

2. Stuff

Resources : memory stick with song words, song CD, laptop (check cable), projector (check 2 cables), extension lead, 3 scripts, Big Bible, treasure chest Holiday brochure, video game, foldable car, mask, Dominos box, mobile phone, cap

Passage: **Matthew 6.19-21**

Theme: Christians believe that who we are is more important than what we have.

Set up: Playing 'Treasure' from Pirates of the Caribbean – Dead Men Tell no Tales

Picture of Treasure chest on the screen

Ask a member of staff what technique they use to stop the children talking and listen.

Person 1 Intro & Questions

Person 2 Prayer

Person 3 Talk

Intro:

Hello [name of School], we are so pleased to be back with you again! We're the Christ Church Schools' Team, I am _____, and this is _____ [Intro team].

[Holding treasure chest]

I wonder if I had a treasure chest, what I would put in it? I might put in a nice holiday I had [put in brochure] Maybe a game I like. [put in computer game] Maybe my mobile phone

[put in mobile]... What might you put in your treasure chest? What is the most valuable thing to you? [Get children to share their ideas with the person next to them and then take some ideas]

There are loads of good things that we can enjoy, but in the Bible, Jesus talked about what is most important...

Story/Drama:

[Let's keep the drama fast moving - Person 3 takes out big Bible]

Person 3: Jesus said: Do not collect treasure for yourselves here on earth,

[Person 1 drives on in car. Person 2 walks on with treasure chest, puts it proudly centre stage showing it off to children. Person 1 shows off car, looking proud and happy]

Person 3: where things eventually fall apart

[Person 1 leans on car. Car crumples and falls to the ground. Person 1 picks themselves up and walks off sadly. Person 2 turns back on treasure chest laughing at the car]

Person 3: and robbers break in and steal.

[Person 1 in tiptoes in behind Person 2 and steals treasure chest. Person 2 looks around to see if anyone is watching, and steals the car. Exits.]

Person 3: Instead, collect treasure for yourselves in heaven, by doing good things.

[Person 3 presses Powerpoint on to raise the treasure chest on screen]

[Person 1 crying. Person 2 puts their arm round them.]

[Person 2 begging with cap. Person 1 giving the Dominos box to them.]

Person 3: Collect treasure for yourselves in heaven, where things don't fall apart.

[Everyone turns to look at the treasure chest... Pause... Nothing happens!]

Person 3: and robbers cannot break in and steal.

[Person 1 tiptoes in masked, jumps at chest, getting nowhere near. Shrugs and creeps off]

Person 3: For your heart will always be where your treasure is.

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Talk:

I wonder what you would put in your treasure chest – maybe your favourite toy, your games console, a mobile phone or a football or it might be something different. But in our story from the Bible today, Jesus said there are two places we can store up treasure!

He said we can store up treasure on earth. Having treasure on earth can be really nice. I love nice holidays, having a mobile phone is useful and games and toys are really fun. But the bad thing is, treasures like those don't last forever. Maybe our bike gets too small for us, our favourite toy breaks or our games console just stops working. We may lose our football or our mobile phone gets stolen. In the Bible Jesus says that what we have is not the most important thing, because when things get broken or lost, we are going to be really, really sad.

But the Bible tells us there is a second place where we can store up treasure. Jesus says we can store up treasure in heaven. He says we can do this by living in a way that pleases God. It's about who we are as people. We can be kind. We can share what we have and not just keep things to ourselves. We can love people. We can be thoughtful. By doing these things, Jesus says we can store up treasure in heaven. The Bible says that when we store our treasures in heaven, no one can take them away. They will never fall apart. They can't get lost. They can't be stolen.

Christians believe that who we are is more important than what we have.

So maybe today, instead of just thinking about what treasures we have and wanting more, we can look for ways to share, to help people, and to be kind. Remembering that Christians believe that who we are is more important than what we have.

Song: You are in the city.

Questions:

We've got a little quiz for you now, so put your hand up if you think you know the answer:

1. Where are the two places that Jesus says people can store up treasure? [On earth, in heaven]
2. What does Jesus say might happen if we store up treasure on earth? [It might fall apart or someone might steal it]
3. What do Christians believe that we can learn from what Jesus says? [Christians believe that who we are is more important than what we have.]

Prayer:

To finish our assembly, I am going to say a short prayer for us all. Before I do that, let's spend a moment thinking about what this assembly means for us.. As we pause, why don't you think of one good thing that you could do for someone else this week. You may want to close your eyes, so you are not distracted or focus on the candle on the screen. If you want to agree with my prayer, you can say 'amen' at the end with me....

[flickering candle on PowerPoint – wait for a minute]

Dear God, thank you so much for school. Thank you that we have learnt from what Jesus said - that Christians believe that who we are is more important than what we have. Help us to be kind today. I pray that you would bless every child and every member of staff in this school. **Amen.**

Close:

Thank you for having us today and we will see you again after half-term.

