

Week of July 26

seeing with the eyes of God Activity 4ine...

Theme	Do you have an understanding heart? The treasure of God's Kingdom might not have been revealed to you yet. LOOK FOR IT! It may be "buried"! Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52
Science	Think about other "hidden things" try the: <u>Invisible Ink Experiment</u> Miracles can happen if we believe!
Arts/Craft	Build a: <u>Family Faith Chest</u> OR Create a Silhouette – As we live out our daily life, we sometimes forget that we have a hidden treasure in God and in heaven. Thus, we tend to see the things God created without truly seeing their beauty. Make a silhouette to help remind you that despite our forgetfulness, God sees all things clearly. PLEASE SEE Explanatory Handout on our website!
Music	<u>Can You Feel the Joy?</u> <u>Awesome God</u> <u>Build My Life</u>
Game	Create a candy treasure hunt or make a simple scavenger hunt for friends. There are many templates online, but you can design one easily using clues from your own surroundings. This is a fun thing to do as individual families and compare afterward...consider photo scavenger hunts, road rallies, or other treasure hunting games!

Snack	<p>HoHo/Rice Krispy Treasure: cut a hoho in half and fill with "surprise" candy OR mold rice krispies into a top and bottom and fill with "surprise" candy. IF you are feeling ambitious in your snack making, try this fun buried treasure cupcake recipe:</p> <p><u>Buried Treasure Chocolate Strawberry Cupcakes</u></p>
Service	<p>Go on a shopping scavenger hunt for a soup kitchen or food cupboard by finding their wish list.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Contact your local donation center for St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill, etc. and find out how to give clothing. Then, "HUNT" through your dresser and closet and pull out clothes that you no longer wear. All members of the family can participate! Together as a family, ask: Why do we pass along our clothing to those in need? (Jesus asks us to clothe those without clothing). How many outfits does a person really need? How do I feel when I donate extra clothes to others? Say a prayer for the families who receive the clothing you gave</p>
Prayer	<p>Have a conversation with God this week. Spend some time in quiet and see if you can hear where God is trying to lead you</p>
Reflecting in the Hammock	<p>Solomon asked God for an understanding heart. Think about a person, a group of people that you have a difficult time understanding. Open your heart to them as children of God. How might you try and walk in their shoes this week?</p>