

WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2023



# TREASURE

## PREPARE



BEFORE  
YOU BEGIN



## TALK TOGETHER

### WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED?

Wood and clothes both rot away. Rocks can be crushed and metal will rust. Some things will last longer than others, but everything will eventually decay.

In the Bible, Jesus warned His followers to not make the things they could see, touch and feel the most important things in their lives. He knew those things are temporary and would not last.

Let's see what Jesus said to His disciples. **Can you help me find Matthew 6, verse 19? The book of Matthew is in the New Testament.**

**"DO NOT LAY UP FOR  
YOURSELVES TREASURES ON  
EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST  
DESTROY AND WHERE THIEVES  
BREAK IN AND STEAL."**

**MATTHEW 6:19**



#### 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 DO YOU THINK THE TREASURE IS THAT JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT?

A treasure is something valuable or very important to someone. Jesus said the treasure we gather here on Earth is temporary. The things we have won't last forever. **Can you think of a treasure you have that will not last forever?**

As adults, we often treasure money and work to get more and more. When we are younger, we may want more things, the newest toy or game, the trendiest clothes or the most friends.

Whether we treasure a toy or money or clothes, they are all temporary. The status we think we have on social media will not go on forever. The money we earn will one day run out. The toys we own will break, or we'll get bored with them.

Getting more things and making more money will not make us happier. The world tells us we need the newest toy, more followers, the latest upgrade and definitely more money. **But God has a better plan that will bring us much more joy.**

So what is God's plan? What should we do instead of working hard to collect more and more stuff? **Let's read what Jesus said in the next verse, Matthew 6:20.**

***"BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DESTROYS AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL."***

**MATTHEW 6:20**

**When we lay up for ourselves treasure on Earth, we miss the treasure God has for us.** God wants us to focus on the things that are eternal, the things that last forever and will never be destroyed. Those are the things that will bring us real, lasting joy.

**What can we treasure more than the things we own or the money we spend?** We can treasure people. People are made in God's image, and we can use our time and money to serve and love them well. We can pray for them, love them and find ways to serve them. We can also treasure God's Word. We can spend time learning God's

Word at church or at home, and reading it so we can learn more about Him! When we invest in those things, our treasure is in heaven and we are rich in God.

What do you treasure that competes for God's attention in your life? How does God want you to use the things you have to invest in treasures in heaven?



## 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

**2 Chronicles 9:22** tells us King Solomon had more wealth than any other king. God also made Solomon the wisest man of his time. In the book of Ecclesiastes Solomon wrote that everything apart from God is meaningless. Money, things, achievement, pleasure — none of it matters unless God is in it. Solomon concluded the book writing, *Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.* (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

### CAN'T I WAIT UNTIL I AM AN ADULT TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT I TREASURE?

Jesus doesn't want you to wait until you are grown to take what He said seriously. The two things that last forever are people and God's Word. You can treasure those no matter how old you are! You can be a child, but be rich in God! How can you treasure your friends and family more this week? Can you spend some time reading God's Word every day?

### HOW DO I FIGURE OUT THE THINGS I TREASURE MOST?

Ask yourself these questions:

- What do I spend most of my time doing?
- What do I want to spend all of my money on?
- What do I worry about losing?
- What consumes my thoughts when I am daydreaming?

### JOURNAL

Are there things in your life you value more than you should? Do you notice yourself caring more about your stuff than about people and the truth in God's Word? Write a prayer and ask God to help you treasure the things that last forever more than the stuff that may be gone tomorrow.

### READ



Read **1 Timothy 6:6-11**. What does the author Paul warn us will happen if we choose to love money as our greatest treasure? What should we choose to pursue instead? How can you treasure and pursue those good things in your life this week?

# ★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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## ♥ MEMORIZE

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**(MATTHEW 6:19)**

**Q: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ALL MY STUFF?**

**A: IT WILL NOT LAST.**

## TREASURE HUNT



Create a treasure hunt by leaving clues around the house or neighborhood. Make the "treasure" a special treat (e.g. popcorn or cookies). While enjoying the treat together as a family, talk about the treasure in heaven God wants us to be searching for in our lives.

## 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 EVERYTHING WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US YOUR WORD, THE BIBLE. THANK YOU ALSO FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. HELP US TO CHOOSE TO VALUE THE THINGS THAT WILL LAST FOREVER MORE THAN OUR STUFF THAT MAY BE GONE TOMORROW.**

## SHARE



Tell your child about a way you have chosen to grow your treasure in heaven more than your earthly treasure.

## PIGGY BANKS



Make a piggy bank out of a shoebox or jar. Let your child decorate it using stickers or paint. Brainstorm with your child and come up with a list of the things God wants us to treasure. Write each of those things on its own piece of paper. Gather all of the papers and one by one put them in the piggy bank. As you do, read and pray for each of those things together.

## DISAPPEARING FOOTPRINTS



Go outside on a sunny day. Along with your child, step in a puddle or on a wet towel and make footprints on the sidewalk or in your driveway. Watch the footprints disappear. Ask your child what things in their life will last forever and never disappear. Remind your child those are the things we should treasure.

## SING



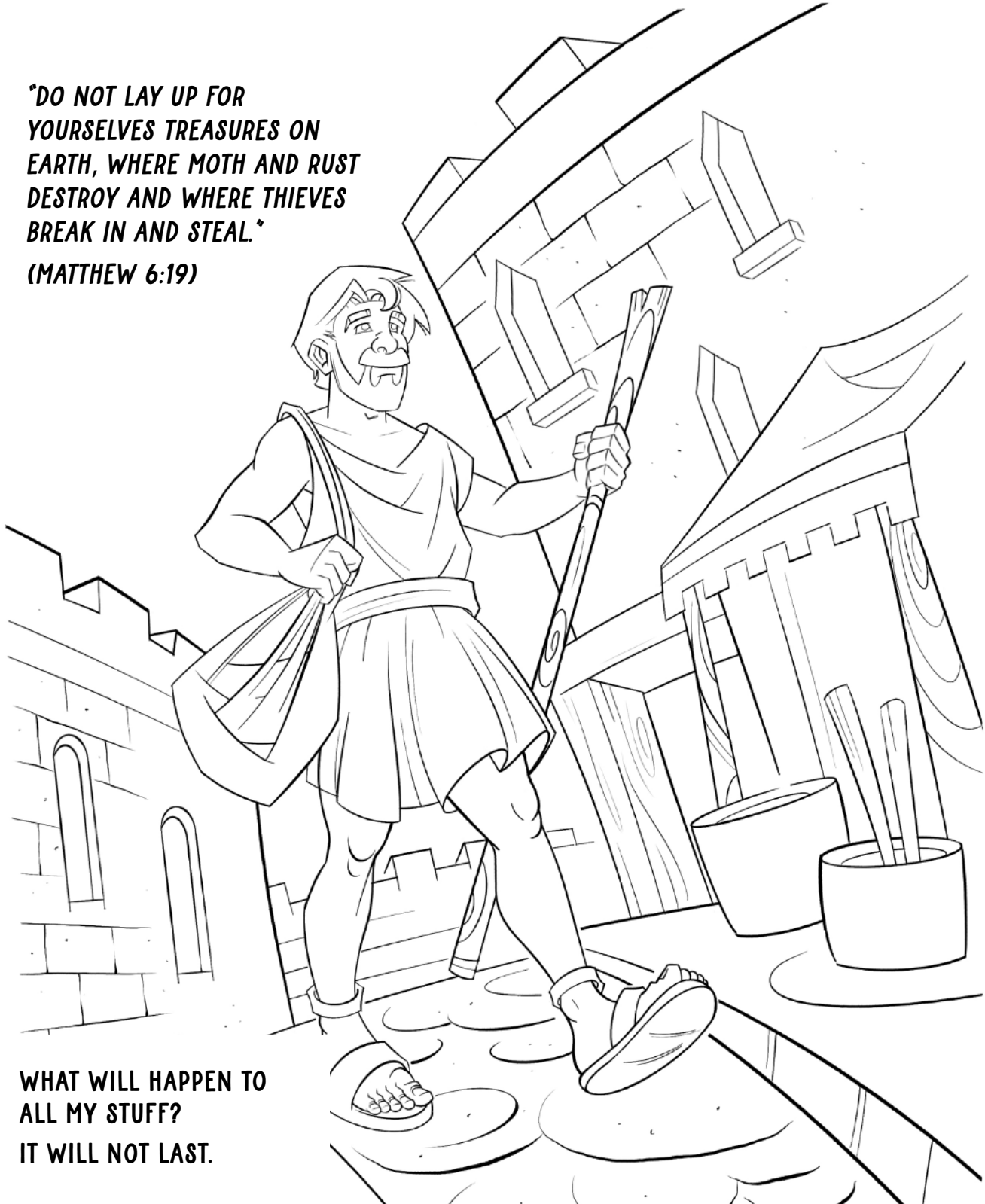
Listen to this playlist throughout the series as you learn to treasure God above all else.

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



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