

Sept Weeks 1 & 2

More than Gold

Sept. 7/8, 14/15

CRAFT Week 1

Memory Verse Treasure Box

SUPPLIES: “Your Teachings” Page, Treasure Box Cut Outs, Bible Cut Out, Crayons, Gold Stickers (6 per child), Glue Sticks

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out memory verse page, treasure chest pieces, crayons**
 - *“Boys and girls – today we learned about how God’s true words in the Bible are the most precious treasure of all! The Bible is better than gold!”*
 - *Let’s start by coloring the pieces of our treasure chest.*

- ⇒ **Pass out glue sticks.**
 - *“Now it’s time to glue on our treasure chest. We will come around and help you if you need it!”*

- ⇒ **Pass out the Bible.**
 - *“What is this? That’s right! It’s the Bible! The Bible has God’s true words in it. The Bible is better than Gold! Let’s color the Bible!”*
 - *“Now it’s time to glue the Bible inside the treasure chest. We will come around and help you if you need it!”*

- ⇒ **Pass out 6 gold coin stickers to each child**
 - *“Let’s add some gold to our page! This will help us to always remember that the Bible is the best treasure of all. The Bible is better than gold!”*

- ⇒ **Complete the craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *These look amazing! Nice work! Let’s all try to say our memory verse together. I will say it once and you can repeat it back to me.*
 - *“Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. Psalm 119:72”*

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CRAFT Week 2

Better than Gold

SUPPLIES:

“Better Than Gold” Page, Gold Paint, Paper Plates, Circular Foam Sponges, Paint Smocks, Wet Paint Sign for Door

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Begin by passing out the Better than Gold page. Have volunteers put smocks on children.**

- *“In our Bible story today, we learned about how the Bible is better than gold. What is better than gold? The Bible is better than gold!”*
- *Today we are going to get fill up our page with gold!*

⇒ **Pass out plates with a squirt of gold paint. Pass out circular foam sponges.**

- *“Now it’s time to add the gold! Everyone gets one special stamper. Press it gently into the gold paint and then fill your page up with gold treasure!”*
- (Demonstrate how to stamp the circle instead of smearing it on the page.)

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“These treasure chests look amazing! Gold is pretty special, but nothing is more special than the Bible. It’s the best treasure of all!”*
- ***What is better than gold?***
- ***The Bible is better than gold!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Gold Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Gold Coins, Beginner's Bible, Bucket

SET UP: Hide coins and Bible

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Scatter or hide the coins around the room. Hide the Bible. Hold one coin up.**

- *"Boys and Girls, what do I have here in my hands? That's right! A piece of gold. Did you know that the Bible is better than gold? Today we are going to go on a treasure hunt. We are going to look all over the room and collect all of the gold we can find and put it in the treasure hunt. And make sure you look for the best treasure of all – the Bible! It's hidden in our room too! Go!"*

⇒ **Have children collect all of the gold coins and the bible.**

- *"Great work everybody! You found all of the treasure. Let's ask that important question again –*
- ***What is better than gold?***
- ***The Bible is better than gold!***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *That's right, my friends! The Bible is better than gold! The Bible is so special because it has God's true words in it. Those true words tell us how much God loves us!*
- ***What is better than gold?***
- ***The Bible is better than gold!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Gold Walk

SUPPLIES: Gold Cardstock, Bible Picture Page, Floor Tape, CD player, CD

SET UP: Create a large circular pathway of gold cardstock on the floor of your room including The Bible Picture Page. Secure the pages in place with floor tape.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children around the circle.**

- *Hey, friends! Come over here with me. Do you see this gold pathway? Let's walk around the path. Listen for the music as you walk. When the music stops, we are going to all try our memory verse together. Make sure you're listening so you can stop!*

⇒ **Invite children to walk around the pathway while the music plays. Stop the music at random.**

- *Raise your hand if you are standing on the bible! Wow! The bible is better than gold! Now let's all say the memory verse together:*
- *"Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver."*

⇒ **Continue as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Friends, why do you think our path is gold? (Pause.) Because we've been learning today that The Bible is better than gold.*
- *Tell me: **What is better than gold? The Bible is better than gold.***
- *It sure is! The Bible is God's Word to us, and it is better than gold!"*

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ACTIVITY #3

Treasure Hunt

SUPPLIES: Large Tub of Rice with Gold Coins, Gems, Bible Cards mixed in, Sifters

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children around the tub. (For larger classes you will want to do this in small groups.)**
 - *“Let’s find treasure!”*

- ⇒ **Demonstrate how to use the sifters to dip into the sand and collect a good amount inside the sifter. Help the children shake the sifter to release the rice and reveal the items.**
 - *“There is treasure hidden inside the rice. (Point.) We are going to use this (hold up sifter) to find the treasure. First, we dip into the rice (demonstrate) and then shake to see if we can find the treasure.”*

- ⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested. Continue conversation while they play.**
 - *“What did you find? How many gold pieces did you get? Did you find any bibles?”*
 - *Remember! The Bible is the best treasure of all! The bible is better than gold!*

- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *It is so much fun to look for buried treasure, but remember – the Bible is the greatest treasure of all!*
 - *What is better than gold? The Bible is better than gold!*

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

⇒ *God's Great Love For You*

- Read the story and then say: Isn't the Bible amazing? It has God's true words in it and it tells the amazing story of how much he loves us! I'm so glad we have the Bible!

REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **What is better than gold?**
- **The Bible is better than gold.**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver, Psalm 119:72**

⇒ Basic Truth

- **God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

⇒ Connect it!

- **"Today we learned that the Bible is better than gold. Today we are going to make a list of super awesome things. Things that we think are worth A LOT. Then, when we pray, we can thank God that the Bible is even better than ALL of those things! When I say your name tell me something you think is pretty awesome and I will write it down.**

PRAY

Dear God, There are so many awesome things in this world. Thank you for things like (read the list the children made). They are really great, but we know the Bible is SO much better. Thank you for the Bible. Thank you that it teaches us that You made us – that You LOVE us – and that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. We love you, God! Amen.