

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...(activity to follow the lesson)

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.

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.)

Activity:

Coloring

The kids can color the coloring pages (provided) with the crayons (provided).

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

