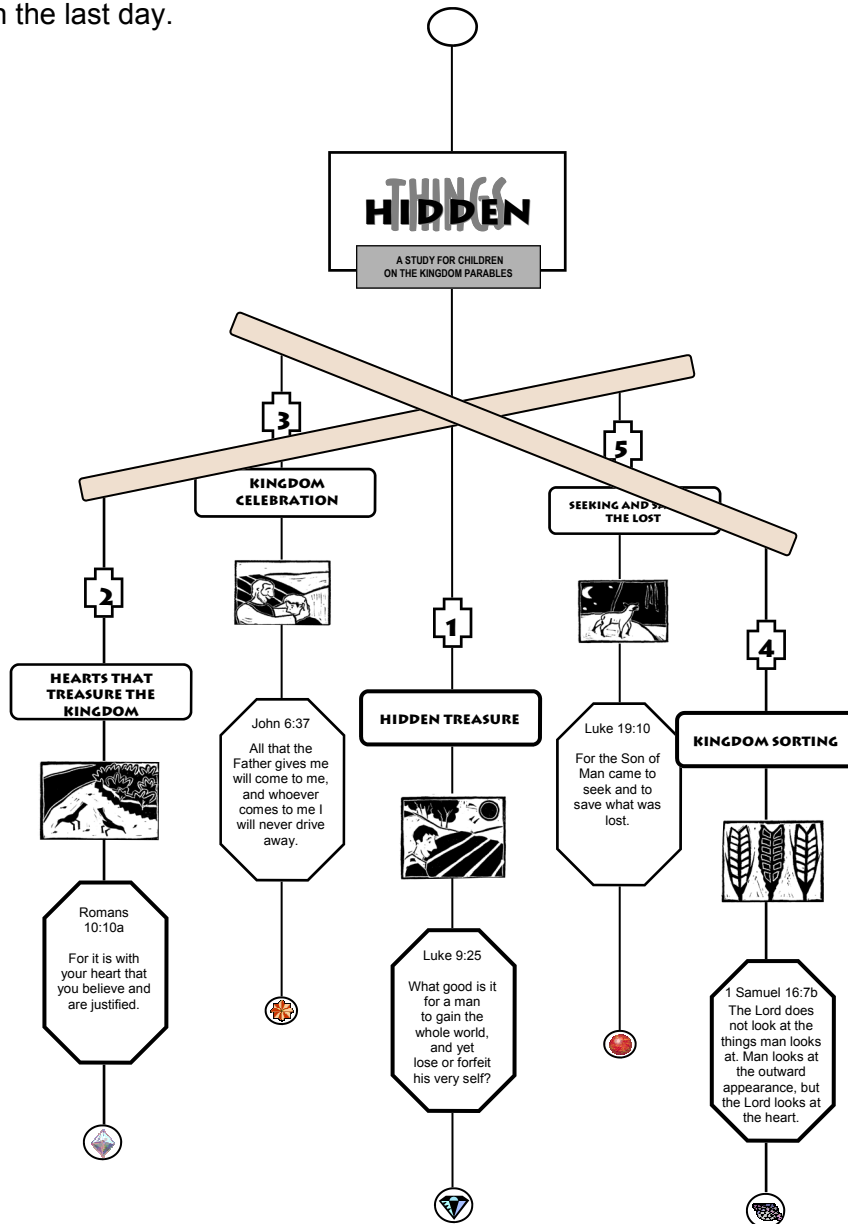


# THINGS

## Mobile Construction Activity

The construction of this mobile is designed to reinforce the key points of the lesson. It is also intended to be a visual reminder of the truths learned long after the Vacation Bible School or Backyard Bible Club has ended. As with any creative activity, there are many ways to reach the same end. The instructions suggested here are one of the ways the project can be used and constructed.

If used as an activity after each lesson, the mobile pieces can be cut out, assembled, and placed in the "Pieces Pocket" for safe keeping until all the lessons are completed and ready for assembly. The mobile can also be created as a culminating activity on the last day.



## **Mobile Pieces**

- **Pieces Pocket:** Cut on the solid line and fold on the dotted lines. Tape the side edges and use a paperclip to secure the top.
- **Frame:** Use popsicle sticks, coat hangers, dowels, small branches, cardboard, etc.
- **Suspension:** Use fishing line, string, or yarn, tied or hot glued to the frame.
- **Individual Pieces:** Lightly color the mobile pieces. Each piece has an attached back and front, designed to be cut out and folded over the string. Tape the string on the inside of one half, and then glue and fold the halves back to back. The only exception is with the lesson title picture pieces (the pieces with illustrations). For these pieces, tape the string on the inside, fold the two halves together, and tape the bottom and top halves together. This will leave the left side open, creating a “hidden pocket”. When the students have completed the activity sheet that accompanies each lesson, carefully fold and place it into the pocket. This will reinforce the idea of hidden treasure.
- **Jewels:** The jewel circle is the last piece to attach to each string of the mobile. Glue the circle piece to each string in the same manner as the other mobile pieces. Glue plastic “jewels” (purchased in bulk from a craft store) to each side of the circle pieces.
- **Hanger:** The top string of the mobile is tied to a hanger—a ring, washer, paperclip, etc.

## **Constructing the Mobile**

1. Cut a length of string no shorter than 24” and attach the hanger to one end. (This will be the central string.)
2. Tie or glue the central string to the frame.
3. Cut out and tape the “Things Hidden” title card to the central string and glue the two sides together.
4. Cut five lengths of string no shorter than 14”, and attach the lesson pieces as shown in the diagram.
5. When children have completed the activity sheets (with colors, glitter pens, stamps, markers, or stickers), have them fold the sheets and place them in the “secret pocket” of each lesson title picture piece.

**Note:** If your students are older, you may wish to experiment with different ways of constructing the mobile. The pieces for each lesson should be placed in the same order, but the configuration of the frame and cross pieces may vary.

## **Using the Mobile Activity for Review of the Lesson**

- Cut out the mobile pieces and place them in a hat or box to draw out one at a time; ask the children to explain the significance of each piece as it pertains to the lesson.
- Ask the children questions about the lesson, having them point to the piece on the mobile that correctly answers each question.
- Display some of the mobile pieces on tag board in the same configuration as the mobile, but with some pieces missing; ask the children about the missing pieces and their significance.
- Cut out two sets of mobile pieces to use in a relay race. Scatter each set of pieces on a table. On a bulletin board or piece of tag board draw lines to represent the strings of the mobile. Select two teams and have them race to put a mobile together.