

Family Devotional

From April 10, 2016

Show & Tell: Have everyone go and get their most treasured possession to show the group. Once everyone is back, go around and tell everyone: 1) what your treasure is, 2) how you use or enjoy it and 3) why it is so important to you. Listen carefully as everyone shares.

Now we are going to read a story about a man who found a buried treasure!

Read: If you have a copy of *The Jesus Storybook Bible* read: "Treasure Hunt" on page 250 or read Matthew 13:44 from your Bible.

Reflect:

What do you think a kingdom would look like if God was the king? How would people approach their work? Do you think they would do their very best or be lazy? How would people treat each other?

What did the man do when he found the treasure?

Matthew 13:44 says, "...and then in his joy [he] went and sold all he had and bought that field." Why do you think he was so full of joy to let go of everything he owned?

What do you think was more valuable to him, the stuff he owned or the treasure he found?

Who is our truest treasure?

What is more valuable to you, the stuff you own or getting to be friends with Jesus?

This can be a very hard question. God has blessed us with things to take care of our needs and make us happy, but this story is reminding us that our real treasure and joy comes from being with him!

What is God's truest treasure? What is one thing he was willing to give up to be with us? John 3:16

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Luke 12:34 this week.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you came on a treasure hunt to find us! Thank you for giving up your life, so that we might have live with you forever. Help us remember that you are our truest treasure and no amount of things can ever replace the joy you bring to our lives. Amen."