

Lower Elementary

WEEK 4- STARTER



Activity Name: What Is Worth More?

What You Need: None needed

What You Do:

- Show the kids one set of pictures at a time and ask, “What is 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:

Great job! You are so smart! You know that some things are worth more than others. In our Bible Story today, Jesus tells a story about finding something so important, so valuable, that it is the most important thing in the whole world. Let’s go find out what it is.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl • *Matthew 13:44-46*

Bottom Line: Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

Conversation Starter: What 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 NIrV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did the men sell everything in Jesus’ story?
- Why did the disciples follow Jesus so fast?
- What are some things we really love?
- What is the most important thing?
- How can we show that God is most important to us?

Activity Name: Memory Verse Treasure Chest

What You Need: Bible Treasure Chest activity page Memory Verse action page
 Coloring supplies Memory verse labels

What You Say:

Let's open the Bible to Matthew 6:10—that's where we can find our Memory Verse! **(Open Bible.)** Listen as I read: "May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 NIV). Now let's say it with our motions. "May your kingdom come." **(Make a crown shape with your hands, and bring it down onto your head.)** "May what you want to happen" **(Point up to the sky.)** "be done on earth" **(Point down to the ground.)** "as it is done in heaven." **(Sweep both hands up toward the sky.)** Matthew 6:10 **(Open hands like a book.)** Great job saying the verse with the motions!

God's kingdom is the most incredible, valuable treasure there is because the kingdom comes wherever God is. The kingdom is good like the King! There is nothing in the whole world more important than learning to know and love God and to live in God's kingdom.

Let's decorate this treasure chest coloring page. Then you can take it home to cut out and fold into a treasure chest. Keep it somewhere special to remember our Memory Verse and that **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.**

What You Do:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Give each kid a "Memory Verse Treasure Chest" Activity Page and one verse label. Encourage them to decorate the outside of their treasure chest.
- Ask kids to flip over their paper and place their label from the "Memory Verse Label" activity page in the middle section with the side flaps.

Kids will take the page home to cut out and fold to create their own 3D treasure chest.