

I. Department Level: Juniors

II. Unit 3: Sermon on the Mount

III. Lesson Number: 12 Title: Heavenly Treasures

III. Lesson Concept: Treasure that will last an eternity

IV. Instructional Objectives:

A. The child will recite from memory Matthew 6:21 from memory with no more than two helps.

B. The child will explain the meaning of Matthew 6:21.

C. The child will give a personal example of application of Mathew 6:21.

V. Materials: No special materials

VI. Opening Activities:

A. Servant's Heart

B. I Want to Be Faithful

C. Stop-Go-Watch

VII. Memory Verse Activity:

The students will open their Bibles to Matthew 6:21. The teacher will read the verse to the students. The children will read the verse out loud with the teacher a second time. The teacher will explain any big or confusing words (i.e. "treasure," "heart,"). The students will read the verse again. The teacher will explain what the verse means and apply it to the child's life. The children will recite the verse two times. The children will play Erase-a-Word to learn the verse. The children will recite the verse one more time.

VIII. Sequence of Activities:

A. Activate Prior Knowledge:

Have you ever heard someone tell a “fish-story” in which the person caught the world’s largest fish? Many of you might even have your own fish-story; you may have struggled with a gigantic fish, him pulling against the line and you fighting back with all your might. As the struggle continued, both of you may have become tired, until finally one of you could fight no more. One of you had to win. Hopefully, it was you and not the fish that won the battle. Today I’d like to share with you a story from God’s Word about men who chose to give up fishing for literal fish to focus on God’s fishing.

B. Instruction

Matthew 4:18-19

I. Jesus fishes for lost souls

A. Everyone has sinned and needs a Savior

B. Christ was the Savior for men’s sins when He came to earth, died, and rose again.

C. Men must accept Him as their personal Savior

D. Jesus wants those who are saved to tell others about Him, to “fish for men.”

II. Peter and Andrew were fishermen.

A. Jesus found them casting a net into the sea.

B. They were fishing for literal fish in the sea.

III. Jesus called Peter and Andrew.

A. Jesus wanted them to “fish for men.”

B. Peter and Andrew left their fishing job to be a witness for Christ.

C. Peter and Andrew left their job that had earthly treasures (fish, money) to work a job with heavenly treasures (fruit of the Spirit, lost souls becoming saved).

IV. Jesus wants you.

A. He wants you to receive Him as your Savior.

B. He wants you to choose to serve Him, to “fish for lost souls,” telling them about the Savior.

C. You will receive heavenly treasures when you choose to serve Christ.

C. Lesson Importance and Application:

Our memory verse for the day is Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” This verse is telling us that we must work for treasures that will last in heaven, and not just work for things on this earth. What are some examples of earthly treasures, the treasures that God says will be lost? These treasures of earth, money, new toys, popularity, are all things that we can work to get here on earth, but they will not matter when we are in heaven. Christ wants us to work for things that will last in heaven. What are some examples of heavenly treasure? You must choose to serve God by obeying His Word and telling others about Him. You can tell your family members, friends, or even people that you don’t know about salvation through Christ. When you do this, you too will be a “fisher of men.”

D. Lesson Closure:

1. Which treasures last in heaven?
2. Which treasures will not?
3. How can you be a “fisher of men” like Peter and Andrew?
4. Who can quote Matthew 6:21?
5. What does this verse mean when it says “treasure”?

6. What are some ways you can work for a heavenly treasure and not an earthly one?

F. Evaluation:

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