

PARABLES

PRETEND STORIES THAT TEACH US SOMETHING TRUE ABOUT GOD.



OVERVIEW

What we are learning

Bible Story: Parable of the Hidden Treasure - Matthew 13:44

Key Point: Being in God's kingdom is worth more than all we have.

Foundational Truth: Jesus came to save sinners

NOTE TO PARENTS

How to use this resource: This resource is meant to be used throughout the week to help you consider God as a family. Start by asking the "Time" questions on the way home from church. Then do the "Open the Bible" section one night this week, spending 5–10 minutes opening the Bible as a family and answering the questions! Choose one fun activity from the "Moments" section to do together and tie it back to the Bible, God's true Word. Lastly, pray the prayer prompt over your family before bed one night.

What are we studying this summer?

All children, ages one year old – 5th grade are studying parables! Parables are pretend stories that Jesus told that teach us something true about God.

Jesus Storybook Bible:

Whenever the story we are teaching is included in *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, we will let you know so you can read that story together as a family. If you need a JSB, let us know & we can provide you with a copy! This week, read "**Treasure Hunt!**" beginning on pg. 250.

TIME

Centering the home on God's Word

PRESCHOOL

1. **What did the man in the story find?**
Treasure
2. **What did he do to get the treasure?**
Sold everything he had!
3. **What is our most valuable treasure?**
Jesus!

ELEMENTARY

1. **What was the Key Point today?**
Being in God's kingdom is worth more than all we have.
2. **What is a parable?** *A pretend story that teaches something true.*
3. **What is God's kingdom?** *God's kingdom is the place where Jesus is with His people and everything is made right. We get to see part of His kingdom through those who love and trust Jesus, and when Jesus returns we will get to see His kingdom perfectly.*
4. **We have good things like ice cream, friends, toys, etc. How is God the BEST thing?** *A relationship with God and being with Him is better than anything else.*
5. **What can we do if our hearts don't believe that God is best?** *God knows our hearts and wants our hearts and our actions to match. When we want to choose the things that God has given us over God Himself we can stop, confess and pray to God asking Him to help us love Him most.*

FAMILY - Read Psalm 27:4 together.

1. **What words in this passage do you not recognize or understand?**
2. **What is David talking about when he talks about the house of the Lord?** *He wants to spend eternity (forever) with God the Father.*
3. **Does David see God as the most valuable?** *Yes!*
4. **As a family, how can we encourage one another to learn more about God, gaze upon Him, and seek after Him?**
5. **How can we store up treasure in heaven — eternal treasure?**

MOMENTS

Proclaiming the truth as you go

- **Treasure Chest:** Buy a "treasure chest" for the family. This could be a cardboard treasure chest from Amazon or a decorated shoe box. Then find some paper and markers and put it next to the treasure chest. All week long be intentional to fill the treasure chest with the most important treasure: the things of God!! Write down what you are thankful for, verses you have memorized, the story of your salvation and remember that God is the greatest treasure!
- **Hide and Seek:** Each member of the family will pick a "treasure" and hide it in the house or outside. Try to find each other's "treasure." Once it is found, try to match the item to the family member and guess why they picked it. Talk about how God is the GREATEST treasure we could ever have! When others see that God is most valuable to us, it can help them know that God is good, and what is best.

SERVE Consider what "good things" you have around your house that could really help, or bless, someone else and then deliver it to them! It can be hard to give up our things but when we trust that God is what is best, we can give generously!

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY Praise God that He is good! Thank Him for being the greatest treasure. Confess that you sometimes value other things over Him. Ask Him to help you see Him as most valuable.

MEMORY VERSE

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. **Isaiah 40:28**