

Sunday School Lesson Outline



Lesson: Treasure in Heaven

Passage: Matthew 6:19-24

Big Idea: Jesus' followers know that treasure in heaven lasts forever, not treasure on earth.

Main Aim: Store up treasure in heaven, not on earth.

Key verses: Matthew 6:19-20

Please pray for the lesson preparation, that God's word would feed us and the children.

Laptop/tablet + speaker: You will need to bring a device to play media.

If needed, Jonny can provide **a laptop and Bluetooth speaker**. 😊

Additional resources for prep: Grace Group booklets or talk to Jonny if needed.

Sermon on the Mount Overview

Matthew is a book which makes disciples, who go and make disciples, who make more disciples...

This teaching from Jesus is about how his disciples will live the "blessed" life: the good life.

So, each week we'll highlight - this *isn't* how we live to become disciples.

Instead, *this is* how followers of Jesus will live as Jesus' already-saved people.

Passage overview – Talk outline on page 3.

1. Don't store treasure on earth, but in Heaven. 6:19-21

Treasure on earth doesn't last.

Treasure in heaven does.

2. So, be generous to others. 6:22-23

3. We can only serve one master: God or money. 6:24

Choose the right master.

Main Aim/Application - For them then & us now.

Realise that as followers of Jesus, we have treasure in Heaven waiting for us.

Care about Heaven's treasure, so we can be generous with Earth treasure and serve God first.

Groups

At CW – Prepare for **Sailors and Officers**, taught together.

At GR & EC – Prepare for either **Sailors or Officers**, taught separately.

Ages
Sailors: Age 3 to Year 2
Officers: Years 3-6

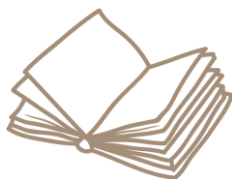
Lesson Overview

Get Going
~3 min + Song



Welcome & Pray
Intro Idea
Song

Bible Talk
~10 mins



The Big Idea
The Main Aim

Heart & Hands
~30 mins



Craft/Worksheet
Further teaching
Memory verse

Catechisms
~10 mins

The New City
Catechism for Kids



Practice Together

Land the Lesson



Recap
Pray
Extra Fun Time



Get Going

Welcome, Pray, Introduction idea & Song

At GR and EC the Sailor Leader will lead the “Get Going” section, by default.

Welcome and connect briefly with the children

- Ask a fun question. Something like:
Was your week good or bad? Show me with thumbs up/down/halfway. Why?
How was your week out of 10? Show me with fingers. Why?
What's the most fun/boring thing that happened? The best food you ate? Smelliest smell?

Prayer by the leader

- Help us to listen carefully to what God has to say to us today, and to have fun.

Set expectations:

- Rules:
 - We listen to the leader.
 - We love our neighbour.
- We're here to learn about Jesus and have fun.
- If you need the toilet, let us know and we'll take you.

Intro Idea - Introduce the “Big Idea” of the passage with Intro Powerpoint slides.

- Ask the children – How long before it goes bad?
 - Tomato? Have a guess.
 - Bread? Have a guess.
 - Buildings? Have a guess.
 - Money/Treasure? A long time! But it will happen.
 - Treasure in Heaven? Never!
 - Jesus says that we can store treasure in Heaven.

Sing - If needed, talk through the words and actions before singing.

Your love. Choose one of these versions (or something else!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znPfF7AY66E>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qb31RRg_Eo



Bible Talk

Teaching the Big Idea & Main Aim.

Using the ICB translation: International Children's Bible.

Available at: [Bible Gateway](http://BibleGateway.com)

Keep it clear and snappy.

Centre the talk on the Big Idea and the Main Aim.

Have a Bible open throughout to show that we're teaching from God's word, and not from our heads.

Think of ways to make the Bible talk engaging. Ideas for this are below.

Key Verses – Matthew 6:19-20

Passage info

- Sin

In Sunday school, we have two ways of talking about sin.

Sin is the bad things we do, say, think and feel. With actions. This will be extra useful this week.

Sin is "Shove off God", "I'm in charge", "No to your rule." Classic.

- Get to Jesus

Often in the Sermon on the Mount, it's Jesus who practices what he preaches.

We'll make sure to mention him in our talk, and that how we live comes after being saved by him.

Lesson Points

Introduction

Jesus has saved us, so we live for him.

We know - what we do, say, think and feel matters.

But as we follow Jesus, we realise that we have lots of stuff.

Children, what stuff do we have?

Clothes, money, house.

As followers of Jesus, we might not be sure what we need to do with our stuff.

We might think, it doesn't even matter what we do with our stuff.

Maybe we can follow Jesus, and get LOADS OF STUFF.

Jesus will tell us how his rescued followers live...

1. Don't store for yourselves treasure on earth.

6:19

Jesus says...

Don't store for yourselves treasure on earth.

Treasure like: Money, houses, buildings, toys, clothes, jewellery, cars, TVs.

Why not?

Treasure looks shiny, it looks cool, people like treasure, maybe people will be our friends.

Jesus says...

Moth and rust destroy.

All these things don't last forever, they break, they go away.

Also, people can come and steal stuff. When we're dead, all our stuff will be gone.

So, what do we do instead?

2. Do store up treasure in Heaven.

6:20-21

Jesus says...

Do store up treasure in Heaven.

Why?

Because there are no moths or rust in heaven.

Treasure in heaven never goes away. It never breaks.

We can't see it now, so people can't see it looking cool or shiny.

But it's really there.

When we're dead. We'll have this treasure forever.

We store up treasure in heaven by listening to Jesus' words.

And by us helping others listen to Jesus' words.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Where we put our treasure, that's where we're going to love.

We put our treasure in Heaven, we'll look forward to being with Jesus even more.

We'll want to follow Jesus even more.

3. So that means we'll be generous.

6:22-23

Quickly mention that Jesus wants us to be ready to give money to Christians who need it.

4. So we'll serve God, not money.

6:24

Jesus says, we choose who we're going to live our lives for.

Are we going to live our lives for money?

Is money our boss?

Or are we going to live our lives for God?

Is God our boss?

We can only choose one.

Conclusion

We know we need to listen to Jesus.

But we might think our stuff doesn't matter for how we follow Jesus.

Actually, following Jesus with our stuff is really important.

We won't store up treasure on earth.

We will store treasure in heaven.

By listening to Jesus and being ready to give money to other Christians.

Jesus knew to do, say, think and feel right things. He ALWAYS did!

Jesus didn't get loads of treasure on earth.

He didn't have a massive house, a flashy car or loads of money.

He served his Father first.

Brief application - The Main Aim expanded.

- Sailors** State the Main Aim application and expand it a bit.
 When we're at home/school/church or when we're sad/happy/tired...
 This is how it's right to think/act/talk/feel.
 Give a concrete example:
 "When we feel x, we can remember y"
- Officers** Ask questions to arrive at the Main aim application.
 How does this help us think/act/talk/feel differently?
 What about at home/school/church or when we're sad/happy/tired?
 Give a concrete example:
 "When we feel x, we can remember y"

Teaching ideas - Ask Jonny if you'd like more ideas.

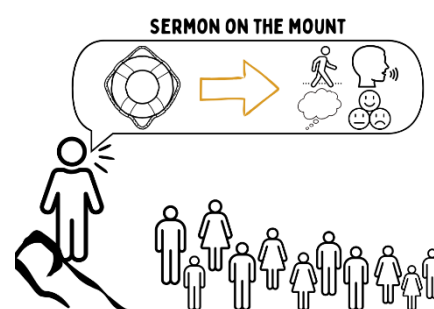
- Use the *Sermon on the Mount* series teaching image.
 Laminated and in the box.

"Jesus' rescued people live in this way."

It's about the things we do, say, think and feel.

(Sin is the bad things we do, say, think and feel)

But Jesus will tell us the good things we do as his followers.)



- Use the teaching images.

Lay them out as you explain. They can help children track through the talk.

- Act something out.

Could you act out what the passage is talking about?

- Use actions and a catch phrase. For example: "We don't fear man (*trebling action and point at children*), instead we fear God! (*Tremble and point up*)."

Followers of Jesus. *Walking action*

Don't store treasure on earth. *Point down*.

Where moths and rust destroy. *Eating*.

Instead, we store treasure in heaven. *Point up*.

Which will last forever. <https://www.signbsl.com/sign/forever>

- Feel free to show this video, they might watch it a lot this term!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tLMF6shOLE>

- Sailors - More question ideas:** What noise/ smell do you think it made? How many stars did he see? Have you ever seen that before? How did he feel? What face would she have made?
- Sailors - More teaching ideas:** Make actions to copy at certain points, act it out with costumes and scenery, go for a walk around the room, use Lego/Playmobile figures.
- Officers - More question ideas:** Why do you think he did that? What did she get right/ wrong? What would you do in his situation?
- Officers - More teaching ideas:** Act it out, have them draw scenes, shout out the best thing they see in the passage, make a puppet show using paper and card, go for a walk, use Lego.



Heart and Hands

More on the Big Idea & Main Aim with activities.

Table Activities - Craft or worksheet - Spares go to the Eltham service.

- **Sailors** Craft.
Cut, stick, fasten, colour. Chat about how it relates to the teaching point.
- **Officers** Activity Sheet.
*This is a guided Bible study, to help them learn how Bible studies work.
The sheet progresses from easy questions to harder questions.
Help them find answers in the Bible and think about them.*

The New City
Catechism

for Kids



New City Catechism

Practice Together

What is this? [Tim Keller Introduces the New City Catechism](#)

Why do this? [Why We Should Catechize Our Children](#)

This week - Question 26.

- Open up the Catechism of the week.
Practice saying it with the children. Some might have learnt it at home to say it with less help.
Talk about difficult words and ideas.
- **Sailors** Use Children's Mode and the songs to learn.
Choose the right question from the following playlist:
[Q1 What is Our Only Hope in Life and Death?](#)
- **Officers** Use Children's Mode where necessary.
You could make up a rhyme or rap to learn it.
Or make up a game of trying to remember it: Get in a circle, say one word each.



Land the lesson

Bring everything together: Recap, prayer and game.

Recap - Use the craft/ worksheet to remind them of the Big Idea & Main Aim.

Pray - Encourage the children to pray with you about the Big Idea and Main Aim.
They could **thank/praise God** for it or **ask for help** in believing it.

- **Sailors** You could suggest "Popcorn prayers" - really short prayers.
Or "Arrow prayers"- We all shoot up like an arrow at the end.
Or you could try the idea we use with Officers.

- **Officers** You could pass an object, like a Bible, around the room.
When a child receives the Bible, they can choose to pray in their head or aloud.

Game idea - Check the OneDrive

Time fillers, Games and Music - Check the OneDrive

- I often play something from: <https://www.youtube.com/@thebiggeststory>
- A Spotify playlist of Sunday School songs can be found in the Term Overview Document.

Sign out - Give each family a Take Home Sheet

- Sign out with Check-In.