

Treasures in Heaven

Theme

Laying up treasures in heaven.

Object

A piggy bank; play money; pen; coins

Scripture

Luke 12:32-40

Children's Sermon: Treasures in Heaven (Luke 12:32-40)

(Show the piggy bank.) Do you have a piggy bank at home? How often do you put money in it? (Pause for responses.)

Some people, at the end of each day, put all of the change from their pockets into a piggy bank. It may not be a lot of money, but when you add to it every day, it is amazing how quickly it builds up.

Whether we use a piggy bank or a savings account at the bank, it is a good idea to have a plan to save money for unexpected emergencies or when we want to do something special. But we have to be careful that saving money doesn't become the most important thing in our life.

- Why do you think I say that?

In the Bible, Jesus warned His friends and the people who followed Him about making money the most important thing to them. (Fan out a stack of play money.)

He said, "Don't worry too much about building up treasures on earth." He meant, don't worry too much about money and things but instead, spend your time building up treasures in heaven. So, instead of putting money in this piggy bank, let's store up treasures in heaven by putting in things we think would be treasures in heaven. (Luke 12:33)

What might be treasures in heaven? (Invite kids to write each idea they name on play money, and put it into the piggy bank. You might guide them to the list below, if needed.)

- Give money to the poor
- Visiting the sick
- Helping to feed the hungry
- Being cheerful and thoughtful to someone who is sad
- Praying for one another
- Working in a shelter for the homeless
- Being a friend to someone who is lonely
- Forgiving someone who has hurt you
- Saying you're sorry when you hurt someone

All the things we talked about can be "treasures in heaven." They may not seem like much, but if we do something for someone each and every day, it is amazing how quickly they add up.

God, we may never have much money or very many things, but help us to be faithful each day in building up treasures in heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.

[Watch a video of us giving this sermon.](#)

Interactive Group Activities
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Sermon Title: "Treasures in Heaven"

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:32-34

TREASURES Paper Plate holder: Children can staple or tape two paper plates together, leaving a small opening at the top and using ribbon in holes punched at the top, to carry the plate home with them. TREASURES CANDY (purchased in the candy aisle) can be given out to put into the decorated TREASURES "box" (and Bible verse on the plate as well), as children answer questions or other ideas the teacher may have to give out the candies. 2 "treasure candies" can be given if the child learns the Bible verse as well.

BALLOON TREASURE POPPING - Teacher can put a "treasure" from our story onto a slip of paper and stick in each balloon. Children can pop the balloon and add their "treasure slip" to a TREASURES POSTER on the focal wall of the classroom. Discussion about how to build up our treasures in heaven.

AMAZING TREASURE RACE: Teams will race to find these treasure slips of paper and see which team can find more treasures in the designated area and in the time given. All members of the AMAZING RACE could receive "treasure candies" for their paper plate treasure box, if desired.

TREASURE HUNT FOR COINS: Children will find a hidden coin and bring it back to pile up coins on the table and will watch the "treasure" (coins) build up. The found and collected coins can be placed in the offering plate or given to someone who is poor and would need to receive a special gift bought with the money collected. The children will enjoy helping someone in need.

BUILD A TREASURE BOX: This activity is 2-fold:

1 - Build a treasure box with a lid - decorate with colorful paper, etc. Children can enjoy a TREASURE HUNT for canned foods and non-perishable items around the church area and

bring back to place in the treasure box.

2 - Each non-perishable item will have part of the Bible verse on it or an idea for "building our treasure in heaven" (such as the visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, etc), and then children will take that slip of paper off the canned goods, etc and will tape it to the decorated TREASURE BOX. Children could be encouraged (and have a note brought home) to bring more canned food to SS for the next 3 weeks in August, if teacher desires.

Song: "Treasures in Heaven" by Larry Holder

Sheet Music (PDF)

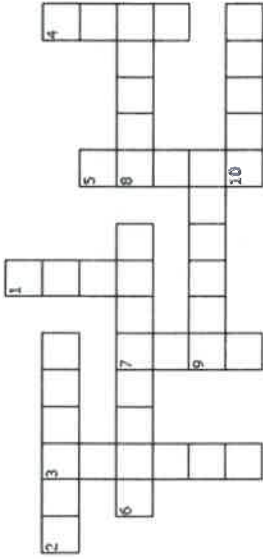
Accompaniment (MP3) Right click and save to your computer.

This song is a from a musical for young voices entitled "God Cares for You" by Larry Holder. You can download the entire musical and other great music at [Larry's Songs of Praise and Worship](#).

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. The home where we will live forever with God
6. Valuable things such as gold, silver, jewels, or money
8. The organ that pumps blood through the body
9. Small in size
10. A group of sheep that live or feed together

heaven
thief

treasure
heart

sell
afraid

moth
little

flock
poor

DOWN

1. Having little money or possessions
3. Filled with fear
4. An insect with wings similar to a butterfly, usually flies at night, and is attracted to light
5. Someone who steals
7. To exchange or deliver something for money

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Luke 12:32-34

Word Search

V L S P U R S E S H Q L R A G
E K E P H A R K Z B E Q V G I
S C L D O L I T T L E A G F V
R O L P W O W J T U B C R T E
P G K L F L R I Z H W X H T M
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T E S A O X C A H S A L D B U
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Q T P E E R Z O R E A Y C R
K E D R H T I L I N V I W J H
X D T X M S F V Y K S D A U L

PURSES
PLEASED
EXHAUSTED
POOR

DESTROYS
WEAR
MOTH
TREASURE

FATHER
KINGDOM
HEART
THIEF

POSSESSIONS
LUKE
AFRAID
LITTLE

HEAVEN
FLOCK
SELL
GIVE

For
where your
treasure is,

there your
heart will
be also.

Luke 12:34

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

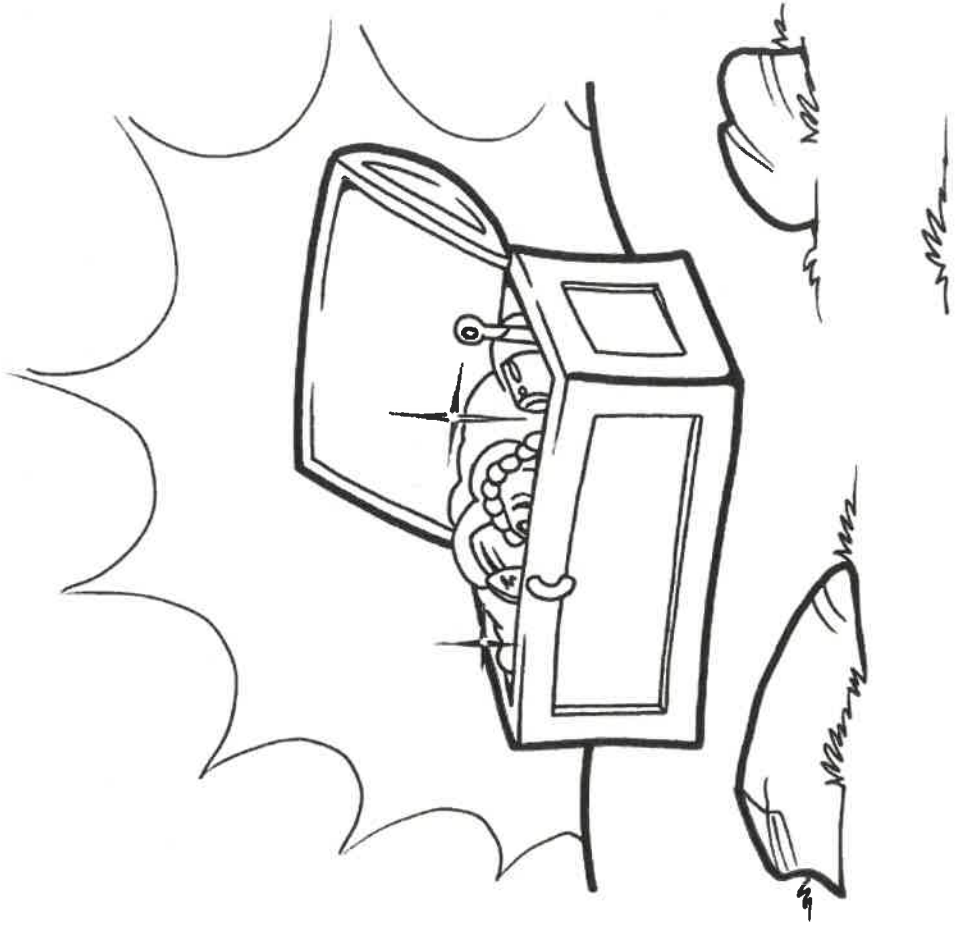
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- 1-5-19-19 _____
- 16-5-1-14-18-25-3-1 _____
- 26-5-13-12-5-9 _____
- 14-26-10-5-6 _____
- 4-25-14-26 _____
- 24-10-12-5 _____
- 26-5-13-18-14 _____

SELL	TREASURE	THIEF	DESTROYS
GIVE	HEAVEN	MOTH	HEART



Coloring Page



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Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
 Luke 12:33b-34 (NIV)



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