



Materials I Need:

Legend:



= Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade

= Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

Suggested Thematic Tracks:

① Seek His Kingdom, and Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

HOOK: What Are Ya Worried About? (*Discussion*)
What Do We Need? (*Activity/Discussion*)
God Takes Care of His Creation (*Activity/Discussion*)

LOOK: The Disciple's Prayer (*Worksheet*)
God's Provisions and Promises (*Discussion*)

TOOK: Our Daily Bread (*Take-Home Devotional*)

② Lasting Treasures

HOOK: Rewards (*Discussion*)
Temporary or Forever (*Discussion*)
Secret Pals (*Activity*)

BOOK: Pharisees at the Synagogue (*Skit or Puppet Show*)
The Ladder of Success (*Demonstration*)
Earthly Treasures Melt Away (*Object Lesson*)

LOOK: Where Is Your Heart? (*Craft/Discussion*)

TOOK: Where Is My Treasure Today? (*Discussion Take-Home Sheet*)
Distribution of Secret Pal Cards (*Activity*)
Treasuring God (*Craft Worksheet*)

③ We Praise What We Treasure


HOOK: Gloating Game Show (*Activity*)


BOOK: Treasure Chest (*Role-Play*)


LOOK: What Do You Treasure? (*Discussion/Activity*)

➤ Complementary Activities


Hook:


 ① **What Are Ya Worried About? (Discussion).** 🐛, 🦋 What kinds of things (if any) do children worry about? Talk with the students about times they have been worried. They probably don't worry about things such as food, clothing, having a job, etc. They might be concerned about staying over at someone's house for the first time, getting separated from Mom in the store, a sick grandparent, or losing a pet. Discuss how grown ups worry about different things, but the Bible tells us that worrying about anything is a sin. God takes care of us and will provide what we need when we need it. Tell the students that today they will learn that Jesus wants us to be concerned about only one thing and if we do that, everything else will fall into place.

 ① **What Do We Need? (Discussion/Activity).** 🐛, 🦋 Use magazines or ask the students to draw pictures of items that they think they need. Explain that there is a big difference between what we need and what we want. For younger students, this will be especially hard to understand. This morning they will learn how God promises to meet all of our needs.


 ② **Rewards (Discussion).** 🐛, 🦋 Do the students know what a reward is? Explain that a reward is given to you by someone else, usually in recognition for an act of service that you have performed or an accomplishment you have attained. This may be praise, a treat, special privilege, or a permanent reminder of this accomplishment, such as a ribbon, plaque, or trophy. If you can bring in examples (ribbons, plaques, trophies, etc.), that would be helpful. Ask the students the following questions:

1. Have you ever been rewarded for something you've done?
2. What kind of reward did you receive? (Perhaps it was only a pat on the back or a verbal approval from a parent, but it still felt good to be rewarded.)
3. Have you ever done something that has gone unnoticed or unrewarded? How did that feel? What if you never received any recognition for any good deeds you did? Would you continue to do them? If you could save all of your rewards for a later time in your life, would you, or would you want them at the immediate conclusion of performing the good deed? What if you could save your rewards for such a long time that when you received them, there were so many that you could have a different reward every day and they would last forever? Ask the students if they could wait.

 ① **God Takes Care of His Creation (Activity/Discussion).** 🐛, 🦋 Bring in pictures of animals in their natural habitat. Have the students color **MAT04.GF1**. See if they can find pictures of these creatures eating, sleeping, etc. Point out the differences between the animals and how they live. Explain that they each have different needs for food, shelter, protection, etc. and how God takes care of their needs in the instincts and environments He has given to them to survive. God takes care of all His creation. Ask the students which they think is more important to God: the humans He created in His image or the animals.


 ② **Temporary or Forever? (Discussion).** 🐛, 🦋 Compare and contrast things that seem to be temporary to things that are built to last. Talk about different materials that things are made of and the longevity of each. Have them come up with suggestions or use pictures to spark conversations. Ask the students the following questions:


1. Would something made of sticks last as long as something made of steel?
2. How about something made from paper versus something made from cloth?
3. Have you ever looked at old books or photos? What happens to them over time?
4. You have probably anticipated receiving a gift at one time or another and have been filled with excitement. How long did the excitement last, and where is the item now that you were so excited to receive?
5. If you were going to collect something and wanted it to last, what might something be that you would collect?
6. Can you think of anything that would last forever?

 ② **Secret Pals (Activity).** 🐛, 🦋 Each student will need:

MAT04.GF2 Pgs. 1 & 2 copied onto white paper
1 piece of white paper folded into quarters
1 standard-sized envelope (5³/₈ x 4¹/₂)
candy or stickers


Have the students choose pictures from **MAT04.GF2 Pgs. 1 & 2** to color and cut out to make cards for each other. These cards should say things such as "I am glad you are my friend," "I am glad you are in my Bible school class," etc. Ask the students to select a piece of candy and/or sticker to place in the envelope with their cards. These are to be kept a secret. The teacher will collect them and distribute them during the TOOK time. This morning they will learn how Jesus wants us to be kind to others, and give to the needy without anyone knowing. God knows everything we do and we should want to please Him, not try to impress others with how many kind things we do.

 ③ **Gloating Game Show (Activity).** 🐛, 🦋 Bring in small items from the dollar store. Set up a game show that pulls three contestants out of the audience and seats them on one of three thrones set up in the front of the classroom. Under each throne is placed one of these dollar-store treasures in a brown bag. Explain the meaning of gloating. One at a time, each contestant will have 30 seconds to gloat over his or her treasure after pulling the treasure out of the bag. The contestant voted as having accomplished the greatest gloating wins their treasure. Continue with other sets of contestants and new treasures. Explain that today's Bible lesson will teach about the greatest of all treasures. Tell the students that they should pay special attention because their assignment will be to gloat over this greatest treasure.

 ➤ **Let's Build a Castle (Activity).** 🐛, 🦋 Items needed:

50 lb. bag of play sand (you may pick this up at your local hardware store)
water
5' x 8' tarp
styrofoam cups
spoons


Have the students share in the design and building of a sandcastle. Get the sand moist so it sticks together. Talk about how things that are built with a firm, permanent foundation will last a long time. If they are not, they might crumble just like a sandcastle. Explain that our heart attitudes continue to be solidified and strengthened when we study God's Word. Option: Use sugar cubes, snow, playing cards, etc.


 ➤ **Let's Take a Look (Activity/Object Lesson).** 🐛, 🦋 Bring in items that magnify, such as eyeglasses, a magnifying glass, of microscope and small items that might be interesting if looked at under magnification, such as a bug in a jar, small picture, piece of thread or fabric, hair, coins, dollar bill, watch, etc. Another option would be to look closely into a mirror at your own eye! Have the students look at the items under magnification. Discuss how, when we look closely at something, we get a whole different perspective. Example: What once looked like a piece of fabric now looks like lots of large woven pieces of thread. Maybe they can see the hair on a bug's leg or the fibers in a dollar bill. Talk about how we get a clearer perspective of who God is when we look to Him rather than our own stuff.



Book:


Presentation Ideas –


 ② **Pharisees at the Synagogue (Skit or Puppet Show).** 🐛, 🦋 Have several Pharisees arrive at the synagogue, bragging about the money they have given to the poor and all the righteous deeds they have performed. They should be congratulating each other on their accomplishments. Another arrives reciting an elaborate prayer. Be sure to make it as obnoxious as possible.


 ② **The Ladder of Success (Demonstration).** 🦋, 🦋 Set up a 6-foot tall aluminum ladder and label each step with views the world has for success, such as wealth, possessions, prestige, recognition, intelligence, fame, good looks, etc. Climb up the ladder as you talk about the false hope that is in each one of these steps. Once you reach the top of the ladder, ask the students:

1. What happens when we die?
2. How many of these things will matter once we are gone from earth?

Tear up the labels as you describe how earthly treasures will all be destroyed. Explain that, if we are going to spend eternity with God in heaven, we need to be concentrating on those things that will last forever. Ask the students what those might be. Option: Use flash paper to label each worldly success.

 ② **Earthly Treasures Melt Away (Object Lesson).** 🦋, 🦋 Use real styrofoam packing peanuts and those that are made of rice which are dissolvable to demonstrate how earthly treasures won't last. Before class, write examples of earthly treasures on the rice or dissolvable peanuts and ways to treasure God on the Styrofoam peanuts. As you talk about each one, drop them into an empty bucket. At the conclusion of your presentation, add water to the bucket and watch the earthly treasures melt away. (It would be advisable to practice this before you do it in front of the class.)

 ③ **Treasure Chest (Role-Play).** 🦋, 🦋 Sit on a treasure chest while you tell today's Bible story. Be very covetous and protective of the treasure within it. Talk about having a great and wonderful treasure inside but be secretive as if you were very concerned that someone might steal it away. After telling the story, ask the students if they think they know what is in your treasure chest. At the appropriate time, pull out a Bible from the chest in a covetous fashion. Allow another teacher to come up and challenge you about how you are treasuring God's kingdom and righteousness. Have this second teacher initiate a brief discussion about how a person can really treasure a relationship with God and time in His Word.

 **Doing "Acts of Righteousness" Before Men (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦋, 🦋 Matthew 6:2, MAT04.GF3.

 **Hypocrites Praying in the Synagogues and on the Street Corners (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦋, 🦋 Matthew 6:5, MAT04.GF4.

 **Birds of the Air and Lilies of the Field (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦋, 🦋 Matthew 6:26, 28-29, MAT04.GF5.

Bible Adventure for 1st – 6th Grades -

Here's a question for you: What are your treasures? Now you may be thinking, "Treasures? I don't have any treasures! Treasures are things like gold and jewels, the things pirates have hidden in their secret chests. I just have stuff!" Well, think again. A treasure is anything that we hold dear and we think will give us happiness and meaning in our lives. For some that may mean trendy clothes, the hottest new toy, or a really big house. But treasures aren't just limited to something you can hold in your hand and touch and feel. You can also treasure what other people think about you. You may get your happiness from folks paying a lot of attention to you and thinking you are really great. Jesus had a lot to say about true and lasting treasure.

Last week, we learned that Jesus had gained many followers because of His teachings and miracles. One day, He and His disciples were gathered on a hill, and Jesus began telling them about the kingdom of heaven. In Matthew chapter 5, Jesus told them to live their lives in such a way that all the praise and attention went to God. He said in verse 16, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." God is what we should treasure most and our lives should point others to Him.

Today we are going to learn more about true treasure in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus told His followers not to treasure and seek praise from men. He said in Matthew 6:1, "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." Acts of righteousness are good things in and of themselves, such as giving to the poor and prayer. However, if we do them just to be noticed and praised by other people, then that is all the reward we will get. God will not reward us. In Jesus' day, men would blow trumpets and make a big deal to show everyone they were giving money to the poor. They did it just so others would think they were great. It had nothing to do with God. People prayed in much the same way. They would go on and on with long and fancy prayers so others would think they were very godly. It wasn't that they were doing something wrong; it's just that they were doing it in a very selfish way. These people treasured man's praise more than God's praise.

In addition to treasuring praise and attention from other people, we can treasure special possessions like toys, bikes, computer games, etc. But possessions do not last. Sooner or later, they will be destroyed or perhaps stolen. Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal." Instead, "store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (6:19, 20a). And what is the greatest thing we can treasure? God's kingdom and His righteousness. To treasure anything more than Him is sin and will never lead to true and lasting happiness. Jesus declared in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Part of treasuring God is choosing to trust Him to care for us instead of worrying. He is good and compassionate and knows just what we need. We are not to worry about what we are going to eat or the clothes we wear. Jesus pointed out to His followers that God is faithful to feed the birds of the air and clothe the lilies of the field in great splendor. Then He asked, "Are you not much more valuable than they?" (26b) Of course we are! If God cares for them, He will surely care for us! Don't worry; instead, pray and ask God to meet all your needs.

In today's study of Matthew we have learned to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness as our greatest treasure. God's kingdom is found in the Person and work of His Son, Jesus. Knowing Jesus, obeying Jesus, and telling others about Jesus is the work of God's kingdom. Seeking righteousness means striving to be more and more like God's Son. We must pray that God will give us the power to pray, give, serve, and love others with the right motives. We must also confess our sins. When we pursue the treasure of God's kingdom and His righteousness, we will be truly happy. Stop seeking after the treasures of this world, such as the praise and attention of others and material possessions. Instead, seek Jesus and His righteousness, which is a treasure that will last forever.

Aim Questions

- 1. What treasures do people seek?** *(Praise from men, earthly possessions.)*
- 2. What is wrong with these treasures?** *(They don't last and they are sin if we want them more than Jesus.)*
- 3. Can we do the right things for the wrong reasons?** *(Yes, even things like giving and praying can be done for the praise of men and not to please God.)*
- 4. Can we love earthly treasure and God at the same time?** *(No. If we seek earthly treasure to make us happy, we are showing God that He doesn't make us happy.)*
- 5. What is supposed to be our treasure?** *(Jesus' kingdom and righteousness.)*
- 6. How can you seek God's kingdom and righteousness?** *(Pray, know Jesus better, obey Him, and get rid of sin.)*



Look:



① **The Disciple's Prayer (Worksheet).** 🦋 Knowing that God will meet our needs daily, we can praise Him with our prayers. Give each student **MAT04.GF6 Pg. 1**. Read each section of the formula for our daily prayers and talk about ways we should pray. Have the students unscramble the words and discover the key words that describe the outline for this prayer. *Answer Key: MAT04.GF6 Pg. 2.*



For the younger students, teachers can use **MAT04.GF6 Pg. 1** as a reference as they talk with the students about the composition of our prayers. As you talk, they can color the picture on **MAT04.GF6 Pg. 3**. Once completed, they can mount the picture on a piece of construction paper. As the parents come to pick up their children, suggest that they use this picture as a model for bedtime prayers this next week.



① **God's Provisions and Promises (Discussion).** 🦋 Explain that God promises to provide for our needs. He wants us to depend upon Him and not ourselves. We must seek His kingdom and His righteousness first, and He will supply all of our other needs. Have the students look up the verses listed on **MAT04.GF11 Pg. 2** which is on the Take-Home Sheet for the TOOK activity *Where Is My Treasure Today?* Talk about what they mean and how we might apply them in our lives.



② **Where Is Your Heart? (Craft/Discussion).** 🦋, 🦋 Each student will need:

MAT04.GF7 Pg. 1 instruction sheet

1 card from **MAT04.GF7 Pg. 2** copied onto white cardstock

1 heart from **MAT04.GF7 Pg. 3** copied onto red/pink cardstock

1 piece of yarn about 8" long

coloring crayons or markers

tape

As the students put this craft together, be sure to talk about earthly versus heavenly treasures. Explain that, if we seek after earthly treasures and immediate rewards, we may miss out on heaven's treasure, which is God. Talk about humility versus bragging, immediate versus eternal, and how earthly treasures bring worry but heavenly treasures bring peace. If we are treasuring God, we are not relying upon ourselves. If we are treasuring God, we will depend totally upon His provision for us.



③ **What Do You Treasure? (Discussion/Activity).** 🦋, 🦋 Have the students sit in a circle. Tell them that each student will have a chance to answer the following question:

"What do you treasure, and why do you treasure it?"

When stating the question, use synonyms for "treasure" such as prize, cherish, value, and love. Give an example to be sure that the students understand the question. Move around the circle, helping students make a clear statement by naming a particular thing that is important to them and the reason why. Discuss briefly the word "praise" with the students. Explain that "praise" is the recognition of a good thing. When we treasure something, we show that it is valuable, that we think it is a good thing. After some discussion, ask the students:

1. Can we treasure God?

2. How do we do it, and what does it look like?

End the discussion by having the students around the circle answer the following question:

"What do you treasure about God and why?"

Explain that their responses are very much like the praises we should consistently be giving to God in prayer.




➤ **Seek First (Puzzle).**





Have the students find the path to heavenly treasure by following the word KINGDOM through the puzzle, **MAT04.GF8 Pgs. 1 & 2**.



Challenge the students to find the path to the heavenly treasure by following the word KINGDOM through the puzzle. Discuss with them what types of treasures Jesus is talking about and list them on the board under two categories: Treasures of Heaven and Treasures of Earth. Ask what else would be added to the heavenly treasures if they first seek His kingdom and righteousness, **MAT04.GF8 Pgs. 3 & 4**.

 ➤ **Aim Questions (Worksheet).** 🍌 Have the students answer the Aim Questions about today's Bible Adventure, **MAT04.GF9**.

 ➤ **Passage Review Questions (Worksheet).** 🍌, 🦋 This booklet contains many questions from the Scripture passage covered in today's lesson. The students may work on them in class and complete them during the week at home, **MAT04.GF10**.

 ➤ **Matthew 6:33 (Memory Verse Song).** 🍌 Words and music for today's memory verse are available upon request from Children's Ministry.



Took:

 ② **Where Is My Treasure Today? (Discussion/Take-Home Sheet).** 🍌, 🦋 Ask the students the following questions:

1. Have you ever known people who liked to have everyone look at them and approve of what they are doing?
2. Do they seem to have a lot of vanity?
3. Are they always trying to impress their friends with what they are doing?
4. Do they seem to try to impress their friends with what they own?
5. Do some of them try really hard to make you believe that they are focused on God but are clearly hypocritical and deceptive?
6. Is it possible to store up our treasures in heaven when we want other people's approval rather than God's approval?
7. Is it possible to look to God when we are focused upon ourselves and our earthly possessions?

Discuss with the students how it is very difficult to truly understand what is in someone's heart.


However, God can clearly see what is in our hearts and we can also. Sometimes we don't want to admit to ourselves that we can be selfish and self-centered and want others to think otherwise.

Encourage the students during this following week to be honest with themselves and ask God to help them understand their own heart attitudes and help them to see if they are focused on earthly treasures or heavenly treasures. Ask them the following questions:

8. Are you wanting people's approval or God's approval?
9. Are you glorifying God or glorifying yourself?
10. Are you seeking earthly treasures or God's treasures?

Give each student **MAT04.GF11 Pgs. 1 & 2**. Encourage them to read through the verses on

MAT04.GF11 Pg. 2 just before bedtime and ask God to reveal to them where their treasure was for the day. Have them write in the box provided an incident that occurred that day and meditate on God's Word and how it applies to them.

 ② **Distribution of Secret Pal Cards (Activity).** 🍌, 🦋 Review the lesson and emphasize how God sees all the good things we do and how it is more important to please Him than to get recognition from others.

 ① **Our Daily Bread (Take-Home Devotional).** 🍌, 🦋 Each student will need:

MAT04.GF12 Pgs. 1 & 2 copied onto cardstock

yarn

scissors

hole punch

Have the students assemble their devotionals using the following instructions:

1. Cut out each of the "loaf slices."
2. Punch holes in each slice.
3. Stack "slices" on top of each other using the "Daily Bread" slice as the cover.
4. String the yarn through the holes and tie.



② **Treasuring God (Craft/Worksheet).** 🐛, 🦋 Each student will need:

MAT04.GF13 Pg. 1

MAT04.GF13 Pg. 2 copied onto pink/red cardstock

1 standard size envelope 5³/₈ x 4¹/₂

coloring crayons or markers

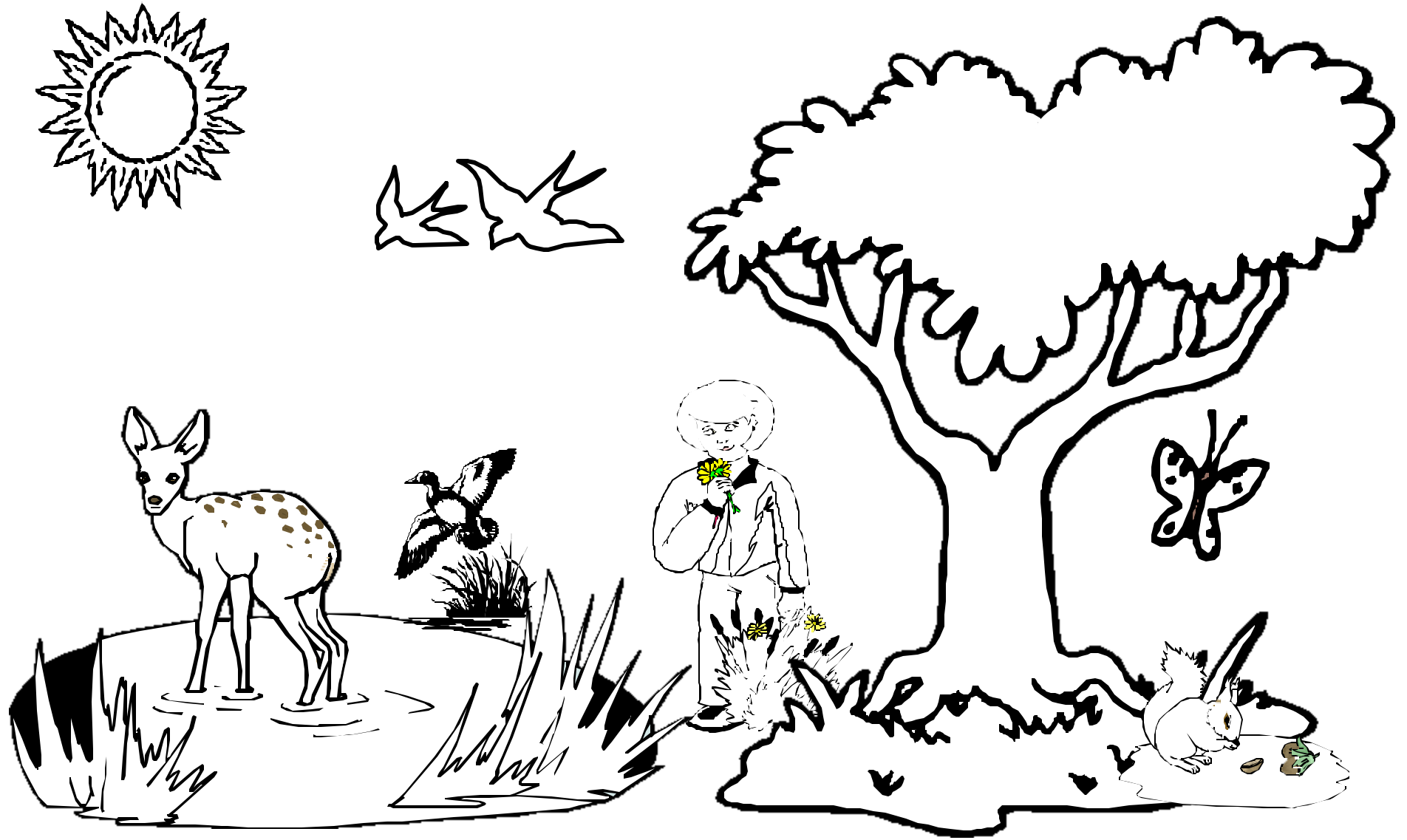
glue

Have the students follow the directions below to complete their crafts:

1. Glue the treasure chest on the flap side of the envelope. (You will need to cut the flap to open the envelope.)
2. The title and verse can be glued on the treasure chest side, as well.
3. The picture of the child can be glued onto the front of the envelope.

Ask the students how they can remember to treasure God this week. Discuss how we can treasure God by pleasing Him and spending time with Him. Encourage the students to rely upon God's eternal rewards and not earthly ones. Only God's treasures are lasting ones.

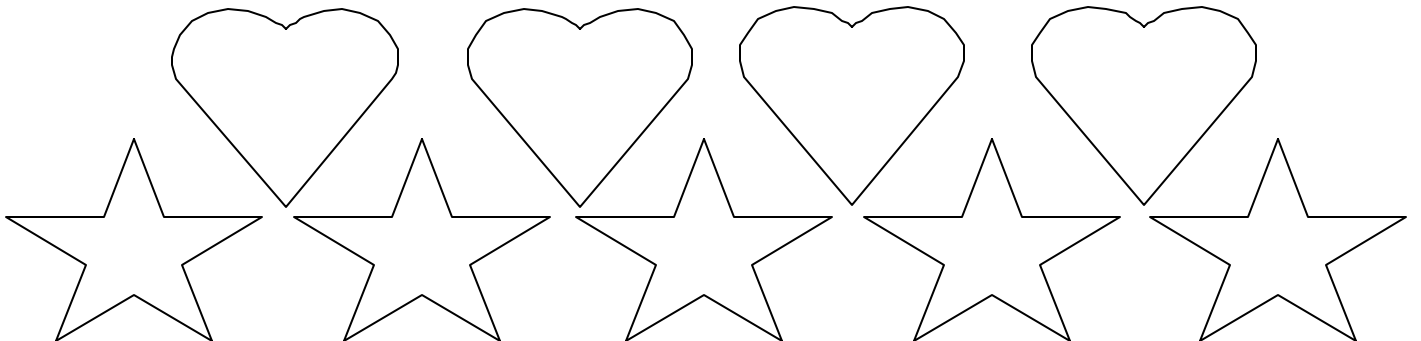
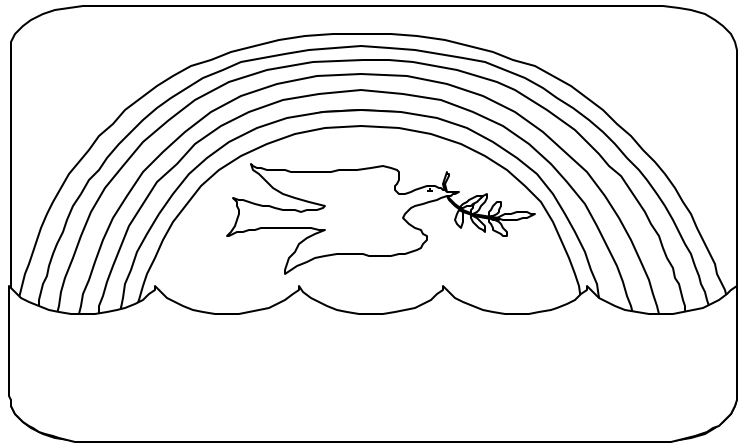
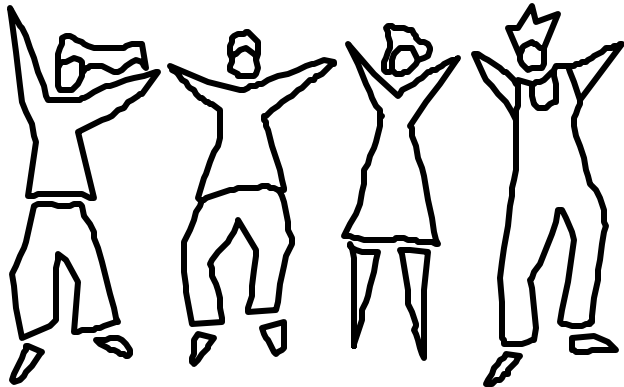
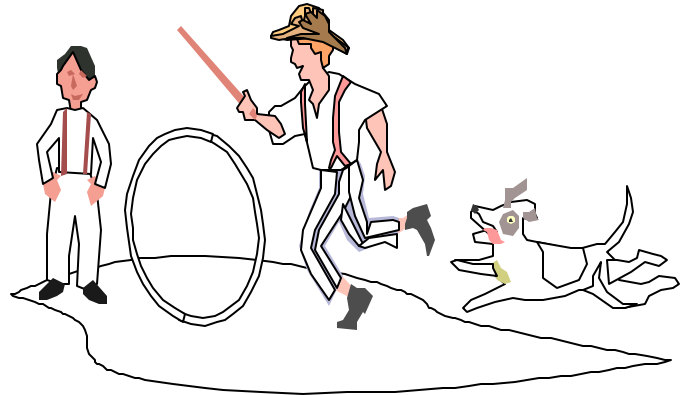
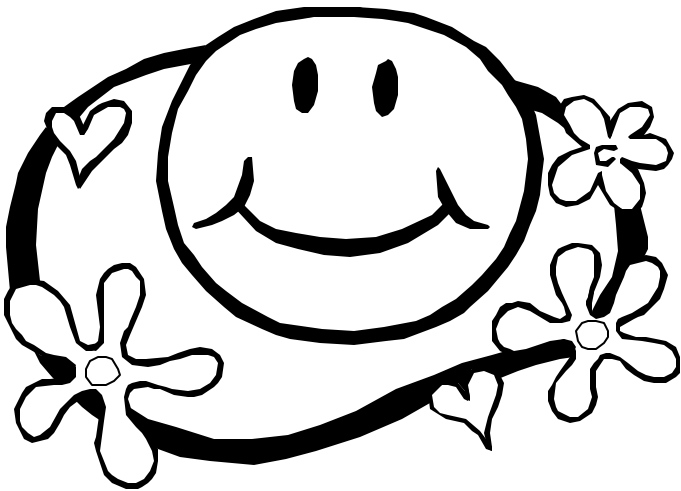
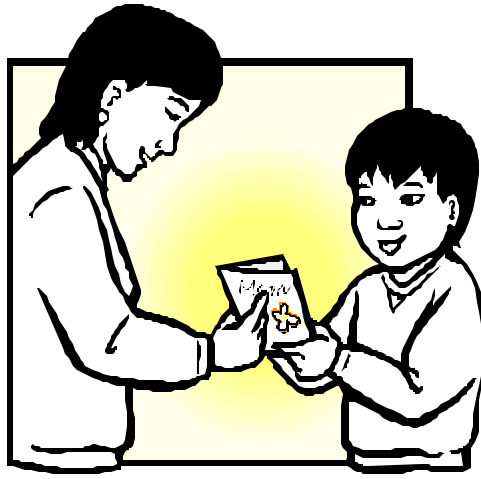
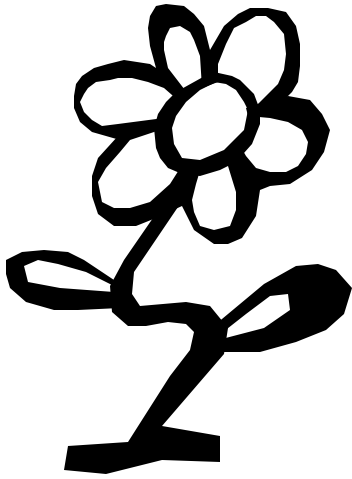
God Takes Care of His Creation

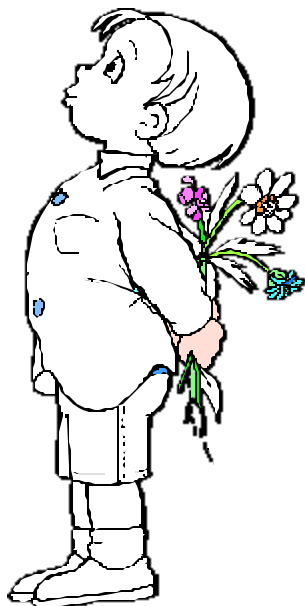
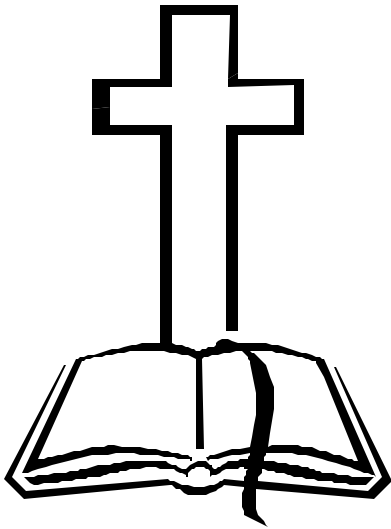
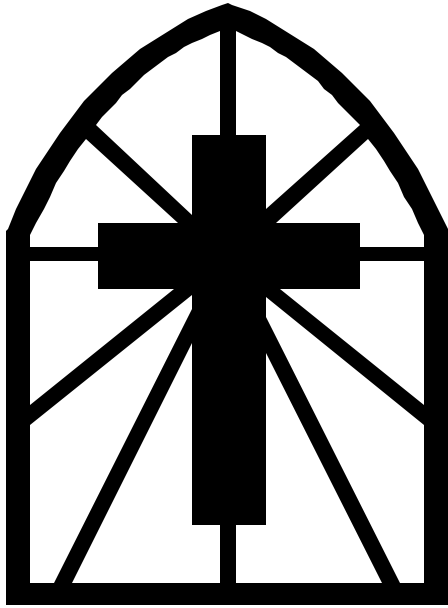


"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

Secret Pals

Use the pictures from this sheet to make a card for someone else. Keep it a secret so that they don't know who the card has come from.

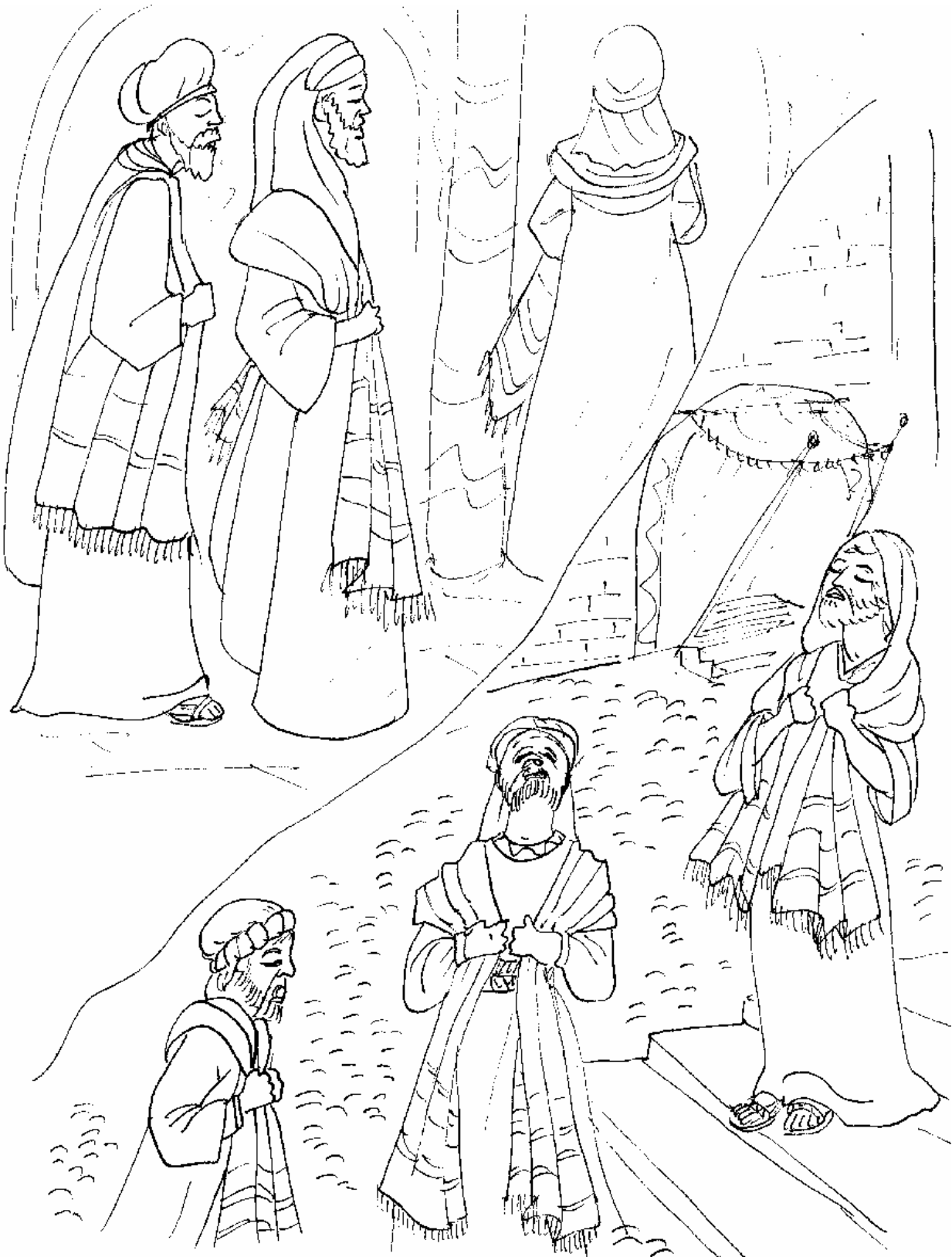




Doing "Acts of Righteousness" Before Men



Hypocrites Praying in the Synagogues and on the Street Corners



Birds of the Air and Lilies of the Field



The Disciple's Prayer

“Our Father in heaven,

(Coming before the Creator of the universe)

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R S O P I W H

hallowed be Your name,

(reverence before a holy and perfect God)

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E V R C E R N E E

Your kingdom come,

(acknowledging His promises)

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N A C P I A T T I N O I

Your will be done

(seeking to please Him and accomplish His will)

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K E G S E I N

on earth as it is in heaven.

(now and forever)

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E A L E T R N

Give us today our daily bread.

(we must depend upon Him)

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N E D E C P E D N A

Forgive us our debts,

(keeping short accounts with Him when we sin)

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K U L A H T N F

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

(desiring to forgive as we have been forgiven)

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D I B E T N E O

And lead us not into temptation,

(asking for strength to resist temptation)

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H N S G T R T E

but deliver us from the evil one.”

(and keep us from Satan's grasp)

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N O R T I T C O P E

The Disciple's Prayer (Answer Key)

“Our Father in heaven,
(Coming before the Creator of the universe)

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R S O P I W H

hallowed be Your name,
(reverence before a holy and perfect God)

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E V R C E R N E E

Your kingdom come,
(acknowledging His promises)

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N A C P I A T T I N O I

Your will be done
(seeking to please Him and accomplish His will)

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K E G S E I N

on earth as it is in heaven.
(now and forever)

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E A L E T R N

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(we must depend upon Him)

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K U L A H T N F

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D I B E T N E O

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but deliver us from the evil one.”
(and keep us from Satan's grasp)

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N O R T I T C O P E

The Disciple's Prayer

*“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven
our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from the evil one.”*

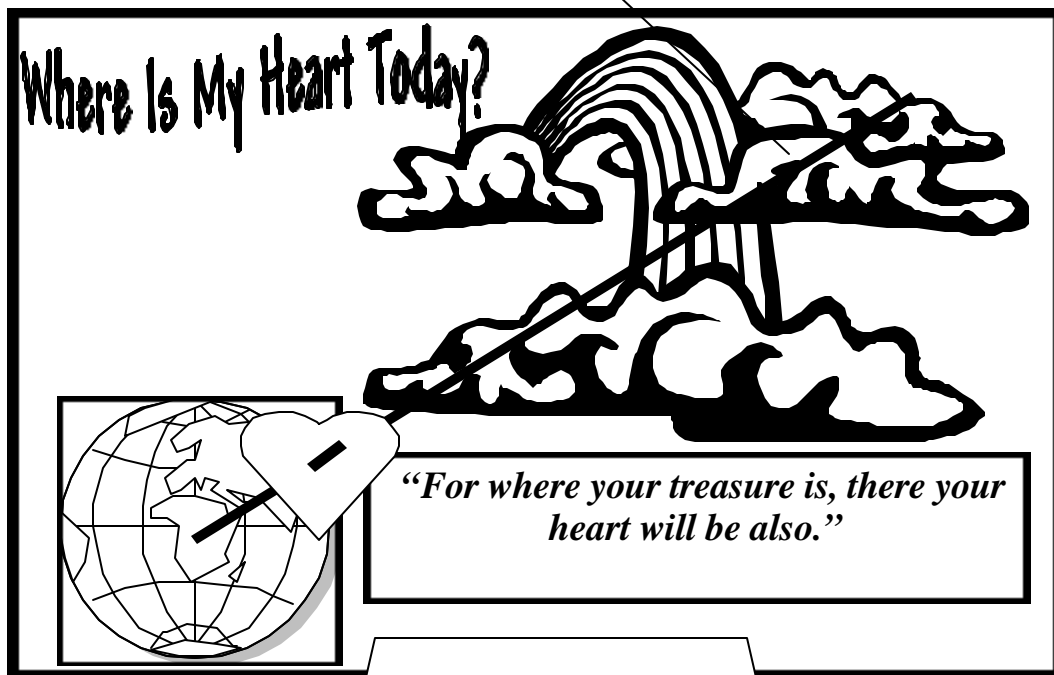


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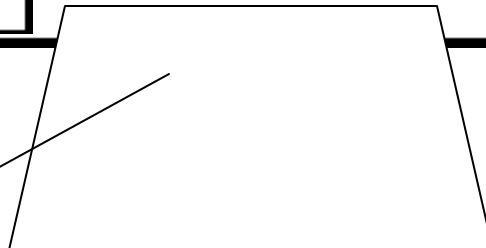
1. Color the card.
2. Punch a small hole up in the right corner and one down in the left corner.
3. Run a piece of yarn between the two.
4. Thread the heart through the yarn and tape the ends of the yarn behind the card.
5. Cut a styrofoam cup down and make a slit in the bottom side to hold the card upright.

Yarn with heart that slides along the yarn.

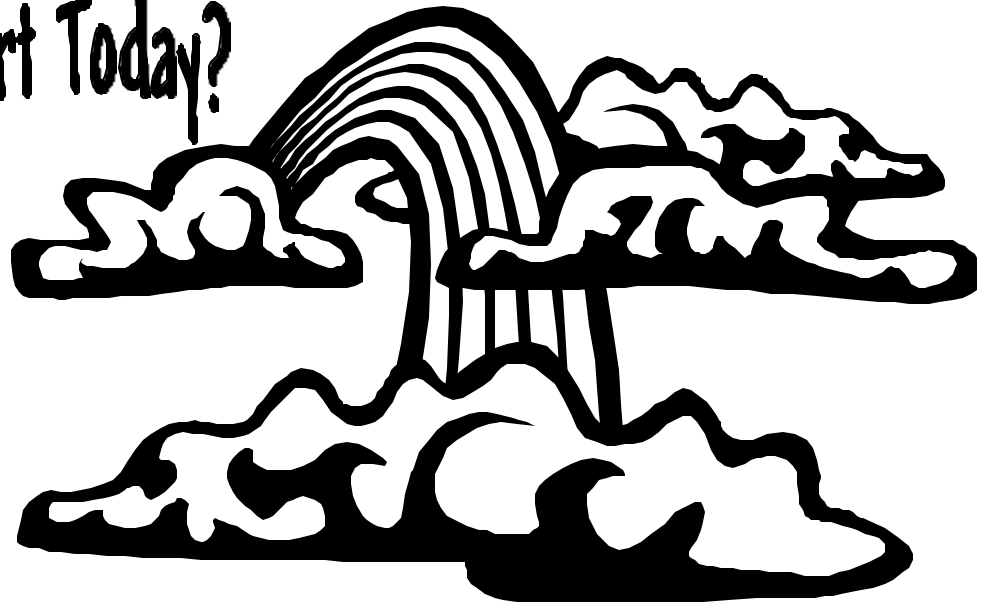
Yarn is fed through the holes in the card and taped to the reverse side of the card.



Inverted styrofoam cup cut down and slit in the bottom.

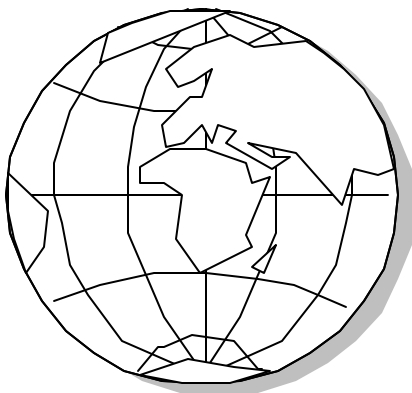


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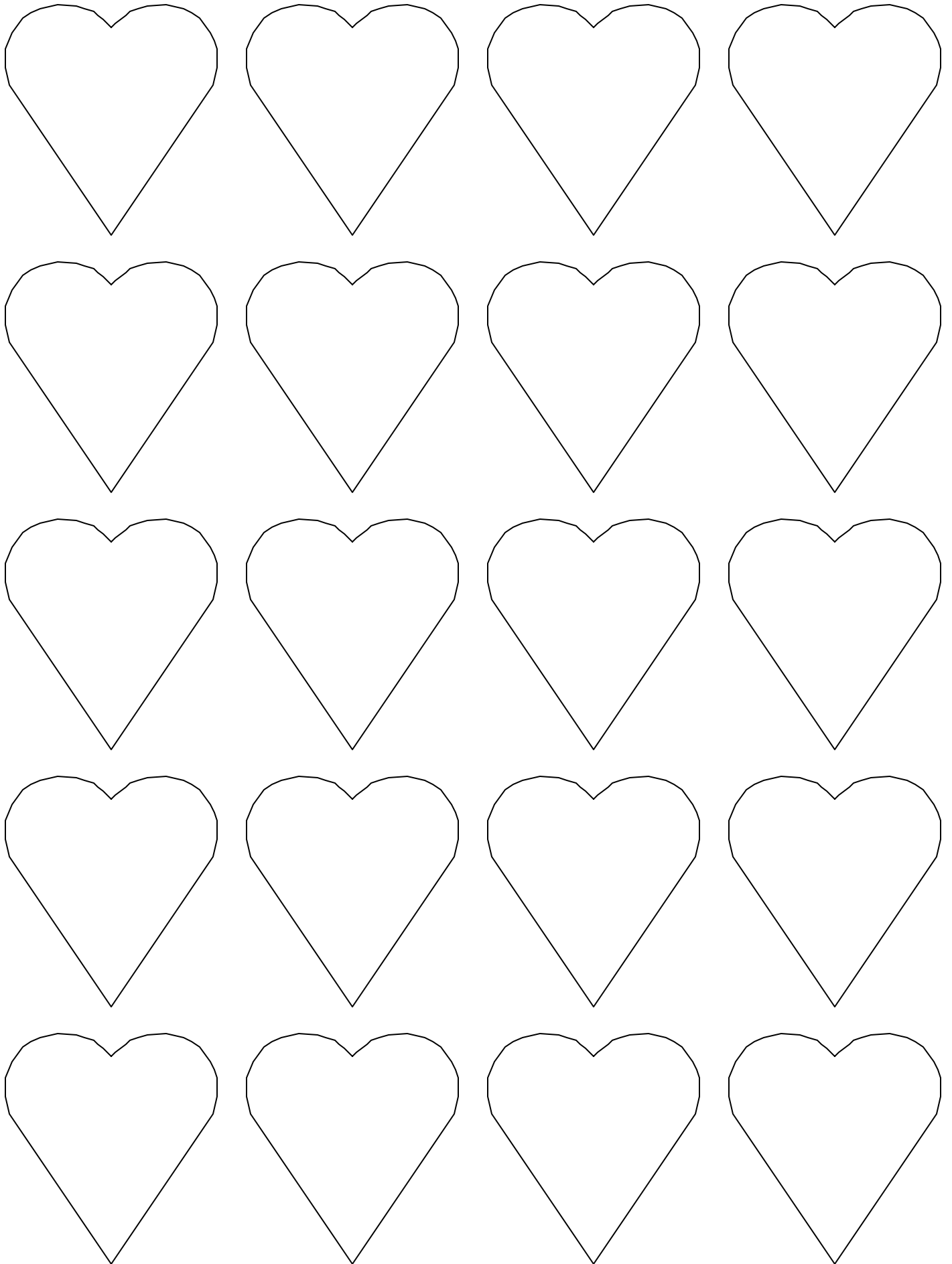


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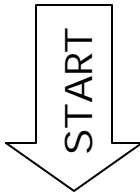


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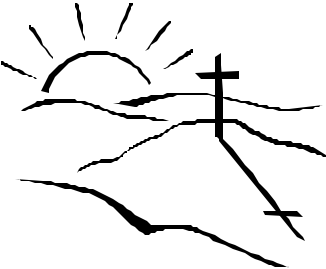

Seek First

Follow the word "KINGDOM" through the puzzle to the HEAVENLY TREASURES



Matthew 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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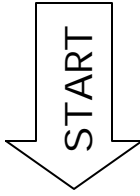


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Follow the word "KINGDOM" through the puzzle to the Heavenly Treasures.
You cannot travel on a diagonal.



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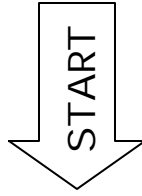
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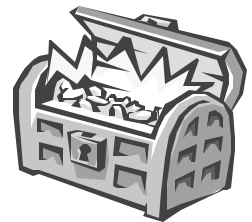
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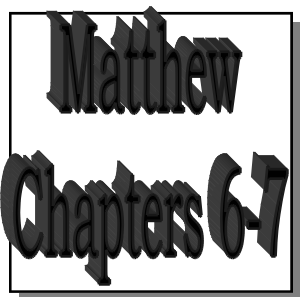


Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. What treasures do people seek?
2. What is wrong with these treasures?
3. Can we do the right things for the wrong reasons?
4. Can we love earthly treasure and God at the same time?
5. What is supposed to be our treasure?
6. How can you seek God's kingdom and righteousness?

Seek to know Jesus. Seek to love Him for Who He is. Seek to do His will according to His Word. This includes praying to Him, loving Him, obeying Him, and telling others about Him. Seek righteousness in your own life. Ask Him to work through you to get rid of disobedience and wrong motives. When you do this, God will take care of all your needs here on earth.



*"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Matthew 6:33

Passage Review Questions

Matthew Chapters 6-7

If you do good things for the approval of men, how will God reward you?
(6:1)

How should you give to the needy, obey your parents, or do good works?
(6:2-4)

Where should you store your treasures? (6:19)

What kinds of treasures can you store in heaven? (6:19-21)

What happens to treasures (things that we value) here on earth? (6:19)

What is true happiness, pursuing the Kingdom of God or pursuing the world? (6:19-21)

What is considered the “lamp of the body”? (6:22)

If you are viewing the world as God’s views the world, what kind of heart will you have? (6:22-23)

If you are desiring things that are not healthy or wanting things that you don’t have, and it interferes with your desire for God, what kind of heart will you have? (6:23)

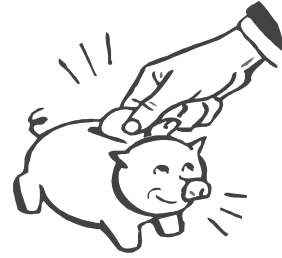
Can someone serve two masters? (6:24)

What will the relationship be like if a person tries to serve two masters? (6:24)

Do you desire money or other things more than you desire God? (6:24)



Where Is My Treasure Today?



	Looking to God & witnessing to others	Looking to self, seeking earthly riches
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

Where Is My Treasure Today? Verses

Exodus 20:4

“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.”

Galatians 5:13,14

“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. 14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Philippians 4:5-8

“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

James 2:1

“My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, ‘Here's a good seat for you,’ but say to the poor man, ‘You stand there’ or ‘Sit on the floor by my feet,’ 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

1 Peter 3:8

“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.”

1 John 3:9,10

“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.”

Proverbs 28:13

“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

1 Timothy 6:1,2

“All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered. 2 Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are believers, and dear to them. These are the things you are to teach and urge on them.”

Luke 21:1-4

“As He looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3 ‘I tell you the truth,’ he said, ‘this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.’”

Jeremiah 9:23,24

“This is what the LORD says: ‘Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,’ declares the LORD.”

Exodus 20:7

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”

Our Daily Bread

*“Shout with joy to God,
all the earth!
Sing the glory of His
name; make His praise
glorious!
Say to God, ‘How
awesome are Your
deeds!
So great is Your power
that Your enemies
cringe before You.
All the earth bows
down to you;
they sing praise to You,
they sing praise to Your
name.’”
Psalm 66:1-4*

*“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:1-10*

*“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far out-weighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”
2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

“A certain ruler asked Him, ‘Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘Why do you call Me good?’ Jesus answered. ‘No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’

‘All these I have kept since I was a boy,’ he said.

When Jesus heard this, He said to him, ‘You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.’ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’”

Luke 18:18-25

“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 100

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

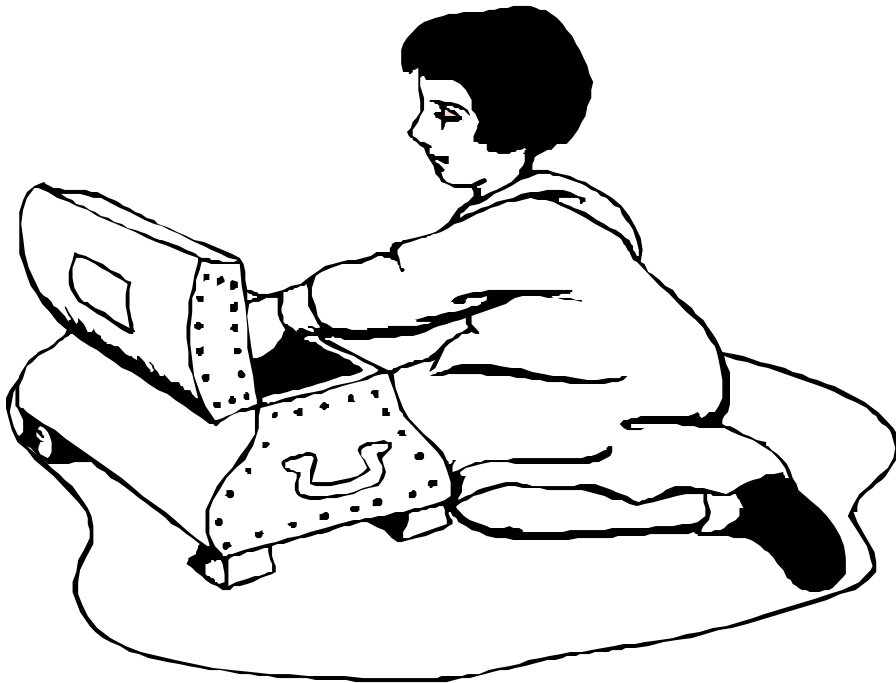
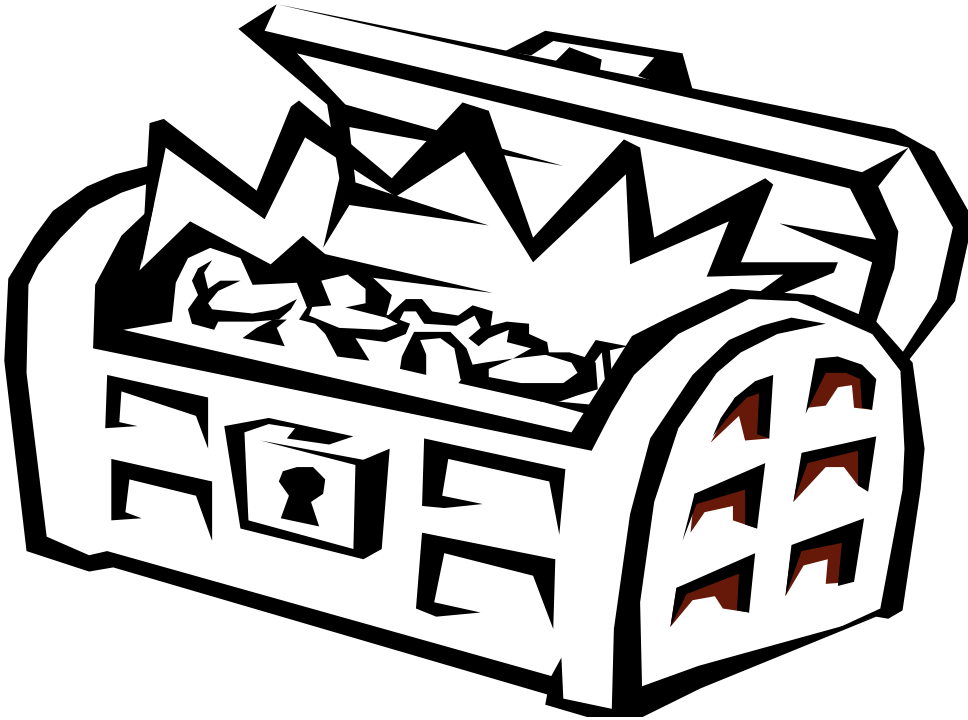
Matthew 19:14

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”

1 John 2:15-17

Treasuring God

*"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
Matthew 6:33*



Example



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