



Impact Kids Fall 2025

Older Kids Leader Guide

August 27, 2025

Live It Out- As you grow as a disciple, seeing and knowing God's character helps us love Him with all of our soul and strength. Matthew 22: 37

Bible- Aug 27- *Matthew 13:44-46-* God is a treasure, so I value Him more.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Live It Out
Leader Devo**

prayer challenge

Think of 2 ways God has shown you
He is worth treasuring.
Thank Him for those reminders in prayer.

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Low Energy Game:

Supplies

- spool of string
- scissors
- shiny or metallic button (make sure the holes are large enough for the string to fit through)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Pass a Button Along a String

Say: We read in the Bible today about how being friends with God is so valuable because God is our treasure. Treasures are special and valuable, and knowing God is the most special treasure of all! Let's play a game where we'll try to find a treasure.

- Have everyone sit in a circle, and give one person the end of the string on the spool. Have kids pass the spool all the way around the circle to create a loop with the string that's large enough for everyone to hold.
- When the spool gets back to the first person, cut the string from the spool and thread the button onto the string. Then tie the ends together to close the loop.
- For each round of the game, one person will be the Treasure Hunter. The Treasure Hunter sits in the center of the circle to try to track the treasure—the button—as it moves around the circle on the string. Kids will pretend to move the button along the string, even if they aren't, to make it more challenging.
- When the Treasure Hunter thinks he or she has spotted the treasure, he or she will call out "Stop!" and can make a guess about who has the button.
- If the Treasure Hunter guesses correctly, the person who has the button will be the new Treasure Hunter.
- If the Treasure Hunter guesses incorrectly, then a new round will start and he or she can try again.
- Allow each Treasure Hunter three guesses before swapping out for a new person who'd like to guess where the treasure is.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play as many rounds as time allows.

Talk About It

Ask: • What did you have to do to keep track of the treasure?

• What are treasures you'd work hard to hunt down in real life, such as a cellphone or a \$50 bill?

Say: In our world, a lot of people value treasures that are worth money. But God is a treasure you can't put a price on because he's worth more than anything money could buy.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Toy Treasure”

Say: The people in our Bible stories found a treasure so valuable, they gave up everything to get it! Let's see what happens when some dogs sniff out a valuable treasure.

Ask: • Why do you think Peanut and Biscuit were so excited to find their new toys?
• Tell about a time you were excited to get something new. Share your own story first.

Say: Peanut and Biscuit found some old toys along the way, but they left them behind and were excited to find the new toys. And we can be even more excited about Jesus than the dogs were about finding new toys! God is a treasure, so we value him more than anything. There's nothing we have that's worth more than God!

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- large clear vase or jar
- ping-pong ball
- bag or container of granulated sugar
- spoon
- thermos of hot water
- stirring spoon

Set It Up

Say: We're learning that God is a treasure. If I asked, most of you would say you do treasure and love God. It's an easy answer to say! But what does it really mean to treasure God? Let's dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Place the ping-pong ball in the vase. Say: Imagine this ping-pong ball is God. Right now, we can clearly see God in this vase. He's the main thing—the only thing—right in the middle of everything. But sometimes we fill our lives with other treasures.

Read Matthew 6:19-20.

Ask: • What are some possessions or other physical things people consider to be treasures? For each answer, have a child scoop a spoonful of sugar into the vase.

Say: All the stuff we treasure is starting to cover up God. He doesn't look so important in this jar anymore. And sometimes it's not just stuff we treasure; there was a man in the Bible named Paul who treasured his own accomplishments. Listen to this.

Read Philippians 3:5-6.

Ask: • What are some accomplishments or things about ourselves that we sometimes treasure? For each answer, have a child scoop a spoonful of sugar into the vase. Examples could include winning a sports tournament, getting straight A's, or having a lot of friends. Continue adding sugar until the ball is completely covered.

Say: All the things in the world, like our stuff and our accomplishments, are kind of flashy and shiny. It's easy to give them our attention. God isn't forcing anyone to treasure him. He's there, but he won't make you put him first. But after Paul met Jesus, he realized that God was far more important than his own accomplishments. Listen to what he wrote next.

Deeper Bible: cont

Read Philippians 3:7-9.

Ask: • Why is everything we just named garbage compared to knowing Jesus?

• Be honest: Do you really agree with Paul that everything you named is garbage? Explain.

Say: It's not that the stuff in our lives is truly bad. But when it crowds out God, we're missing out on the best treasure of all! Let me show you what I mean. We can keep the stuff in our lives, but when we treasure God, that stuff begins to become invisible. It's there, but it doesn't distract us anymore because God rises to the top of our list.

Pour hot water into the vase and stir it. The sugar will dissolve, and the ping-pong ball will rise to the top.

Ask: • What's the difference between our vase before we added water and our vase now?

• How does that difference remind you of what it looks like when we treasure God?

Read 1 John 2:17.

Say: God is a treasure because knowing Jesus has infinite value. God can do so much more in our lives than our stuff or our accomplishments ever could.

Ask: • What can God do that other things can't? Examples include loving us more than anything, always being with us, valuing us, forgiving us, and making a way for us to go to heaven.

Say: The more you get to know Jesus, the more natural it will be to treasure him. You'll see the value of Jesus' love, hope, and joy in your life. No amount of money, stuff, or accomplishments can fill your heart like Jesus can. As you get to know God, your heart will start to fill up with love for him, just as our vase filled up with water and God rose to the top. God is a treasure, and we can fill our hearts with him.

Life Application:

Supplies Needed: Hershey's Kisses* or other allergy friendly sweet treat

Savor the Treasure

Say: We've been learning that God is a treasure. Let's treasure him as we enjoy our chocolate treasures.

- Have kids unwrap their Hershey's Kisses as they silently thank God for the treasures he's given them.

Say: As this sweet candy melts in our mouths, let's thank God for being the greatest treasure of all.

- Have kids put the candies in their mouths, close their eyes, and slowly savor the candy while you pray: Dear God, thank you that you are valuable above anything else we treasure. You are sweeter than chocolate and more precious than pearls or treasure boxes. Help us value you!

Wrap Up

Pray: God, we value you more than anything! Thank you for being such a treasure. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.

Activity Page with a Point:

older Kids: Color a Coloring/Activity Page

Supplies Needed: Coloring Page, pencils, crayons

Say: God is a treasure, so we value him more than anything. Let's practice ranking things by how much we value them.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will number the options 1-10 to show the order of value.

Ask: • What did you choose for your first three items? Why?

• Which things on the list were hard for you to rank? Explain.

Say: We might not all agree on whether a phone is more important than having your own room, and that's okay. We can value different things! But there's one treasure that we can all value more than anything: God! God is a treasure.