

K-2 | June 28

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.

Monthly 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* NIRV

1. Opening Activity: Hidden Treasure Color-by-Number

What You Need:

- “Hidden Treasure Color-by-Number” Activity Page (treasure chest with jewels, coins, crown, Bible, etc.)
- Crayons or washable markers

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each child a “Hidden Treasure Color-by-Number” page and crayons or markers.
- Explain that each number matches a color, and they will use the code to color in the picture.
- Point out the different items in the picture (treasure chest, coins, jewels, crown, Bible, etc.).
- Encourage kids to find the numbers and color carefully to reveal the full treasure picture.
- As they color, walk around and talk with them about what they see in the picture.

What You Say:

“Wow, look at all these treasures—gold coins, shiny jewels, crowns, and more! Those are all things people think are very valuable.

As you color, think about this: even though treasure and gold and jewels are valuable... none of them is the most important thing.

In our Bible story today, Jesus tells a story about finding something so important, so valuable, that it’s worth more than anything else in the whole world.

Let’s get ready to find out what that treasure really is!”

2. Video on Jellyfin

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

3. Prayer

“Let’s open up today in prayer. Dear God, thank You for being the greatest treasure. Nothing is more important than You. Help us to live like You are the most important. And help us to show You that we love You this week with our words and our actions. May Your kingdom come. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

4. Treasure Chest Craft

What You Need:

- Bible
- “Treasure Chest” Activity Page (pre-cut and pre-folded to pop up)
- Crayons or washable markers
- Glue sticks
- Sticker jewels (gems)

EveryChild Supplies:

- Optional: Metallic crayons or markers

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Use a box cutter to carefully cut along the sides of the treasure chest lid on each activity page.
- Fold along the cut lines to create a crease so the treasure chest “pops out” when opened.
- Write each child’s name on their paper.

During the Activity:

- Give each child a treasure chest page, crayons/markers, glue, and sticker jewels.
- Invite them to open their treasure chest so it pops up.
- Have them write “God” in the center inside the treasure chest.
- Encourage kids to color and decorate their treasure chest (wood, lid, background, etc.).
- Let them add sticker jewels inside the chest to represent treasure.
- As they decorate, talk about how these treasures represent things people think are valuable.

After the Activity:

- Open the Bible to Matthew 13:44–46 and briefly review the stories of the hidden treasure and the pearl.
- Connect the craft to the Bible story and Bottom Line.

What You Say:

“Look at your treasure chests—they are full of shiny jewels and beautiful treasures! People think things like gold, silver, and jewels are very valuable.

But in our Bible story, Jesus told us about something even more important. He said the kingdom of heaven is like finding a treasure so amazing that someone would give up everything just to have it.

That treasure isn't gold or jewels—it's God and His kingdom! That's why you wrote 'God' inside your treasure chest. He is the greatest treasure of all.

When Jesus called His disciples, they left everything to follow Him because they knew He was worth it. God's kingdom is more important than anything else we could ever have.

So when you look at your treasure chest, remember: even though jewels are special, the most important treasure is God.

[Bottom Line] Loving God and His kingdom is most important.”

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Pre-cutting and pre-folding is key to save time and avoid frustration during the activity.
- For younger kids, consider pre-writing “God” lightly in highlighter or pencil for them to trace.
- Encourage creativity—kids can add extra drawings like coins, hearts, or light shining from the chest.