

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

JUNE 28TH, WEEK 4

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

ACTIVITIES 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

ACTIVITY 1 12 MIN

ACTIVITY 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

The Stories of the Hidden Treasure
and the Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

(Supporting: Matthew 4:18-22)

Bottom Line

Loving God and His kingdom is
most important.

Memory Verse

“May your kingdom come. May
what you want to happen be done
on earth as it is done in heaven.”

Matthew 6:10 NIV

Please make sure that
children who were not
here last week receive a
memory verse card to
take home so they can
practice and memorize it
throughout the week.

Please go over the
memory verse with the
class every Sunday.

PRE-SERVICE

What you need:

- “Memory Verse” Treasure Chest
 - Crayons
 - Scissors
 - Tape
 - Memory Verse Labels
- “Find The Hidden Treasure” Activity Page
- “Hidden Message” Activity Page
- May Activity Pages from this month’s previous Sundays
- Pencils

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

Have tables set up with activities before the kids arrive. Explain that they can choose to work on whatever they want and can move between the activities if they wish. Encourage children to bring home their creations to share what they know with their families.

“Memory Verse” Treasure Chest

- Decorate the outside of their treasure chest.
- Flip over their paper and place the “Memory Verse Label” the middle of the section with the side flaps.
- Cut out chest
- Fold along the lines and tape together to create a 3D treasure chest.

“Find the Hidden Treasure” Activity Page

How many words can you make from the letters

“Hidden Message” Activity Page

Color the Picture, then fold like an accordion to see the message

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Balloon Dash”

What You Need:

- Host
- Floor Tape
- 6 Balloons (each a different color)
- 3 Hula Hoops
- 6 Volunteers To Play the Game
- 3 Volunteers To Hold the Hula Hoops

HOST:

“Hi, friends! I’m really glad you’re here today. Let me see your hands if you are excited to be here! Who here is enjoying summer?”

(Pause while kids respond.)

“Oh yeah, I see those hands! This month, we’ve been talking all about God’s kingdom! The full title of our series this month is ‘Kingdom Quest—Seeking the Greatest Treasure.’

“We’re learning about God’s kingdom all summer, but what is God’s kingdom? Well, God is good, kind, just, trustworthy, and patient—among other things! And His kingdom is anywhere where He reigns. The kingdom is where the ways of the King are the way things run! And we want Him to spread that good kingdom everywhere!”

“Before we learn more about God’s kingdom, let’s wake up our bodies just a little. Everyone, stand up in your spot.”

“Let’s take one big stretch up ... and bring it down. Now let’s take one tiny hop ... just like that. Two hops! Three hops! And spin around! And stop! Nice! You can sit back down.”

“I’ve got an awesome game for us today! It is called ‘Balloon Dash!’ It’s a little silly, a little tricky, and a whole lot of fun.

SLIDE: Balloon Dash! Title

“In this game, six kids will each get their own balloon. Every balloon will be a different color, so you’ll always know which one is yours. You’ll begin at the start line, and you have to tap or hit your balloon across the room—no carrying, no holding, just gentle hits to keep it moving.”

“We’ll have three of your friends standing in different spots holding Hula Hoops®. Your job is to get your balloon through each Hula Hoop® before you reach the finish line. If your balloon misses the hoop, just tap it again and keep trying until it goes through.”

“The first person to get their balloon through all the Hula Hoops® and across the finish line wins the round!”

OPENER GAME (CONT.)

“Time to choose six players! Raise your hand if you want to play ‘Balloon Dash!’”

(Choose six volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, line them up at the start line, and give each of them a balloon.)

“We also need three friends to hold the hula hoops.” Raise your hand if you want to be a hula hoop holder”.

(Choose three volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised and put them in three different spots between the start line and the finish line.)

“Players ready? Alright ... GO!”

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Make sure kids are only tapping or hitting their balloon and not holding or carrying it.)

“Remember, only nice, gentle taps! Keep your balloon moving! Try for the Hula Hoop® ... great job!”

(Play until one of the kids gets their balloon through all three Hula Hoops® and reaches the finish line. Declare the winner.)

“We have a winner! That was so fun to watch! Great job, everyone. You can give our players a big round of applause.”

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for six new volunteers at the start of each round.)

“Before we keep going, here’s something important we’re learning today. It’s our Bottom Line, and we’ll unpack it more later! It says:”

SLIDE: Bottom Line [Bottom Line]

“Loving God and His kingdom is most important. Can you say that with me?”

KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] *“Loving God and His kingdom is most important.”*

HOST: *“Great job! Let’s get ready to learn more about that!”*

Service Flow

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

WORSHIP:

Alright everyone — it's time to worship Jesus!

Let's spread out across the room so we have space to move and praise.

(Production: turn off one main light and turn on the light tower by the booth.)

Let's lift our voices and give God our best!

Worship Song:

"Alleluia"

by Elevation Worship and Chandler Moore

STORY TIME: *Wow! What an incredible time of worship! You all did such an amazing job praising God! Now, let's all find a seat on the floor and get ready for today's story:*

The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

(Supporting: Matthew 4:18-22)

Put on your listening ears and quiet voices — let's see what God wants to teach us today!

SALVATION MOMENT: *Alright friends, this is a very special moment. Everyone, bow your heads and close your eyes so we can focus and give privacy to our friends. Walk through the salvation slide and explain clearly and simply. Ask: If you want Jesus to be your forever friend, raise your hand so I can see. Pause. Give the Holy Spirit time to work. Celebrate those who raised their hands! Have everyone open their eyes. **Go through the ABC Prayer together, asking the kids to repeat and follow along with the slides.***

HELPERS: During the salvation moment (while heads are bowed and eyes are closed):

- Quietly walk around and give an "I Decided" card to each child who raised their hand.
- Afterward, ask them to meet with you so you can fill it out.
- Clearly print their first and last name on the salvation sheet.
- Make sure the card goes home to their parents.

If no one raises their hand, that's okay. The Holy Spirit is still working.

Simply mark "**No Response**" on the salvation sheet so we know the moment was covered.

Remember: We plant seeds — God brings the growth.

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 1

“What’s Worth More”

What You Need

- “What’s Worth More” Activity Page

What You Do

- Show the kids one set of pictures at a time and ask, “What’s worth more?”
- Hold up the pictures of the quarter and the penny. Ask, “What’s worth more? The quarter or the penny?” (the quarter)
- Hold the pictures of the dollar bill and the five-dollar bill. Ask, “What’s worth more? The dollar bill or the five-dollar bill?” (the five-dollar bill)
- Hold the pictures of the gold and the silver. Ask, “What’s worth more? Gold or silver?” (gold, at the time of publishing)
- Finally, hold up the picture of the toy and the picture of Jesus.
- Ask, “What’s worth more? What is the most important thing to love?” (God/Jesus)

What You Say

“You are so smart! You know that some things are worth more than others. Jesus’ stories about the treasure and the pearl teach us that God’s kingdom is the most valuable, most special treasure of all. Nothing is better or more important.

“That’s why you should make getting to know God and His kingdom the most important thing in your life. You can do this by making spending time with God the most important thing you do. You can make it a priority to spend time with God every day—and you can get to know who He is by reading the Bible.

“And go through every day with Him as your closest friend too. Since God is the most important, talk to Him about absolutely everything. As you go through life, you can say, ‘God, I loved that breakfast so much,’ Or, ‘God, I’m really nervous about swim practice.’ Or, ‘God, is there anything You would like me to do here?’

“Since Jesus is an exact picture of what God is like, we can make God’s kingdom most important when we live like Jesus. Since Jesus is loving, joyful, just, compassionate, trustworthy, and kind, then God’s kingdom is like that too. We can be loving, joyful, just, compassionate, trustworthy, and kind everywhere we go to show that God’s kingdom is the most important.”

“Invite God to be part of everything in your life—at home, at school, or wherever you are—because [Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.”

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SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“Hard Choices”

What You Need

- Floor Tape
- Bibles

What You Do

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Demonstrate how to look up Matthew 13:44-46 using the Bible Navigation Tips
- Talk about how Jesus used parables to teach us about God and His kingdom. Ask, “What did you learn from these parables?”
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Lead the group in a “Hard Choices” game.
- Create a line in the middle of your activity area with floor tape.
- Present the group with a series of “Would You Rather?” questions where both options are good.
- “Would you rather have ice cream or cake for dessert for the rest of your life?”
- “Would you rather get a brand-new bike or a brand-new video game console?”
- “Would you rather be famous for being an amazing athlete or a famous musician?”
- With each question, signify which side represents which answer.
- The kids should move to the side that represents their answer.
- After discussing a few fun choices, transition to the Bible Story.
- Ask: “The men in the parables, and the disciples like Peter and Andrew, made a hard choice. They had good things—jobs, boats, and families. Why did they leave all of it to follow Jesus?”
- Discuss the idea that they recognized Jesus and His kingdom were infinitely more valuable than anything else they had.
- Ask: “What is most important?”

What You Say

“Those were some tough choices! It’s hard to pick between two good things. Every single one of those things is good. God made you to love them. But none of them is the most important thing.”

“Jesus used stories called parables to explain what God’s kingdom is like and how it grows. Today, we heard two of those stories. When Jesus’ closest friends wanted to know more about God’s kingdom, Jesus told them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure that was hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again. He was very happy. So he went and sold everything he had. And he bought that field’ (Matthew 13:44 NIV). Jesus said that truly finding God’s kingdom is more exciting and more valuable than golden treasure. In fact, it’s worth giving up all the other important things to keep this one thing. The man in the story knew that God’s kingdom was the most valuable treasure he could ever find. That’s why he gave up everything for it. There is nothing in the whole world more important than loving God and His kingdom.”

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SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2 (Cont.)

“Jesus told another parable to show how valuable God’s kingdom is. He said, ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who was looking for fine pearls. He found one that was very valuable. So he went away and sold everything he had. And he bought that pearl’ (Matthew 13:45-46 NIV). In this case, the man was actually looking for treasure—a super-valuable pearl. And as in the first parable, when he found that treasure, he went and sold everything he owned to be able to buy this one, perfect pearl.”

“Like that treasure and that pearl, God and His kingdom are more important than anything else. But the men in our stories realized they had found something that wasn’t just good, it was the BEST. They found the ultimate treasure. They understood that [Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

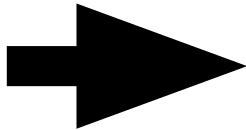
No Supplies Needed

Prayer

“God, thank You for showing us what is most important. Thank You that Your kingdom is the greatest treasure we could ever find. Help all of us to make choices this week that show [Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

GETTING READY

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