

Main Point: Store up TREASURES IN HEAVEN

LESSON

God is everywhere and always knows when we do good things for Him. Knowing God and obeying Him is what pleases Him. As the Bible says...

Matthew 6:18b-19

"...your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."

What is some of your earthly treasure; some of your favorite toys/games/etc.? (Have the kids raise their hands and mention some of their favorite things. Or talk about the craft they have made - and below, how they might protect it.)

You really like those things and want to protect them, do you leave them outside in the rain? (No.) Would you bury them in the dirt? (No.) No, they might rust or get ruined by bugs!

God wants us to protect our best treasures and He wants those treasures to be in Heaven. Your toys/games/etc. can't go to Heaven to be with God, but if we treasure obeying God and loving Jesus, our treasure is in Heaven! Like the Bible says...

Matthew 6:20-21

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

TRANSITION & VIDEO

So, who here wants to obey God and love Jesus? (ME!) Who here wants their treasure to be in Heaven? (ME!!!) Great! The Bible also says...

Luke 6:23

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your treasure (reward) in heaven."

So everyone get up and leap for joy because our treasure is in HEAVEN!!!

(Let the children leap for joy for a minute (possibly repeating the main point to re-enforce it) and then announce that you'll all watch a video/cartoon about treasure. Have the children sit and start the video.)

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

Who can tell me ...

1. At the beginning, what did Poodle Boople treasure? (His toys.)
2. He really liked his toys, that's right. What did he do with them? (Buried.)
3. Did that work? (No!) What happened? (They were ruined.)
4. Where did the Bible say his treasure should be? (In Heaven.)
5. How do we do that? (Obey God and the Bible and love Jesus.)

6. What are some ways we can do that? (Have the children make suggestions.)

7. And if we do those things, where will our treasure be? (In Heaven!)

Those are great suggestions. I'm sure if we do those, God will have a lot of our treasure in Heaven! As God's Bible says...

(Optional: Sing this verse to the children or, if they are old enough, lead them in singing it as from the video. Or play the song portion title of the song from the DVD to re-enforce the verse, message and application.)

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(Bible quotations taken from NIV).