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God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom
A Treasure for Us

Take Home Point:

Serve God—it's a gift for him and a treasure for us.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Why did you make handprints in Kingdom Quest and arrange them to come out of a treasure chest? *(When we do things that help others, we are giving treasures to the King that are stored up for us in heaven.)*

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Have each family member bring his/her favorite Christmas present into the room where the family gathers. Have everyone take turns telling why this gift is their treasure. As they tell about their Christmas treasure, have them pretend to put it in an imaginary treasure chest (or into a real decorated box). Then ask, "How long does happiness with a toy last? Have you grown tired of any Christmas presents from last year?"

READ THE BIBLE: Matthew 2:1-12, 6:19-21

KEY VERSE: Matthew 6:20-21, *"Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust don't destroy and thieves don't break in and steal. Your heart will be where your treasure is."*

TALK ABOUT IT: From Matthew 2:1-12: What did the wise men do when they saw Jesus? *(They bowed down and worshiped him.)* What gifts from their treasure chests did they offer Jesus? *(Gold, frankincense, and myrrh.)* What do you think God treasured most, the gifts from the wise men's treasure chests or their act of worship? *(No right or wrong answer. God looks at the heart of man, so knows which acts are meant to glorify him.)* From Matthew 6:19-21: What are examples of treasures we store up on earth where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal? *(Material things that people value such as money, possessions and power.)* What are examples of treasures we store up in heaven that moths and rust cannot destroy or thieves steal? *(Acts of kindness or good works that bring glory to God. These are things that please God and have eternal value.)* What is meant by, "Your heart is where your treasure is"? *(We seek after what we value. Our desires can be for material things or for heavenly things. These desires determine our actions.)* How did the wise men store up gifts in heaven? *(God was pleased with their acts of worship and gifts that provided for Jesus. They did not keep their costly possessions for themselves but gave them to the King.)*

PRAYER POWER: Thank God for his perfect and wonderful gift, Jesus. Pray for all to put their hearts in the treasures that last eternally. Pray for the specific ways the family can serve God and help others.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Have each family member trace a hand on paper and cut it out. Write down on each handprint something the family can do to help someone else. Place the handprints in a gift-wrapped shoebox. Explain that these are treasures of service offered up to God in worship. Each week, pick out an act of service and do it as a family.

"The Best Gift of All – Jesus" Lesson 32