

# Kids Church

June 28, 2026

## K- 1<sup>st</sup> Grades

**Theme This Week-** “God is a real treasure!”

**Prayer Time-** Don't let us leave this place without a better understanding of how precious it is to follow Your Son Jesus, to experience your Kingdom right here on earth. Help us to see the ultimate value that is in living the life you have called us to live.

**Challenge-** Would you rather..... Treasure edition

**Special Story-** I found \$10. Al's \$9,000.

**Memory Verse –** “May Your Kingdom come. May what You want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.” Matthew 6:10

**Songs-** Free, Goodness of God, Jesus Loves Me

**Devotion-** Hidden Treasure  
Matthew 13:44-46

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# Small Group Time

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## Find the Pearl

### What You Need:

- Bible
- Plastic tablecloth
- Plastic bins
- Puffle
- Small objects (like rocks, pom-poms, shells, or beads)
- Special “pearls” (white marbles or large, sparkly pom-poms)

### What You Do:

#### *Before the Activity:*

- Spread out the tablecloth on the floor.
- Place the two bins on the tablecloth, and fill each bin, several small objects (like rocks, pom-poms, shells, or beads), and one of the special “pearls” (white marbles or large, sparkly pom-poms).

#### *During the Activity:*

- Open the Bible to Matthew 13:44-46.
- Read the passage out loud.
- Review the stories of the hidden treasure and the pearl.
- Ask: “What can you tell me about the parable of the hidden treasure?” (*There was a man who found a treasure hidden in a field. He sold absolutely everything and bought that field!*)
- Ask: “What can you tell me about the parable of the pearl?” (*There was a pearl trader who found a very valuable pearl. He sold everything to buy that pearl!*)
- Say: “Today we’re going to pretend to search for a pearl, like the man in Jesus’ story did.”
- Divide the group into two teams, and give each team a bin.
- On “Go,” teams must dig through their bin to find their special pearl.
- The first team to find their pearl wins.

- After the game, talk about how the man in the story gave up everything he had just for that one special pearl.

### What You Say:

“You found the pearl! The man in the Bible Story thought the pearl was the most valuable thing he could ever find. Jesus said, *‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who was looking for fine pearls. He found one that was very valuable. So he went away and sold everything he had. And he bought that pearl’* (Matthew 13:45-46 NIV).

“Like that pearl, God and His kingdom are more important than anything else! When Jesus first called the disciples, they showed that they had already begun to understand this. When Jesus found Peter and Andrew fishing by the Sea of Galilee, He told them, *‘Come and follow me. ... I will send you out to fish for people’* (Matthew 4:19 NIV). Jesus later called James and John right out of their fishing boat. All four men left their nets and boats and followed Jesus immediately. They knew in their hearts, if not yet in their minds, that Jesus is worth everything. These men left their families and their jobs behind to follow Jesus and help spread the news of God’s kingdom.

“God’s kingdom is the most incredible, valuable treasure. Jesus told these two stories, about the treasure and the pearl, so we could all know that **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.**”

## Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!

### Memory Verse Showdown

#### What You Need:

- Bibles

#### What You Do:

##### *During the Activity:*

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Matthew 6:10.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Ask for two volunteers to have a “Memory Verse Showdown.”
- Instruct the two kid volunteers to stand back-to-back.

- On the count of three, the kids take one step and turn to face each other, like an old-fashioned showdown.
- The first one to say the complete Memory Verse correctly wins that round!
- Let the winner choose the next person to challenge.
- Continue until several kids have had a chance to have a showdown.

### What You Say:

“Awesome showdowns, everyone! You are getting so good at that verse. When we pray for God’s kingdom to come, we are saying that we want what God wants more than anything else.

“But what is God’s kingdom? Well, God is loving, joyful, kind, just, and good. And His kingdom is like He is. The kingdom is like the King! So when we pray that prayer, we are asking God to spread His love, joy, kindness, justice, and goodness right here on earth. We are saying that **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.**”

## Discussion Questions

1. What are some ways we can describe the Kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God it is where we find love, joy, peace, kindness, trust, and patience in His people. It is sometimes what we experience at Church, what we experience in our family, and what we experience with our Christian friends.
2. Name some places where you feel like you are in the Kingdom of God?
3. Where are some places you just love to be?
4. How can you help others experience the Kingdom of God?
5. In Jesus’ story, what did the man find in the field? A treasure.
6. What did he do with that treasure? He hid it back in the field and then went and sold everything he had to buy that field.
7. What would you do if you found a treasure that was on someone else’s property?
8. What did the second man find? A very valuable Pearl.
9. What did he do? He sold everything he had to buy that Pearl.
10. What is Jesus trying to teach us with these stories? That being a part of God’s Kingdom is the most valuable thing we can have on this earth.
11. What are some things you can do at home to help your family experience the Kingdom of God.
12. How can we love people in our family better? What about sharing peace and kindness?