



Things Hidden

Scope & Sequence

Things Hidden is an evangelistic study for children on kingdom parables. The goals of *Things Hidden* are to 1) help children think spiritually; 2) give them an “other-kingdom” focus; and 3) awaken spiritual interest and feed spiritual hunger by exposing children to the truth. Beyond the words of the parables are deep spiritual truths which are hidden unless one has been given spiritual eyes and ears to see and hear them. Through this study we pray that God will open the hearts of children so that spiritual truth may be revealed to them.

Lesson 1: Hidden Treasure Parable of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Value (Matthew 13)

The kingdom of God is more valuable than all a person’s possessions.

- ▶ Children will begin by learning the truth that something can be real, but hidden from our sight. Because something is hidden from us, it does not mean that it does not exist. As they study two short parables, students will see that the kingdom of God is more valuable than all a person’s possessions and should be pursued with everything within a person.

Memory Verse: Luke 9:25

Lesson 2: Hearts That Treasure the Kingdom

The Parable of the Sower (Luke 8)

How the Word of God is received is dependent on a person’s heart.

- ▶ Students will examine *The Parable of the Sower*, and find that while some people see the kingdom of God as a treasure, others are incapable of treasuring God. They are hardened against the truth, fickle in their commitment, and love the things of this world instead of God.

Memory Verse: Romans 10:10a

Lesson 3: Kingdom Celebration

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

God welcomes imperfect people into His kingdom.

- ▶ As students study *The Parable of the Prodigal Son* they will see that God welcomes repentant sinners with much rejoicing and celebration. When someone embraces the treasure of Jesus and His kingdom, all of heaven celebrates.

Memory Verses: John 6:37

Lesson 4: Kingdom Sorting

The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13)

God sees man’s heart and judges man according to man’s heart condition.

- ▶ This lesson on *The Parable of the Weeds* teaches that God will separate the righteous from the unrighteous. The righteous will go to heaven and the unrighteous will be thrown into hell. There will come a day when those who do not treasure God will be cast into eternal punishment.

Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7b

Lesson 5: Seeking and Saving the Lost

Parables of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15)

We cannot find or treasure God unless He helps us.

- ▶ Finally, children will look at *The Parables of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin* to see that God searches for those who belong to Him. Everyone has turned away from God and cannot find or treasure Him unless He helps them. Our hope is in the promise that God seeks His own.

Memory Verse: Luke 19:10