

City SG - October 28 & 29, 2017

Bible Story: Real Treasures of Heaven (Treasures in heaven) • *Matthew 6:19-24*

Bottom Line: Live like you know what really matters.

Memory Verse: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." *Luke 16:10a, NIV*

1. Hungry, Hungry Human (Just For Fun)

What You Need: Plastic cups (one per child), marbles (or ping-pong balls)

What You Do:

- Give every child a cup, and instruct kids to form a circle and lie on their stomachs.
- Place a pile of marbles or ping-pong balls in the center of the circle.
- Holding their cups upside down, kids race to scoop as many marbles as they can into the cup, sliding them into a pile in front of them. (Kids must stay on their stomachs the whole time.)
- The kid who collects the most marbles wins.
- Play a few rounds as time permits.

2. God's Treasure

What You Need: "Jewel References" sheet (10 per bin/Save for all services) and "Jewel Shaped Verses Sheet (one per child), Bibles, pens (campus supplies)

What You Do:

- Tell kids they're going to go on a Bible treasure hunt for ways to live like you know what matters.
- Give each kid a Jewel Shaped Verses Sheet, a Jewel References sheet, a Bible and a pen.
 - Kids look up the Jewel References and match the reference with the verse written on the jewels.
 - When a match is found, kids should write the verse reference on the back of the matching jewel.
 - Kids can work together or solo, but each need to do a jewel sheet
- Once all the matches have been identified, have a conversation about what the verses say about what matters to God.
- Verses are listed below, NIV:
 - Proverbs 20:4: Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing. *(Define what a sluggard is. This verse is saying to use your time wisely. Don't waste your time and don't be lazy.)*
 - Ephesians 5:15-16: Be very careful, then how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. *(Use your time wisely. Look for ways to make the most of using your time, money, and stuff.)*
 - 1 Timothy 6:18: Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. *(Ask kids to give examples of doing good: encouraging others, helping others, treating others the way you want to be treated. Being generous and willing to share are ways to use your time and money wisely.)*
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *(Use your money wisely; be generous and give cheerfully.)*

- Psalm 24:1: The earth is the LORD's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. *(Live like everything belongs to God; take care of everything you have because it belongs to God.)*
- Psalm 90:12: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. *(It is a wise choice to use your time wisely.)*

3. Jewels of Wisdom

What You Need: "Jewels" Activity Pages from previous activity, scissors, hole punch, markers, yarn

What You Do:

- Using the Jewels from the previous activity, guide kids to make a wall hanging.
- Instruct kids to decorate the jewels and cut them out.
- Then they can punch holes at the top and bottom of each jewel, stringing yarn through them to connect them together. Tie a double knot at end of yarn.
- Help kids with the hole punch and yarn as necessary.

What You Say:

"Hang your jewels somewhere so when you see it you will be reminded to ***[Bottom Line]*** live like you know what matters."



3. Treasure Hunt

What You Need: Treasure boxes containing “Coin Verses” Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Establish a starting line and set up the treasure boxes 15 feet from the starting line.
- Teams will compete in a relay race. One kid from each team races the treasure box and grabs a coin containing words of the memory verse. Kids need to be careful because not all the words on the coins are part of the memory verse.
- Kids return to their team and then the next kid races to grab another coin with words to the verse on it.
- The first team to put all the words of the memory verse in the correct order wins.

What You Say:

“You **[Bottom Line]** live like you know what really matters by loving God and doing what it says in the Bible. Our memory verse tells us if we take care of the little things—if we can be trusted with the little things—then we show others we can also be trusted with the big things. Taking even a little time to love others the way Jesus did honors God.”

4. God Time Sheets

- What You Need: “God Time” Sheets (one per child), pens (one per child)

NOTE: The God Time sheets are intended to be a closing time activity each week in The City. Children will begin working on their sheets, as well as be encouraged to bring their sheets back the following week for a prize. Children cannot turn in their sheets the same week for a prize. The goal is to keep the lesson on their minds and in front of them throughout the following week.

5. Pray and Dismiss

What You Do:

- Gather the group in a circle.
- Go around the circle and ask kids to share one way they can live like they know what really matters this week.
- Offer suggestions such as: being quick to forgive a friend when he loses the toy you let him borrow; letting a sibling pick the movie to watch; choosing to help a friend with homework instead of riding bikes with another friend.
- Pray with kids using the suggestion below.
- If anyone would like to pray aloud for the group, let a couple volunteers do so.

What You Say:

“God, You know what really matters! We want to follow Your ways. We want to love others the way You love us. Help us to live like we know what really matters. Amen.”