Family Worship Guide Week of May 3rd, 2015



One of the ways SC Kids partners with parents to make disciples of Jesus is to provide resources that promote discipleship in the home. This Family Worship Guide is intended to give parents content from this week's lesson to discuss with their children throughout the week.

REVIEW

This Sunday's lesson was called "Treasure in Heaven" and comes from Matthew 6:19-34. For a children's bible version you can refer to Story 94 of the Gospel Story Bible.

GOSPEL

Although it is true that we cannot serve God and money, it is equally true that we cannot serve God alone unless God changes our hearts. By nature, our hearts will be fixed upon earthly treasure unless Jesus gives us a new nature and a love for God. Jesus died to break the power of sin in our lives that we might be transformed by the power of his Spirit, that we would find our treasure in him rather than the world. Jesus is the treasure God has placed in our hearts. As unbelievers, we are blind to see this treasure. Once God's Spirit transforms us and causes us to be "born again" (John 3:3), our eyes are open to see the truth of the gospel and believe in Jesus. The more we see Jesus and the riches that are ours in Christ, the less value our earthly treasures hold.

DISCUSS

How long does earthly treasure last? What about heavenly treasure?

Earthly treasures doesn't last. Our stuff can break, get lost or be stolen. But heavenly treasure lasts forever!

How do we receive heavenly treasure?

God gives it to us in heaven for obeying him while we live on earth.

Who gives the flowers their beautiful colors and cares for the birds? God does!

What can we learn from the way God cares for the flowers and the birds?

If God provides for the birds just imagine how much he provides and cares for us! And if God clothes the flowers, he will provide for us all the more!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional family devotionals you can purchase "Old Story New: Ten Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God" at amazon.com or from the Sacred City Bookstore on Sunday.

SING

Singing is a great way for kids to experience and memorize God's Word. Here are a few family favorites: Preschool age - "Cedarmont Kids - *Bible Songs*" and for Preschool and Elementary age children we recommend the Morning Star Catechism CD (available at the SC bookstore) and Seeds Family Worship.

PRAY

Continue memorizing The Lord's Prayer with your children.



Preschool

7Q: In how many persons does this one God exist? 7A: In three persons.

Lower Elementary

17Q: Of what were out first parents made? 17A: God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

Genesis 2:7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:21-22 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

