

First Look | June 28

Today's Bible Story: The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl • Matthew 13:44-46
Loving God and His Kingdom is most important.

Key Question: Who can be part of God's kingdom?

Bottom Line: I can be part of God's kingdom.

Memory Verse: *"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* •
Matthew 6:10 NIV

1. Video on Jellyfin

Lead the children in worship to one song and then watch today's video lesson.

2. Pray

Let's open up today in prayer. Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus so we can be part of Your kingdom forever. Thank You for giving us special things. Thank You for showing us that Your kingdom is the most special, most important treasure. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

3. Hidden Treasure Field

What You Need:

- "Field Pocket" Activity Page, one per child
- "Hidden Treasure Chest" Activity Page, one per child
- Cardstock
- Crayons or washable markers
- Clear tape
- Scissors
- Glittery stickers
- Jewel stickers

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Dot markers or puffy stickers*

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Field Pocket" on cardstock, one per child and leader. Print "Hidden Treasure Chest" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child and leader. For each child, fold the "Field Pocket" along the line and tape the sides together. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their field with crayons or markers. Encourage children to color and decorate their treasure chest with markers and stickers. Show children how to hide their treasure in the field.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come on over to the table, friends! Jesus told a story about someone who found a hidden treasure. Let’s make our own hidden treasure craft to help us remember it.”

During the Activity: “First, here is a picture of a field. *(Give each child the “Field Pocket” page.)* Let’s color the grass and the flowers. *(Allow time to color.)* Now, here is the most important part—the treasure! *(Give each child the “Treasure Chest” cutout.)* Let’s make our treasure chest super special. You can color it and even add some sparkly stickers or jewels! *(Allow time to decorate.)*

“Your treasure chests look so special! Now, let’s make a secret hiding spot for them. See this pocket in your field picture? *(Show the children the opening of the pocket.)* Now you can be like the man in the story. You can hide your treasure in the field ... *(slide the treasure chest into the pocket)* and then you can find it again! *(Slide the treasure chest out.)* Peek-a-boo, treasure!”

After the Activity: “The man in the story Jesus told was so happy when he found the treasure that he sold everything he had just to have that field. Jesus wanted His friends to know that God’s kingdom is the most important, most valuable treasure in the whole world. God’s kingdom isn’t hidden like the treasure or the pearl in the stories Jesus told. It isn’t hard to find because Jesus shows us exactly who God is and how to live in God’s kingdom. And when we follow Jesus, you and I can be a part of God’s kingdom. **Who can be part of God’s kingdom?** ***[Bottom Line]* I can be part of God’s kingdom.”**