

Lesson plan

Main Point: Love that which Lasts

Basic Idea: Storing up Treasure in Heaven.

How we get there: the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. (2:17)

Start out Matthew 6:19-21 to explain the "treasure principle." Have the kids mention things they love (favorite toy, favorite doll, etc). Explain through the passage the nature of loving Jesus more than other things...

OBJECT LESSON: It may be good to bring in a fairly new toy and an old toy (beat up, scratched, maybe even broken). You can use those to show what happens to things over time.

Also, get the children talking about things they love. Have them list ways they can protect those things. Using the lock box (provided), show the children how you can lock something up to try to protect it. However, take time to have the kids think through what kind of things could happen to your "treasure" even inside the lock box (dropped in water, melted in fire, stolen, shaken till contents break, etc.). Then transition into showing how treasure in heaven will suffer none of those things.

Examine Matthew 6:19-21

1. What happens to something really nice over time? (breaks, gets old, gets stolen)
2. But what does Jesus say happens to things in heaven? (can't break, get old or stolen)
3. How do you store up things in heaven?

This may be a difficult subject for the children to grasp, as it requires a bit of abstract thought (no easy task for toddlers!). Two concepts to try to teach are to help them see they should love Jesus more than anything else, and that they can store up treasure in heaven by using things to show Jesus' love. (for instance....they are to love Jesus more than their favorite toy, and one way to do so, is to share that favorite toy with a friend, to display the love of Christ.)

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1 John 2:15-17, November 11, 2007



2:26-27

2:22-23

2:19-20,24-25

2:18

2:15-17

2:12-14

2:7-11

2:3-6

2:1-2

1:5-10

1 Jn 1:1-4