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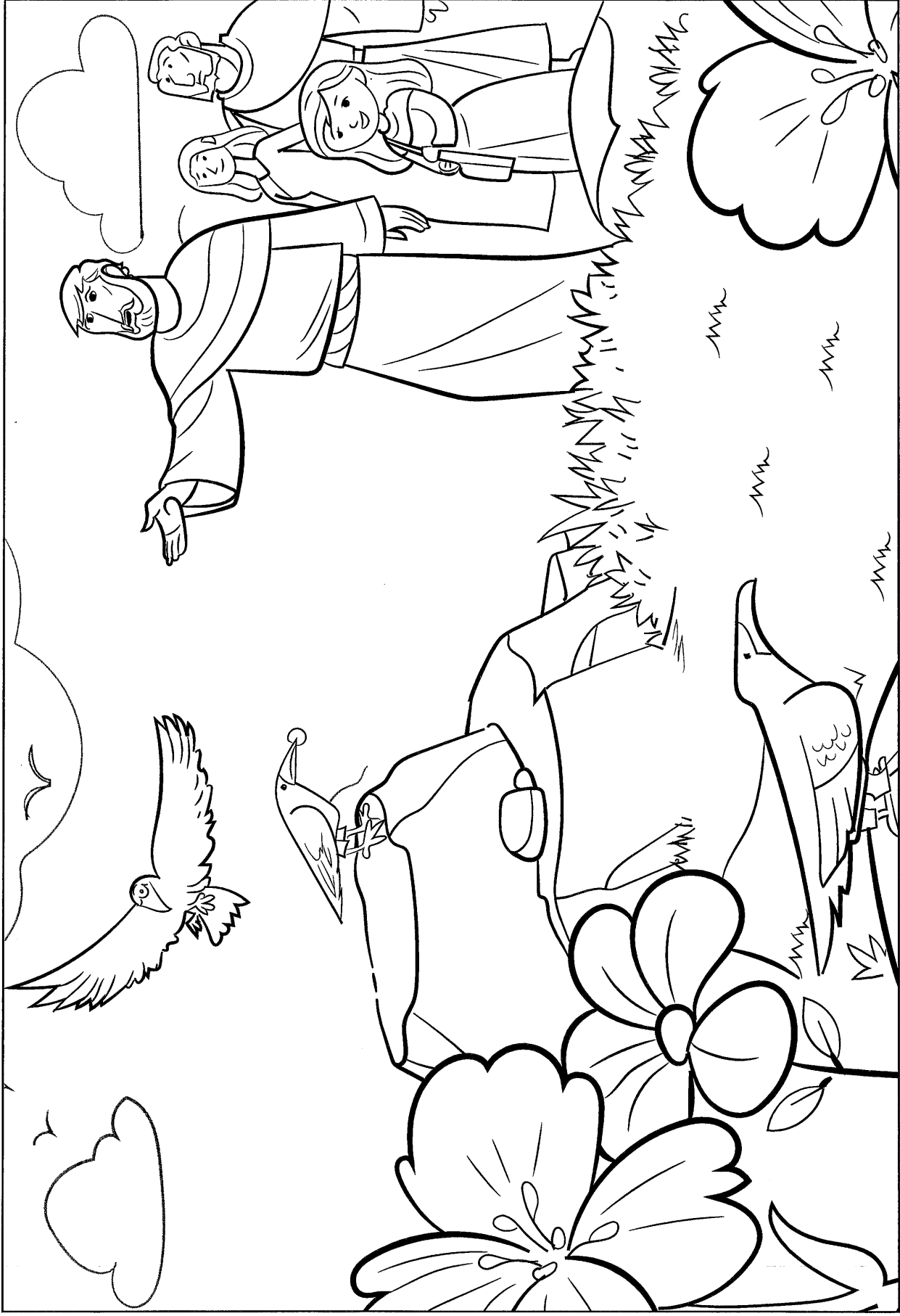
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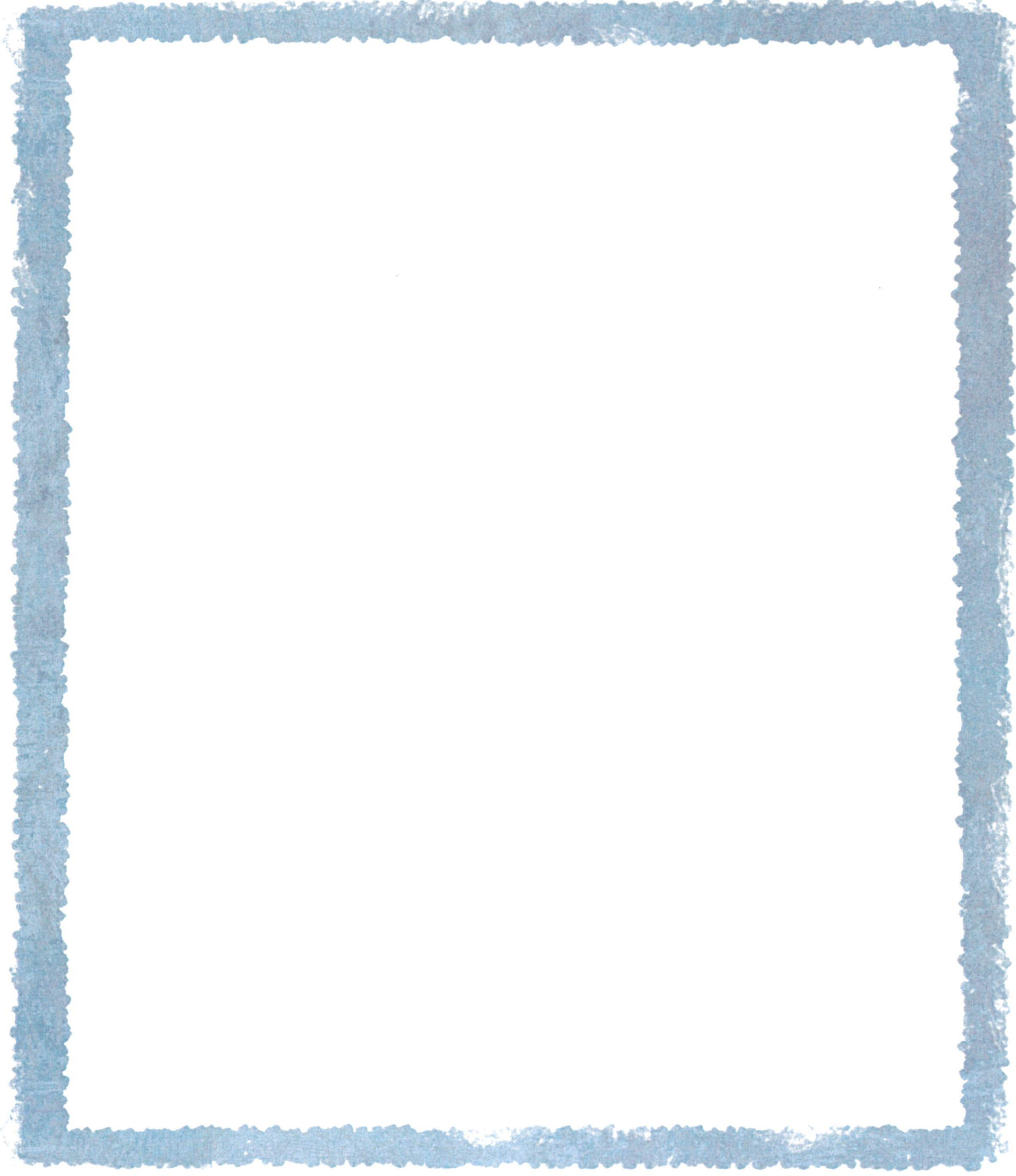
Christ Connection: Jesus is our greatest treasure. Jesus left His place in heaven to live humbly on earth. Jesus obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give generously and trust God to provide everything we need.

Key Passage: John 14:25-26



Fashion Statement

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the space provided to design something you would like to wear.



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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- A man asked Jesus to tell his brother to share with him.
- Jesus said life is about more than what we own.
- Jesus reminded people that God takes care of birds and flowers, and people matter more than either.
- Jesus taught people not to worry because God provides for our needs.

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why is Jesus the greatest treasure?
- How can we honor God with the things we own?
- When is it hard to be generous?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

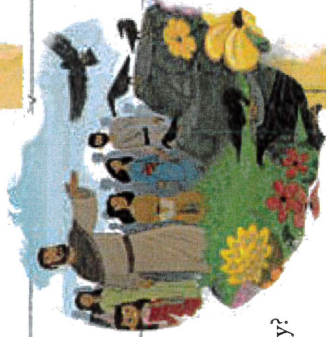
- Help your kids find toys or clothing in good shape. Donate the items to your church or a local charity. Talk about how Jesus' generosity inspires our own.



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Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE NOT TO WORRY BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.

Thousands of people came together to listen to Jesus' teaching. Jesus said, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed. True life is not found in what you own."

Then Jesus told the people a parable: "A rich man owned land that produced many crops. He didn't have anywhere to store all of his crops, so he said to himself, 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then, I'll have so much stored up that I can stop working and relax.' But God told the man, 'You are a fool! You will die this very night, and then what good is everything you have stored up?'"

Then Jesus told His disciples, "Do not worry about your life or your body. Think about the birds: They do not plant or collect grain, yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth more than birds?"

Jesus also said, "Think about the wildflowers. They don't work or make clothing, yet they are lovelier than a great and rich king in his fancy clothes. If that is how God takes care of grass, how much more will He do for you?"

"Seek God's kingdom," He said, "and God will provide what you need." Finally Jesus said, "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in heaven lasts forever. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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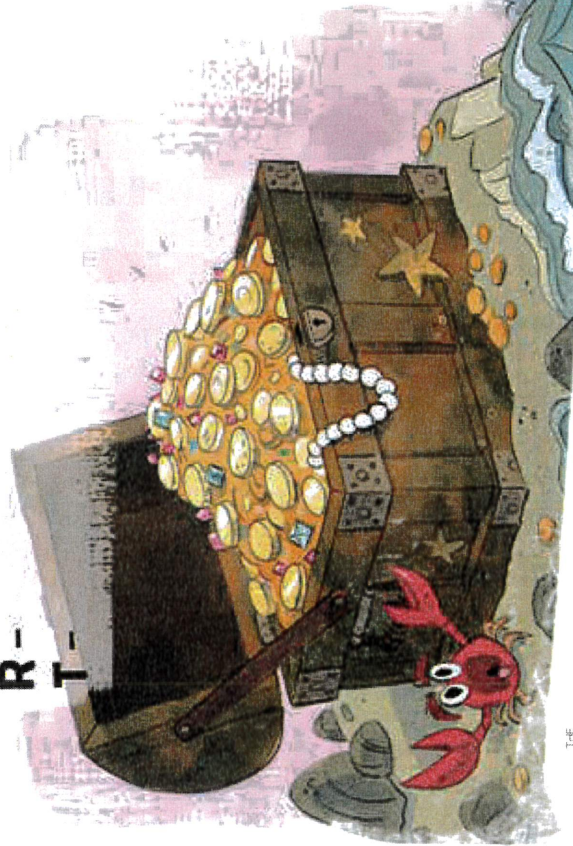
FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How have you seen God provide for your family?
- How do you know if something is a want or a need?
- What current needs does your family have? Pray and ask God to provide.

Treasure Box

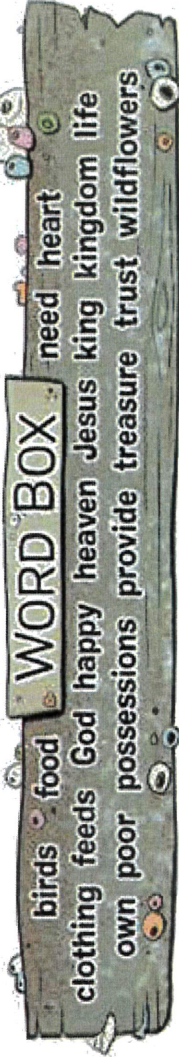
For each letter, list something you treasure—or value very much.

A -
C -
D -
E -
F -
G -
H -
I -
L -
M -
N -
O -
R -
T -



Bible Story Blanks

Fill in each blank with the correct word from the word box.



WORD BOX

birds • food • need • heart
clothing feeds God happy heaven Jesus king kingdom life
own poor possessions provide treasure trust wildflowers

Jesus said, "True life is not found in what you _____. Then Jesus told His disciples, "Do not worry about your _____ or your body—what you will eat or what you will wear. Think about the _____. They do not plant or collect grain, yet God _____ them. Aren't you worth more than birds?"

Jesus also said, "Think about the _____. They don't work or make _____, yet they are lovelier than a great and rich _____ in his fancy clothes. If that is how _____ takes care of grass—which grows today and is cut down tomorrow—how much more will He do for you?"

Jesus told His disciples not to worry about _____ or drink. "Seek God's _____," He said, "and God will _____ what you need." God is _____ to give His children the kingdom.

Finally Jesus said, "Sell your _____ and give to the _____. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in _____ lasts forever. For where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also."

Christ Connection: _____ is our greatest _____. Jesus left His place in heaven to live humbly on earth. Jesus obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give generously and _____ God to provide everything we _____.

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LAUNCH

JOSEPH

daily devos

Name: _____

MONDAY Genesis 37:1-2

- 1) Joseph's father, Jacob, was also called _____.
- 2) The story of Joseph begins when he was _____ years old.
- 3) What was Joseph's job? _____
- 4) Who watched the flocks with Joseph?

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 50:20 —You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

TUESDAY

Genesis 37:3-4

- 1) Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons. Why? _____

- 2) How did Jacob show his love for Joseph? _____

- 3) How did Joseph's brothers feel about him? _____



Joseph Intro

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 37:5-8

- 1) What did Joseph see bowing in his dream? _____

- 2) Who did the bowing sheaves belong to? _____
- 3) How did Joseph's brothers feel about him after he told about his dream? _____

THURSDAY

Genesis 37:9-10

- 1) What objects did Joseph see in his second dream? _____

- 2) What did they all do? _____

- 3) When Joseph told the story of this dream, his father _____
him.



FRIDAY

Genesis 37:10-11

- 1) Jacob asked if Joseph thought _____

would really bow down to him.
- 2) How did Joseph's brothers feel? _____

- 3) What did his father do? _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

PARABLES OF JESUS

Name: _____

1. We are not to let what we own _____ us.
2. Christians do not need to _____.
3. God _____ us over the birds and plants that He cares for.
4. God knows our _____.
5. Seek God's kingdom _____ and God will provide for our needs.

Luke 12:13-31



PARABLES OF JESUS

Name: _____

1. We are not to let what we own OWN us.
2. Christians do not need to WORRY.
3. God VALUES us over the birds and plants that He cares for.
4. God knows our NEEDS.
5. Seek God's kingdom FIRST and God will provide for our needs.

Luke 12:13-31



DON'T WORRY

SMALL GROUPS

Make sure to:

- Sign-in kids as they arrive
- Check-off sign in sheet if they have completed their devo, if they can recite this unit's memory verse, and if they brought their Bible.
- 1 John 5:3 —In fact, this is love for God: to keep His commands.

Activity 1: Story Discussion

What to do: Review Luke 12:13-31

1. What did the person in the crowd want Jesus to do? *Make his brother split the inheritance with him.*) Did Jesus feel this was a job for Him to do? (*No.*) What did He warn the man about? (*Covetousness, which means wanting what someone else has.*) What did Jesus say does not determine your life's value? (*What you own.*) What gives your life value? (*Jesus.*)
2. Jesus then tells a parable about a man who was rich. What was his problem? (*He had no place to store his many crops.*) What did he decide to do about it? (*Tear down his barns and build bigger ones to store all his grains and goods.*)
3. That night the man told himself something. What was it? (*I have so much. It will last many years; therefore, I can relax, eat, drink, and be merry.*) Why did God call him a fool? (*Because that very night the man would die, and who would get all he had stored?*) What can we work for that will last in heaven? (*Other people we tell about Jesus. Anything we do in obedience to God.*) Read 12:21. What does NOT make us rich in God's eyes? (*Laying up treasures for ourselves.*)
4. How does God take care of birds? (*Feeds them.*) How does God take care of plants? (*Beautiful clothing.*) Why should we not worry? (*He cares more about us than the birds and plants.*) All people seek food and clothing. God knows we need these things. God promises to provide these things if we do one thing first. What is it? (*Seek God's Kingdom.*) How do we do that? (*Live like we believe we are going to heaven someday.*) Live for those things that will go with us to heaven.

Activity 2: Activity/Game

What to do: Game called King Elephant – but altered to fit this lesson.

1. Sit in a circle of chairs
2. Pat hands on lap twice
3. Clap hands twice
4. Snap fingers on right hand
5. Snap fingers on left hand

- * Choose one chair to represent heaven. The goal is to get your treasure into heaven.
- * If you mess up, you go back to start and those behind you move up a chair closer to heaven.

How to play when it comes time to snap your fingers on your right hand: Identify yourself by the treasure you have been given. (example: kind) Then when you snap your fingers on your left hand, identify one in your circle by their treasure. Now it is their turn to do the same, but if you mess up, you go to the start chair.

Example of treasure to use: kind, love, obey, share, give, care, gentle, hope, thanks, forgive, etc.

Write names on sticky name tags.

Bring it home: Who can help us use these treasure that are valuable in heaven? *God*. What has to be true when we use these treasures for them to be stored in heaven for us? *Give these treasures to those on earth who do not return them to us*. Example: Be kind to someone who is not kind to us.

Activity 3: Prayer / Closing

What to do: Give every kid a sheet of paper. Have them draw a line down the middle.

On one side list what they can store up for heaven: learn God's word, share Christ, be kind to others, serve others, etc.

On the other side list what they can store up for themselves: DVDs, CDs, video games, etc.

Compare the two sides. Ask kids to pair up and pray for each other to store things up that will go with them to heaven.

If you still have time after completing the activities, work on the following:

- Memorizing the memory verse
- Working on day 1 of the take-home devotion
- Review the books of the Bible
- Retelling today's Bible story