

CITY LG – June 27th-28th, 2026

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 NIV*

WORSHIP

So So Good

Can't Steal My Joy

SLIDE: Theme

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?

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.

Now I want to play a little imagination game with you. Ready? Think about the coolest treasure you could ever find. It could be shiny, sparkly, colorful, glowing—whatever you want!

Okay, are you thinking? Raise your hand if you're thinking about the coolest treasure you could find!

Now show me with your hands ... is your treasure teeny tiny, like this?

(Pinch two fingers close together.)

Or is it huge, like THIS?

(Stretch arms wide.)

Which is it? Teeny tiny or huge?

Very nice! Some big and small treasures I see! Now what if I told you that Jesus once told stories about treasure? Yep, real treasure! And a pearl so special, people would do anything to get it. These stories aren't about pirates or treasure maps ... but they are about something better.

They show us what's most important. And today ... We get to dig into the stories ourselves.

Jesus loved telling stories called parables! These simple stories are about things people saw every single day.

People in Jesus' time walked past fields and gardens. They saw fishermen casting nets. They watched women baking bread. These were everyday moments, and Jesus used them to help people understand God's kingdom.

When crowds gathered around Him, people stopped their work. They leaned in close. They knew Jesus was about to tell a story that would help their hearts understand something true.

And today, we're going to look at two very short stories Jesus told.

VIDEO: Bible Story

This precious treasure and this priceless pearl are in your life too! This priceless treasure is knowing God and living in His kingdom. And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's take a look.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

So how do you live like God is most important? You can live your life like God is the most important and talk to Him about everything! You can go throughout your day and say things like: 'Hi, God. I really like this sandwich I'm having for lunch.' Or, 'I'm going to swim practice today, and I am really nervous.'

Since God wants to be your closest friend, treat Him like the most important by talking to Him all day about everything.

You can also show that God is most important by spending time getting to know Him. God gave you the Bible so you can get to know who He is! And someone who has been His friend for a long time can help you learn about Him too.

You can also live like God is most important by trying your best to follow His ways. He is loving, joyful, patient, kind, and trustworthy, so as you are those things, you're showing that He is important!

Let's take a quiet moment to pray together. You can close your eyes and get still as we talk to Jesus.

God, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for showing us that Your kingdom is the greatest treasure we could ever have. Help us live like You are the greatest treasure! Help us love You with our whole hearts. Help us follow You each day. And help us show Your love to others, so they can know how important You are too. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that will show women filling their bins with clean water from a brand new well that was just installed in their village!

Missions video 1

Amazing right? Can't wait to see how these wells impact the villages in Malawi!

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