

WEEK OF JUNE 11, 2023



PREPARE 



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

WE ALL HAVE THINGS WE LOVE VERY MUCH. WHAT IS ONE THING YOU FEEL LIKE YOU COULD NEVER LIVE WITHOUT?

Did you think of a food or a toy or a game or your clothes? You may have thought of your phone or your favorite social media app.

God wants us to be thankful and enjoy what He has given us. But He doesn't want those things to be what we value most. Jesus had something to say about this in the book of Matthew.

When Jesus taught about God and healed people, large crowds of people would often gather near Him. One day He saw all the people gathering around Him.


Now imagine for a minute the scene. Jesus went and sat down on the side of a mountain, and a crowd of people joined Him there. Jesus looked out and saw the people. He loved them deeply and wanted them to know how God wanted them to live. With everyone listening closely, He began to teach.



 **TALK TOGETHER**
Family conversations with God's Word.

 **MORE TO EXPLORE**
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

 **THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

 **COLORING PAGE**
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



What He taught became known as the Sermon on the Mount. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught us about the things we treasure most. **Can you help me find Matthew 6, verse 21? The book of Matthew is in the New Testament.**

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."

MATTHEW 6:21

WHAT DO YOU THINK A TREASURE IS?

A treasure is something valuable or very important to someone.

Jesus taught us that what we treat as the most important thing in our life will reveal what we love and value the most. How we spend our time and what we love more than anything is like a mirror. It shows us what we treasure.

This verse is talking specifically about money. But are there other things we treasure? **How can you know what you treasure most?**

What we think we could never live without shows us what we treasure. What we follow on social media shows us what we treasure. What we spend our money on shows us what we treasure.

It's OK to find joy in the things we have. But our actions and our desires show us what is most important to us.

If you aren't sure what you treasure, ask yourself the following questions: Is there something you think about all day and can't wait until you are done with school so you can get back to it? If our family had no rules, what would you spend all of your time doing? What would break your heart if you had to give it up?

When something in our lives becomes more important to us than God, we must make changes. Luke 16:13 says we cannot serve God and something else.

Is there something in your life that has become more important to you than God? **What needs to change in your life so you treasure Jesus more than money or things?**



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: MATTHEW

This week's story comes from the book of Matthew. Matthew is the first of four books known as the Gospels. The author of this book is likely Matthew, the tax collector who became a follower of Jesus.

The book of Matthew gives readers a perspective on the life of Jesus and confirms Him as the Messiah.

OT-NT CONNECTION

God has always deeply valued the condition of people's hearts. Throughout the Old Testament, we are taught about our heart.

- We should love God with all our heart, soul and might (Deuteronomy 6:5).
- Man sees what people do and say, but God sees each person's heart (1 Samuel 16:7).
- Everything we do in life begins with our heart (Proverbs 4:23).

HOW DO I START TO TREASURE GOD MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE?

Start by spending time with God every day. Read the Bible and memorize Scripture. Ask God to help you remember to talk with Him throughout the day. If a particular game, social media app or activity is more important to you than God, consider taking a break from it. Remember, if you ask God to change your heart to put Him first, He is faithful and He will do it!

IS IT A SIN TO LIKE, OR EVEN LOVE, THE THINGS I HAVE?

Fear has more than one meaning. God is all-powerful, all-knowing and perfect. We should be afraid of doing things against God (sin), but we should also know He loves His children. We should respect God, our heavenly Father and Creator, and rest in the comfort of His love. Psalm 111:10 tells us that fearing the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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Read Hebrews 13:5-6. We are told to be satisfied with what we have and not love money. What things are you content with and what things do you have an unhealthy love for? Make a list of those things. Write out a prayer thanking God that He is always with you. Then, ask God to help you love and treasure Him above anything else.

READ



Read more of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6:19-34. As you read, ask yourself what things you value most. Do the things you value most matter for eternity? Do you spend a lot of time worrying about those things or do you trust God to take care of you and give you what you need?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

**"FOR WHERE
YOUR
TREASURE IS,
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HEART WILL
BE ALSO."**

(MATTHEW 6:21)

**Q: WHAT DO I
TREASURE?**

**A: THINGS MY
HEART DESIRES.**

PAPER HEART

With your child, cut out a large heart from a piece of paper. In the middle of the heart write, "God, help me to treasure You more than anything else. Amen." Say the prayer together. Tape the heart on a mirror or refrigerator to remind your family to pray that prayer all week long.

FIND

This week's verse is in the book of Matthew. Help your child find the book of Matthew. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

**DEAR GOD, THANK YOU
FOR HELPING ME TO SEE
WHAT I VALUE MORE
THAN YOU. HELP ME TO
TREASURE YOU MORE
THAN ANYTHING ELSE
IN THIS WORLD. AMEN.**

SHARE

Tell your child about a time when you struggled with loving something more than God. How did God help you change your priorities?

PENNIES IN A FOUNTAIN



Give each member of your family five pennies. Go to a fountain at a mall or fill up a bucket with water at home. Let each person toss a penny into the fountain one at a time. With each penny that is tossed, that person should name something they treasure. When everyone has tossed their pennies, pray together as a family and ask God to help you each treasure Him more than anything else.

LEANING TO OUR TREASURE

Take a walk in a park or your neighborhood. Look for plants with flowers that open when the sun is out or lean a certain way because of how the sun shines on them. God created them to follow the sun; it is in the plant's nature. As people, we can't help but lean toward the thing we have chosen to treasure the most.

SING

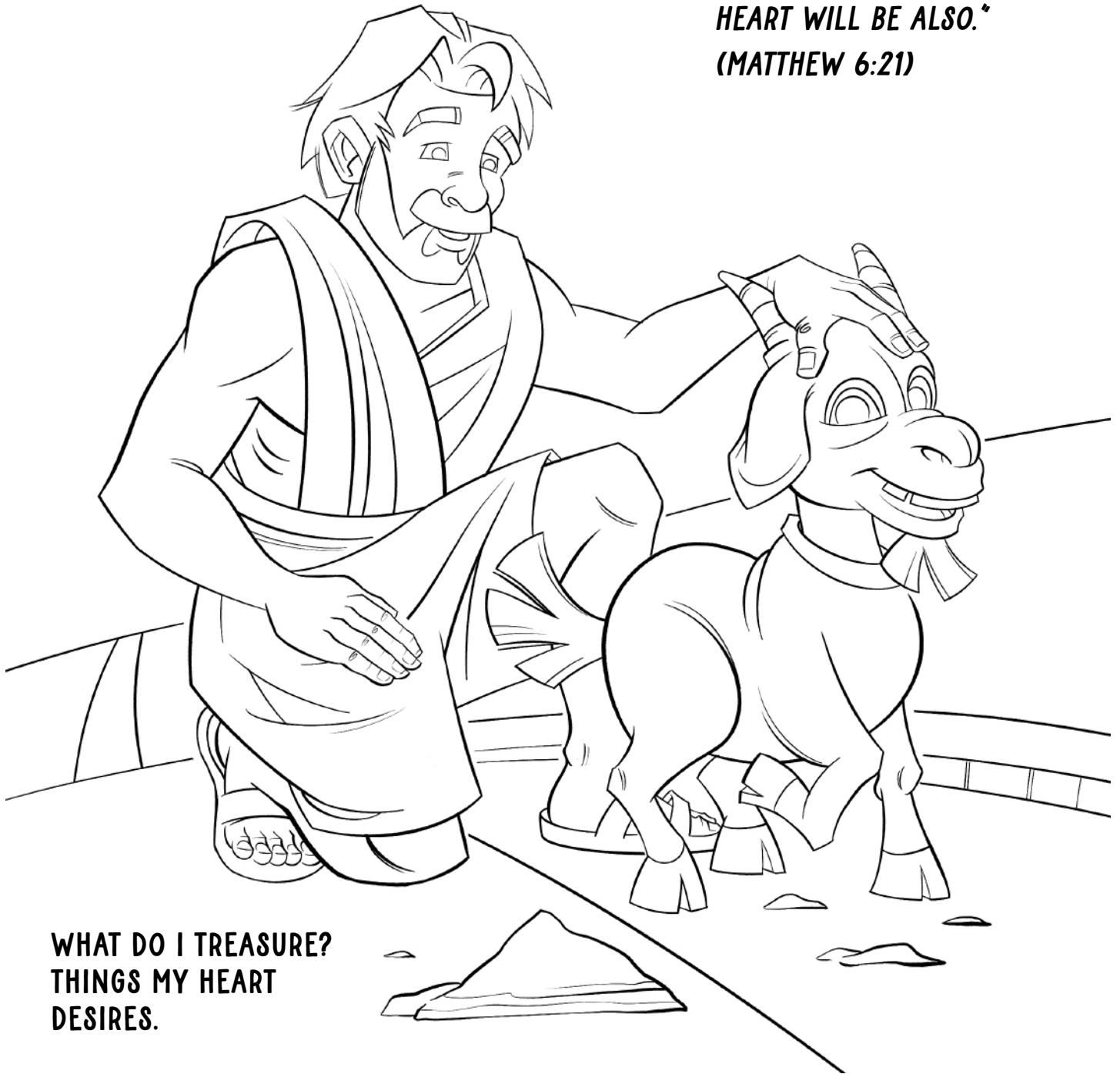


Listen to this playlist throughout the series as you learn to treasure God above all else.

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



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**WHAT DO I TREASURE?
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DESIRES.**

NAME: _____