Hidden Treasure Hunt

Materials

Clue Cards (following pages)
Clue Card Answers (following pages)
Bibles
Treasure box with prizes (e.g., small wrapped candies, chocolate coins, cookies, bookmarks pencils, etc.)

Instructions

Before class, prepare a "treasure box" by placing prizes in a box or container. You may want to wrap it in gold/yellow paper or decorate it to look like a treasure chest. Hide the treasure box in another classroom, a hallway, a cupboard, etc. Print and cut out clue cards. Tape or place them around the room for students to find. Print one copy of the answer sheet for your use.

Tell students to search for the clue cards and bring them back to their seats. For a large class, students may need to work in pairs/groups on the clue cards after they're found. Give them time to look up their verses in Proverbs to find the answer to their question(s).

Have students share their question and answer on their card. Verify answers with the answer sheet. When everyone has shared, reward them with a hint (or hints) for where to find the treasure. Once they guess the location, send one or more students to collect the treasure and bring it back to the class to share.

Option: You may draw blanks on the board to spell the location of the hidden treasure (e.g., cupboard, closet, hallway). Then for every 1-2 clue cards the students answer, you can write a letter in a blank so that when the cards are solved, the word on the board is the hint for the treasure.

Suggested Discussion

Proverbs tells us to search for wisdom as for hidden treasure. When we study the Bible and ask questions about what verses mean and how we can use them in our own lives, we are searching for wisdom! For those who are children of God, the rewards of wisdom aren't necessarily having earthly treasure like money, but wisdom helps us handle the difficulties of life and positions us for heavenly rewards.

Proverbs 22:1

What is to be chosen rather than great riches?

What is better than silver or gold?

Proverbs 25:28

What is like a city broken into and left without walls?

Proverbs 14:27

What is a fountain of life?

Proverbs 20:11

Who is known by his acts, whether his conduct is pure and right?

Proverbs 29:25

What lays a snare (trap)? Who is safe from the snare?

Proverbs 4:23

What should you keep with all vigilance?

Proverbs 18:10

What is a strong tower?

Proverbs 15:32

He who listens to reproof gains what?

Clue Card Answers

Proverbs 22:1

What is to be chosen rather than great riches? A good name What is better than silver or gold? Favor

Proverbs 25:28

What is like a city broken into and left without walls? A man without self-control

Proverbs 14:27

What is a fountain of life? The fear of the Lord

Proverbs 20:11

Who is known by his acts, whether his conduct is pure and right? A child

Proverbs 29:25

What lays a snare (trap)? The fear of man

Who is safe from the snare? Whoever trusts in the Lord

Proverbs 4:23

What should you keep with all vigilance? Your heart

Proverbs 18:10

What is a strong tower? The name of the Lord

Proverbs 15:32

He who listens to reproof gains what? Intelligence