

# Kids Church

June 28, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</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

## Hidden Message

### What You Need:

- Bible
- "Hidden Message" Activity Page
- Paper
- Coloring supplies

### What You Do:

#### *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!*)
- Emphasize how the men in the stories gave up everything they had to get the one treasure.
- Give each kid a "Hidden Message" Activity Page.
- First, let the kids color the treasure chest on every other section as it appears on their paper, and color in the letters appearing on the other sections.
- Then, guide them through the folding steps. Show them how to fold the paper on the fold lines to reveal the hidden message: "God's kingdom."

### What You Say:

"Wow, look at that! When you folded the paper just right, a secret message appeared! It says, 'God's kingdom.' That's what the treasure in our story is all about.

"One day, Jesus taught a great crowd along the Sea of Galilee. He used stories called parables to explain what God's kingdom is like and how it grows. Afterward, back at the house where they were staying, Jesus' closest friends wanted to know more. Jesus

told them that His kingdom was more precious than hidden treasure or the most valuable, valuable pearl.

“Jesus said that truly finding God’s kingdom is more exciting and more valuable than treasure. In fact, it’s worth giving up all the other important things to keep this one thing. **[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?