

Gems from Jesus

Is a series from Jesus' sermon on the Mount. We did it for little kids (1-7 years old) but can be adapted for your age group. It was a pirate theme in search of treasure. Each week we'd start in the Captain's Cabin with prayer, attendance, singing and finding the clue. Our parrot(toy) would be the one with the clue and the clue was the next direction on our map. The Captain would review the different places and the lessons with them and work out with the kids, where our next lesson was.



Captains Cabin & Map locations

Our church hires a school building so we are somewhat limited (but really the sky's the limit, ha) with how we decked out but made the hallway into a small room. We used some clothes racks as a wall with a table cloth pegged to them, and chairs around a low table with Bible, map, lantern, compass, and treasure chest. We would teach the lesson in a different place outside (*I'll add in what we did differently each week*).

Our Treasure Box & Bible Box

Each week we had the treasure box where the kids could pick 2 treasures to add to their treasure bags. The big gem was in the Bible so we made a look-alike Bible out of a box to find at the end.

We are Salt & Lighthouse

Luke 5:13-16 (Theme Stand out and do right)

On the map-The Lighthouse

The lesson was focused on the lighthouse and how it shines in the dark night and stands out like we stand out if we do right.

The Lighthouse-We zip-tied a LED work light to a pole in the hallway and put a netted ball bag over to affect the light and turned the hallway lights off.

Love Others & Go The Extra Mile

Matthew 5:41/44-48 (Theme Obey with the right heart)

On the map-Frog Swamp next to Two Mile Creek

In the lesson, we used the illustration of a frog's tongue and how it reaches further than ours (we made frogs with party blower tongues), obeying is a good thing but obeying with a right heart is better.

Frog Swamp next to Two Mile Creek-We had a little blue tablecloth over a round school lunch table.

A Giving Heart Secretly

Matthew 6:1-4 (Theme giving and sharing)

On the map-Secret Cave

The lesson was focused on sharing and giving in a practical way, with a pass-the-parcel game with a difference. If the music stopped on you, you'd open but then whatever you got you have to give away. Except the last kid that opened the real wrapping paper at the end got to decide to keep or give away (if they gave it away they would have gotten something better but they didn't know that). It was a hard lesson to learn.

Secret Cave-We did the lesson in a shade tent.

Prayer

Matthew 6:5-13 (Theme How to pray)

On the map-Prayer Mountain

The lesson was on talking to God anywhere and anytime and what can we thank Him for.

Prayer Mountain-Picnic Table

Forgiveness

Matthew 6:14-15 (Theme Forgive)

On the map-Deep Dark Forest

The lesson was on forgiving and Pirate Penny forgot to feed Parrot Paulie and we lost the parrot, so we didn't get a clue. That week we got lost in the forest, so the kids had to forgive Pirate Penny

Deep Dark Forest-It was windy so we stayed in the Captain's Cabin for the lesson and went searching outside for a little bit after.

Different Paths-Which One?

Matthew 6:33, 7:13-14 (Theme Seek God 1st)

On the map-Signpost

The lesson was about only 1 way to heaven through Jesus Christ but we have to choose.

Signpost-We went looking for the signpost but brought the arrows back to Cabin(as we didn't get our normal building that week so we did the lesson in Captain's Cabin).

Golden Rule

Matthew 6:1-4 (Theme do to others as you would yourself)

On the map-Bible

The lesson was about doing to others as you would do to yourself and a big recap.

Bible-We did the final lesson in the Captain's Cabin while someone was outside hiding our Bible with gems in, and chocolate coins.