

Treasures

STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN



Matthew 6:19-21

Teaching Our Children To Store Up Treasures in Heaven While Hiding God's Word In Their Hearts

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:19-21 that we are not to store up for ourselves treasures on earth...instead, we are to store up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.

In the Fall of 2013, these verses got the Sunday School Committee discussing new ways to teach our children how to store up treasures that will last forever.

Prior to this time, we had "Daily Challenges" for the children to complete each week. The challenges included Bible memory, learning and reciting the Books of the Old Testament, and remembering to bring their Bibles to Sunday School. If the children successfully completed these challenges, they would be rewarded with a special treat.

Starting in the Fall of 2013, we have had the same goal of hiding God's Word in the hearts of the children through "Weekly Challenges", such as bringing their Bibles and prayer journals to Sunday School, as well as learning and reciting individual verses, the Beattitudes, Psalms 23, the Ten

Commandments, and all the Books of the Old & New Testament. The difference is in the reward the children receive.

All the children from our preschool class through and including our high school class receive "Bible Bucks", instead of treats, for successfully completing their weekly challenges. Each Sunday School class then uses the "Bible Bucks" they earned to select gifts from Compassion International's Gift Catalog. As of March 15, 2015, the children have raised and sent over \$900.00 to help others in need!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? You can help by matching the "Bible Bucks" earned by our Sunday School children from our preschool class all the way up to our high school class. Each Sunday School child will be able to earn up to a maximum of three "Sunday School Bucks" each Sunday for successfully completing their weekly challenges. Therefore, the maximum amount each child can earn by the end of the year is \$156.00. If you would like to contribute, donations earmarked "Bible Bucks" can be placed in the offering plate at any time.