, these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.”

(1818)



Who Am I?: Collage Project

Use old magazines to tear out pictures and assemble them in a collage that is a self-portrait. Add words to the collage to help describe who you are.



Love Bible Study Project

Find, read aloud, and contemplate the following Scriptures about love and discuss the relationship between human love and divine love.

- 1 John 4:9–12
- 1 John 4:16
- 1 John 4:19–21