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Illustration Helps:



- Need Two Students that will be Treasure Hunters
- An extra adult helper to accompany the two student Treasure Hunters
- Two hand made Treasure Maps.
 - Each map should lead to a different location in your building.
 - At the end of the “hunt” the student should find a “treasure.”
 - One should lead to a sealed envelope marked, “Treasure \$\$\$” that will contain fake money.
 - The other map should lead to a box that has costume jewelry inside, something that is obviously inexpensive and breakable.
- Each “Treasure” should be sealed so that it is brought back to the assembly of students to open in front of everyone.
- For message illustration, you will need a child’s personal treasure chest; that is, their box of important things. We used our son’s box; inside was an eraser shaped like an airplane; a special keepsake rock; stickers that had special meaning to him, etc.

Introduction:

Does anyone have any idea what kind of Treasure might be on Treasure Island? What is the general idea of what a Treasure Chest should have in it?

Let’s see where my treasure maps lead. I have two treasure maps. I want to find out if they are genuine and will lead us to great treasure. Let’s pick a team of treasure hunters and send them on the hunt.

Before I send them out on this treasure hunt, I want to read a few verses that have a very important clue:

Luke 12: 15-21

15And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Now that you have the map and the clue, go see what treasure you find.

While they are out looking, we should read a few more verses in God's Word about treasure:

Matthew 6:19-21

19Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

When my son was young, he had his own little treasure chest. I brought this little box to show you what he valued as a little child. Inside you see he has an eraser shaped like a jet airplane. There are stickers with special meaning to him; a special keepsake rock. Most of the things inside the box is stuff that is silly or even that you might consider junk. Why is that?

He would look at it now and think of it as some nice nostalgia, but it is no longer treasure to him. He is now paying on a home mortgage, a truck payment, and has a family to care for. Things on this earth change in value. What you used to really wish for and say that it would satisfy you forever, now is less important. Nothing on this earth has lasting value.

Matthew 13:44

44Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Many years ago, I found that one pearl of great price. Many walk right by it many times throughout their life and never recognize it. It is a true hidden treasure but it is in open sight to every one of you.

2 Corinthians 4:3 3But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2 Corinthians 4:7 7But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

[Treasure Hunters should be back by now].

Let's examine what the treasure hunters have brought back to us.

- † These jewels in the treasure chest don't look too valuable.
- † Money in the envelope doesn't even look real.

There are more verses in Luke 12 that explain:

Luke 12:22-32

22And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

If God will feed the birds and God will wrap a field in such beauty, don't you think He wants to take very good care of you. He says that it is His good pleasure.

Here's the Map:

Proverbs 2:1-5

Proverbs 2

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

How do I search for this hidden treasure ; where is the map? Hold up the Bible.

Proverbs 3:5

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Summary Verses:

Proverbs 10:2

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

Proverbs 11:5

5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.