



LeadaChild

Treasure Hunters

Matt. 6:33



Chapel Talks
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For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

Luke 19:10

Treasure Hunters!

THESE FOUR SIMPLE CHAPEL OUTLINES are created for you to use during your weekly chapel services, classroom devotions, or Sunday school openings. They guide children toward a good and right understanding of Jesus, the greatest treasure hunter, and how they can become His ambassadors who share His love and speak of His forgiveness and grace.

Included with these outlines are suggestions for songs to sing and a few fun classroom projects to reinforce the lessons with your students. You can also find videos on our website: www.leadachild.org (under Kids Helping Kids) that can be used to introduce your students to our LeadaChild mission, along with a parents' note to send home so that they can also be involved.

LEADACHILD EXISTS TO 'SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.' WE DESIRE THAT MORE AND MORE CHILDREN HEAR ABOUT GOD'S GREAT LOVE, COME TO TRUST IN HIM, AND EXPERIENCE GREAT PEACE, HOPE, AND JOY.

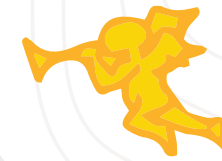
CHAPEL OFFERINGS: If you are interested in participating in our Kids Helping Kids offering program and setting aside part of your yearly chapel offerings for LeadaChild, email me at excutedirector@leadachild.org or call me at 979-702-0925. You can simply mail in an offering check to LeadaChild (13145 S. Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS 66062) and mark it 'chapel offering.' For a fun way to collect chapel offerings, see the treasure chest for chapel offerings project in the appendix.

Our Kids Helping Kids program is a tremendous way to connect your students to the mission of sharing Jesus with children who attend international Lutheran schools or educational enrichment programs. God can use you and your students to bless multiple children around the world!

God Bless! *D. Phil* Executive Director



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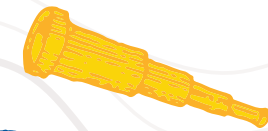
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CHORUS

The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

VERSE 4

He gave His life for us, the Lamb of Salvation
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation

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LESSON 1 . THE GREATEST TREASURE HUNTER

Matthew 13:44-46
Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Value

BIG IDEA

Jesus is the greatest treasure hunter, giving up everything – even His life - so that He might claim us as His own.

★ SONGS

God Loved the World
So that He Gave
(AGPS 108)

★ PROJECTS

Telescope Project
Color by Number

- Have you ever watched a movie or a TV show about a great treasure hunter? (name a few and possibly show some pictures or video clips if available – Indiana Jones, National Treasure, Treasure Island, etc.)
- All of the treasure hunters experienced great challenges and heartaches as they searched for their treasures. But they continued to search despite all the set-backs and dangers until they found what they were looking for.
- The Bible also tells of a great treasure hunter; in fact, He was and is the greatest hunter of all time. His name is Jesus.
- *(Read the two parables from Matthew 13:44-46)*
- Some teach that these parables mean we should put all our efforts into seeking after God and finding salvation. It is true that we should always turn our attention seeking God and His will; in fact, we learn about that in the first commandment (We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things).
- However, a greater way to understand these parables is to realize who the rich merchant is and what he gives up to find His treasure. Jesus, the Son of God, had all the treasures in His hands; He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He is the richest of all; yet, He came looking for that which was lost... something that He valued so much that he purchased the treasure – not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood and innocent suffering and death. Jesus was willing to leave His throne in heaven, come to earth and live a pure and humble life, then die on a cross so that the treasure might become His.
- **And the Good New is this:** We are the treasure that Jesus purchased. That's how precious we are to Him; He gave up everything so that we might be His own... Indeed, Jesus is the greatest treasure hunter of all time.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for sparing no expense, even your suffering and death, to search us out and claim us as your own children. We worship and praise you as our Lord and Redeemer. *Amen*



THE TREASURE MAP . LESSON 2

Psalms 119:162
I rejoice at your Word
like one who finds great treasures.

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BIG IDEA

The Bible is like a treasure map that helps us find what matters most—knowing and following Jesus.

- (Hold up a “treasure map” scroll) I've got something to show you (unroll the map slowly and dramatically)...its got an arrow and dotted lines and an X on it ... what do you think it is? (“a Treasure map”) You can even be creative by making it a map of the church and letting a couple of students help you find the treasure ... a fun treat you can pass out at the end.
- Give examples of treasure maps and finding treasures, maybe leading to gold, jewels, ... even a hidden pirate chest!
- But instead of using the map, imagine you just... [roll it up] ...stuff it in your drawer and forget about it. Would you ever find the treasure? (“No!”) Right! If you don't read the map, you'll never find what it's pointing to.
- Did you know that God has already given us a treasure map? It's not full of “X marks the spot” or buried chests... it's even better. (Hold up a Bible) It's this. The Bible. God gave us His Word to help us know what really matters—how to live, how to love one another, and the great treasure of all: salvation found in Jesus.
- **Psalms 119:162:** “I rejoice at your word like one who finds great treasure.”
- That means reading the Bible is like discovering treasure every day! Not gold or diamonds—but something even more valuable: Jesus
- But how do we use the Map? How do we use the Bible? You might be thinking, “But I don't always understand the Bible!” That's okay! Studying the Bible doesn't mean reading everything at once. It's like following the map step by step. Here are some ways you can study the Bible:
 1. Read some of your favorite Bible stories from the Old and New Testament
 2. Learn the Catechism – it's kind of a guide to follow God's map!
 3. Memorize some of your favorite verses
 4. Pray: “God, help me understand what You're saying.”
- Every time you open the Bible, it's like you're going on a new part of the treasure hunt. God has something for you! And do you know what the greatest treasure the Bible points to is? **It's Jesus.** Every book, every story, every verse is like an arrow pointing to Him -to Jesus - He's the one who rescues us, loves us, and gives us eternal life. Following Jesus is the greatest adventure you'll ever go on, and the Bible is your guide the whole way. So here's your challenge this week: Open your Bible like you're opening a treasure map. Ask, “God, what do You want to show me today?”

★ SONGS

The B-I-B-L-E (see all verses at the end of the appendix)

★ PROJECTS

Create a Treasure Map, Treasure Maze

PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us your Word in the Bible. Let it be a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path as we seek our treasures of mercy, grace, and new life in Christ. *Amen*

3 LESSON 3 . FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

BIG IDEA

As God's dearly loved children, Jesus directs us to pursue those things that our Heavenly Father treasures.

- What are some treasures that people really want? (a new car...or a cool bike if you're younger, a big house...with a pool, new clothes, a lot of fun vacations, etc...maybe show some pictures of those items)
- All of these items are good things, and often God provides some of them as well; however, all of these are temporary. New clothes wear out, New bikes get old and wear out, new cars eventually break down and rust (show pictures of worn out items)
- Earthly treasures only last so long. But there are some things...some heavenly treasures that endure forever; Jesus tells us to seek after these treasures...and the most enduring one is love.
- On the night before Good Friday when He died to pay for all our sins, Jesus told His disciples "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you are to love one another." (John 13:34)
- At the heart of all the heavenly treasures is love, for God is love. Love is something eternal that lasts forever, and all of the treasures God wants us to seek after flow from love:
 - » Humility
 - » Wisdom
 - » Serving others
 - » Generosity
 - » Peace
- All of these treasures make our hearts very happy in a much greater way than earthly treasures...like toys, or a bike, or money.
- And one more thing, these heavenly treasures also help us to become one of God's great treasure hunters... which we'll talk about in our last chapel talk!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for daily providing everything we need. As we trust in you to provide for us, teach and guide us to seek after heavenly treasures that last forever. *Amen*



GOD'S TREASURE HUNTERS . LESSON 4

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

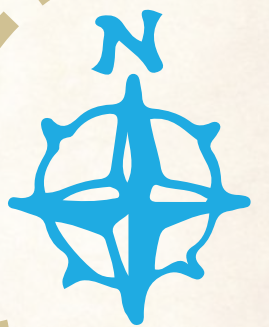
BIG IDEA

We are not just citizens of heaven; God sends us (ambassadors) out to be witnesses of his love, mercy, and faith in Jesus.

- Does anyone know what it means to be a citizen? (*Display the word citizen and ask for definitions...then display the definition – a person born in a certain country - or is naturalized: becomes a citizen when they are older – and has the full rights and responsibilities of that nation*).
- We are American citizens (*provide some proof that you are a citizen, maybe a driver's license or passport*). As a citizen, I have a right to be here; I belong here. I am protected by the laws of this country. I can vote for those who run our government, etc.
- Here's some great news: as believers in Jesus, we are also citizens of heaven! We are part of God's eternal family. When the Holy Spirit put faith in our hearts, we were born again as heavenly citizens. We don't have a driver's license or passport to prove it...we have something even better – We are baptized – we are marked as those who are redeemed by Jesus. (Maybe show your baptism certificate or talk about making the sign of the cross over your heart.)
- As believers in Jesus, We possess all the gifts and privileges of citizens of heaven: forgiveness, new life in Christ, and eternal life with all the family of God.
- As Citizens of Heaven, God has given each one of us a very special job. We are His ambassadors. Countries have people called ambassadors (an important messenger or helper). They visit other countries and foreign lands and share messages and news from the leader of their own country.
- Our leader is Jesus, and He sends us out as His special ambassadors to share God's gifts of love, care, and mercy (*give examples*). Most importantly, we are sent to share the message of forgiveness and salvation that Jesus won for all people.
- As God's ambassadors, we become His treasure hunters, not looking for gold or silver, but caring for people and sharing the Good News of Jesus with others so that they might come to trust in Jesus and join us as citizens of heaven.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for making us citizens of heaven. We praise you that we have been born again as your dear children. Send us out now to be treasure hunters, your ambassadors; let us witness to your great love and the Good News of forgiveness and salvation found in Jesus. *Amen*



SONGS

Go Into the World (AGPS 101)

PROJECTS

Ambassador Sash

SONGS

Seek Ye First (AGPS 207)

PROJECTS

For Where Your Treasure is Coloring Page, Treasure Chest of Heavenly Treasures,



Treasure Hunter Telescope Project

WHAT YOU NEED

- 3 Toilet paper rolls
- Gold paint
- Black tape
- Paint brush
- Scissors
- Glue

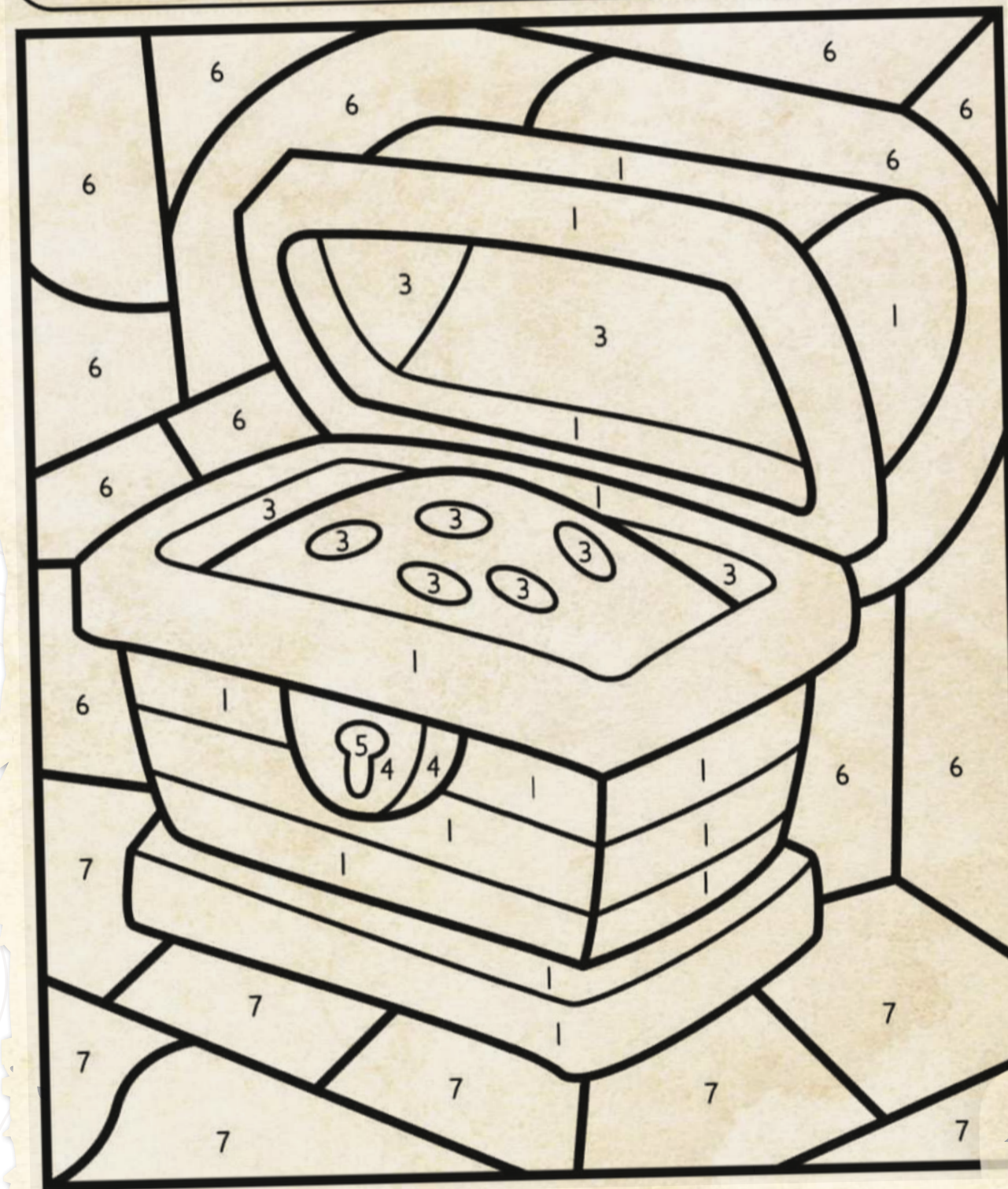
STEPS

- Paint the three rolls
- Cut a vertical line on one of the rolls and overlap the edges so it fits inside the uncut roll. Glue the edges together and slide the roll into the uncut roll. Repeat the process with the third roll.
- Place black tape around the ends and edges between the rolls

Color by Number Treasure Chest

Directions: Color the picture according to the code.

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| 1 - brown | 3 - orange | 5 - black | 7 - green |
| 2 - yellow | 4 - gray | 6 - skyblue | |



Create a Treasure Map

Create a map that leads to a cross (or the name of Jesus). Include some Bible references, images from the Bible, and other interesting items.



Coloring Page: For Where Your Treasure Is



Heavenly Treasure Chest

Color the picture; write some of the heavenly treasure on the coins and place them into the treasure chest.



Ambassador Sash

Use paper bags to create a sash for ambassadors who witness for Jesus. Add in a few Christian symbols like a cross or fish symbols.



Treasure Chest

Create a Treasure Chest for collecting a special offering.



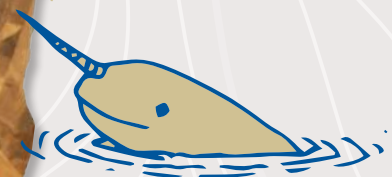
The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E
Yes that's the book for me.
I stand alone on the Word of
God
The B-I-B-L-E.

The B-I-B-L-E
I'll take along with me,
I'll read and pray and then
obey,
The B-I-B-L-E.

By F-A-I-T-H,
I'm S-A-V-E-D,
I'll stand alone
on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E.

The B-L-O-O-D
That Jesus shed for me,
Cleansed me from sin,
I belong to Him,
The B-L-O-O-D.





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