Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan

Here's a **Sunday School Lesson Plan** for **young children (ages 4–8)** and some activities for older children using the **Revised Common Lectionary readings – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A).** Bible Verses: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45c; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52; Preface of the Lord's Day

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Lesson Title

"God's Kingdom Is a Treasure"

Theme

God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure we can find, and even small acts of faith can grow into wonderful things.

Big Idea

Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom is worth more than anything else and that God can make small things grow into something amazing.

Lesson Focus for Kids

Children will discover that:

- God's love is the greatest treasure.
- Faith can start small and grow big.
- Nothing can separate us from God's love.
- Following Jesus is worth more than anything else.

Scripture Readings (Kid-Friendly Language)

Genesis 29:15-28

Jacob worked many years because he loved Rachel and wanted to marry her. This story reminds us that some things are worth waiting for.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45c

Remember all the wonderful things God has done. Give thanks and praise to God.

Psalm 128

God blesses those who love and follow him.

Romans 8:26-39

Nothing can separate us from God's love—not trouble, fear, sadness, or anything else.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus told stories about:

- A tiny mustard seed that grows into a large plant.
- A little yeast that makes bread rise.
- A hidden treasure.
- A pearl of great value.

These stories teach us that God's Kingdom is precious and powerful.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Welcome Activity

Place a small treasure chest, decorated box, or gift bag in the center.

Inside place:

- A cross
- A heart
- A Bible
- A small mustard seed (or picture)

Ask:

- What treasures do you have?
- What makes something valuable?
- Can God's love be a treasure?

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us.
Thank you for the treasure of your Kingdom.
Help us learn about your love today.
Help our faith grow strong.

Amen.

Circle Time Discussion

Show:

- A tiny seed
- A loaf of bread or picture
- A treasure box

Ask:

- Can something tiny become something big?
- Have you ever found something special?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says God's Kingdom is like a treasure?

Explain:

God's Kingdom may seem small at first, but it grows in amazing ways.

Memory Verse

Romans 8:39

"Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God."

Actions

Nothing – cross arms.

Separate us – pull hands apart.

Love – place hands over heart.

God – point upward.

Repeat several times with motions.

Bible Story Time

The Treasure and the Mustard Seed

One day Jesus told several short stories.

He said God's Kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed.

The seed is very small.

But when it grows, it becomes a large plant.

Then Jesus said God's Kingdom is like yeast mixed into dough.

Even a little yeast changes the whole loaf.

Next Jesus told a story about a man who found treasure hidden in a field.

The treasure was so valuable that he gladly gave everything else to have it.

Jesus also spoke about a beautiful pearl that was worth more than anything else.

Jesus wanted everyone to know that God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure of all.

Knowing God, loving Jesus, and being part of God's family is more valuable than anything money can buy.

Discussion Questions

- What was the smallest thing in Jesus' story?
- What happened to the mustard seed?
- What treasure did the man find?
- What treasure has God given us?
- Can anything separate us from God's love?

Craft Activity

Treasure Chest of Faith

Supplies

- Treasure chest template
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Jewel stickers (optional)

Directions

1. Color and decorate the treasure chest.

2. Cut out paper "treasures."
3. On each treasure write:
    - God's Love
    - Prayer
    - Family
    - Church
    - Kindness
    - Jesus
    - Bible
4. Place treasures inside the chest.

Write on front:

"God's Kingdom Is My Treasure"

Alternative Craft

Mustard Seed Faith Garden

Children decorate a flower pot template.

Write:

"Faith Grows!"

Add flowers, leaves, and a seed picture.

Game

Treasure Hunt

Hide paper treasure coins around the room.

Each coin contains a word:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Kindness

- Prayer
- Jesus

Children collect treasures.

Afterward discuss:

"These treasures remind us of God's Kingdom."

Song Suggestions

Traditional

- Jesus Loves Me
- This Little Light of Mine
- The B-I-B-L-E

Action Songs

- I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy
- Father Abraham
- Deep and Wide

Reflection Songs

- Seek Ye First
- Open Our Eyes, Lord

Snack Suggestions

Treasure Chest Snack

- Graham crackers
- Goldfish crackers
- Pretzels

Serve in small paper treasure chests.

Mustard Seed Snack Mix

- Cheerios
- Raisins
- Pretzels

Discuss how small things grow.

Pearl Cookies

Round vanilla wafers or small sugar cookies.

Connect to the Pearl of Great Price.

Wrap-Up & Reflection

Ask:

- What was Jesus comparing God's Kingdom to?
- Why is God's Kingdom a treasure?
- What small thing can grow into something big?
- What can never separate us from God's love?

Give each child a paper coin.

Write:

"I Am Loved By God"

Encourage them to keep it during the week.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving us.
Thank you for giving us the treasure of your Kingdom.

Help our faith grow like a mustard seed.
Help us remember that nothing can separate us from your love.

Amen.

Take-Home Idea

Family Treasure Hunt

Hide paper hearts around the house.

On each heart write:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Faith
- Prayer

After finding them, discuss:

"These are treasures from God's Kingdom."

Finish with a family prayer.

Lesson Summary

Main Message

God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure of all. Even small faith can grow into wonderful things, and nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

Teacher Notes

Key Teaching Points

- God's Kingdom is precious.
- Faith often begins small.
- God can make small things grow.

- God's love never leaves us.
- Following Jesus is worth more than anything else.

For Younger Children

Focus on:

- God's love is our greatest treasure.
- Faith grows.
- Nothing separates us from God's love.

Avoid complicated discussion of Jacob's marriage story. Simply explain that Jacob worked patiently because he loved Rachel.

Anglican Connection

The Preface of the Lord's Day reminds us that every Sunday Christians gather to worship, hear God's Word, and celebrate God's Kingdom. Through prayer, Scripture, and Holy Communion, God strengthens our faith and helps it grow.

Other Idea Links

https://ministry-to-children.com/tiny-faith-mark-426-34-sunday-school-lesson/

https://truewaykids.com/mustard-seed/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQlyab-rwPw

https://ca.pinterest.com/pin/25966135347637211/

https://ca.pinterest.com/pin/1038853839034435830/

https://www.thinkingkidsblog.org/parable-hidden-treasure/

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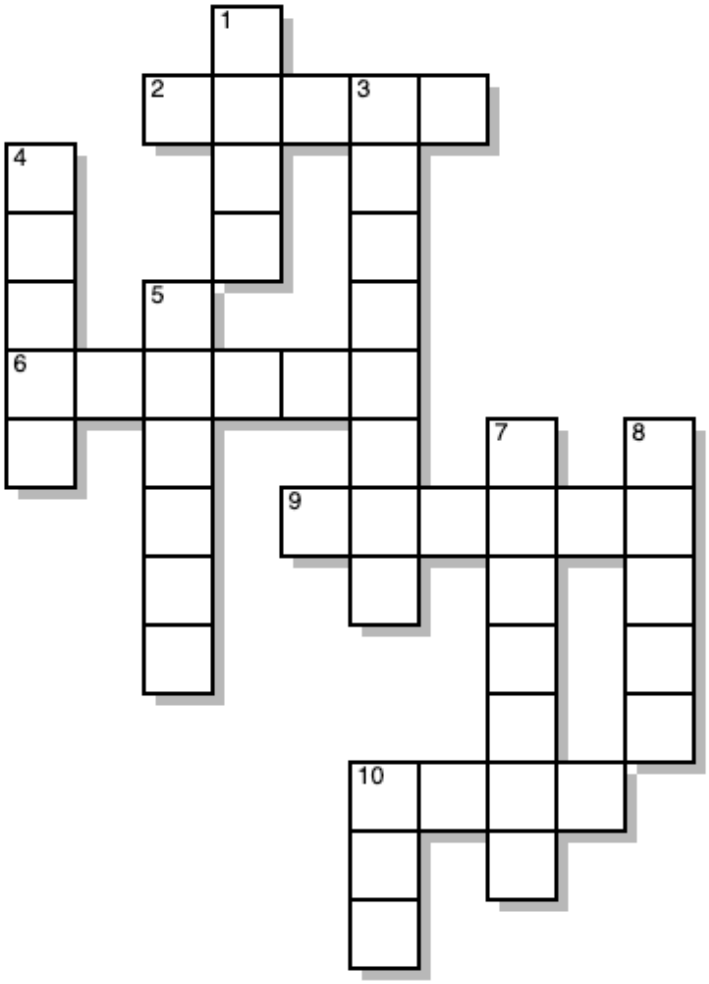

ACROSS

2 Value
6 Expression of gratitude
9 Glorify
10 Become larger

DOWN

1 Deep caring
3 Valuable objects
4 Trust in the unseen
5 Group of relations
7 Realm having a king
8 God's son
10 Our Father

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God
Treasure
Faith
Worth
Love
Grow

Jesus
Thanks
Praise
Kingdom
Family

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Find the treasure chest.

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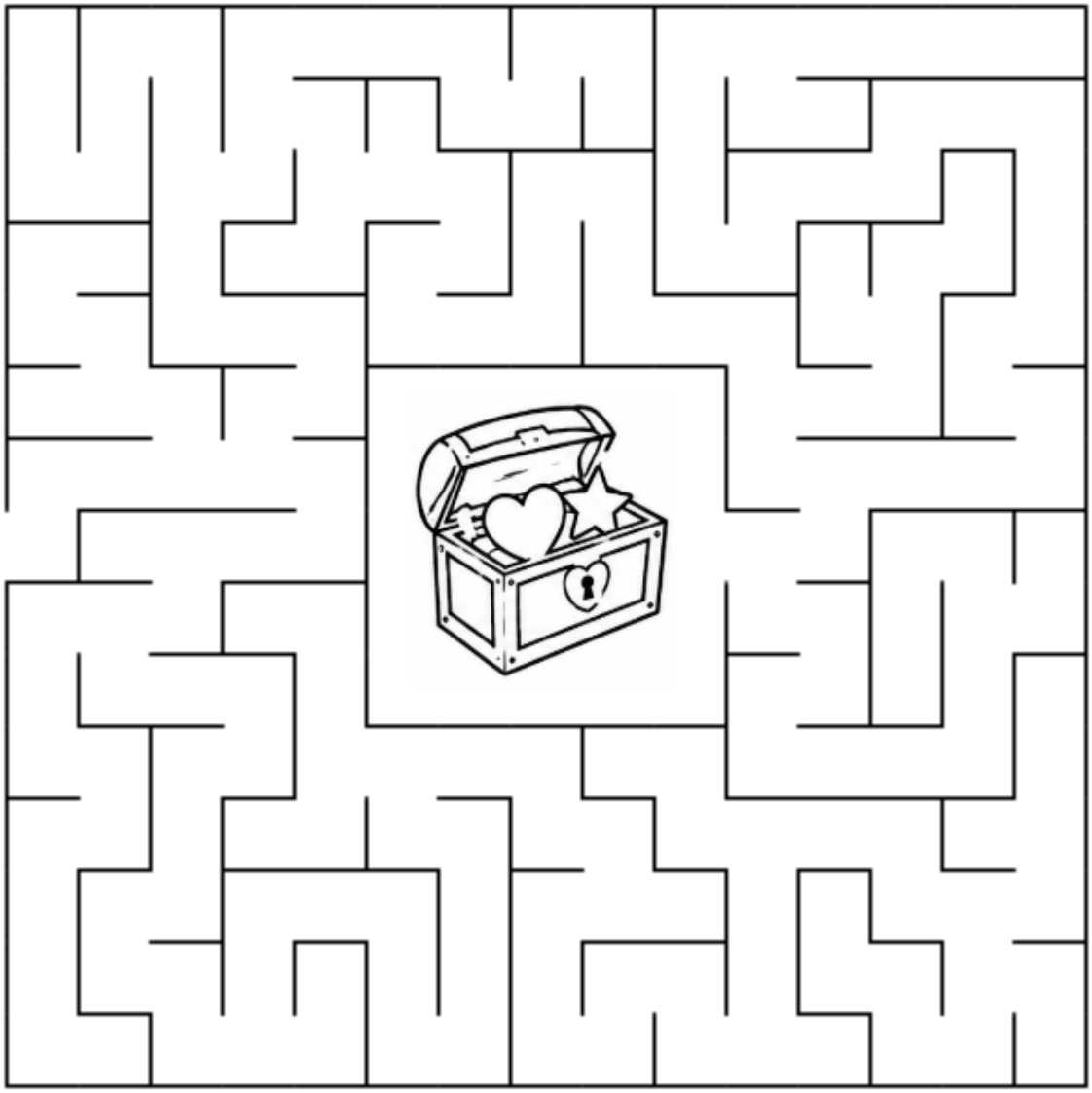

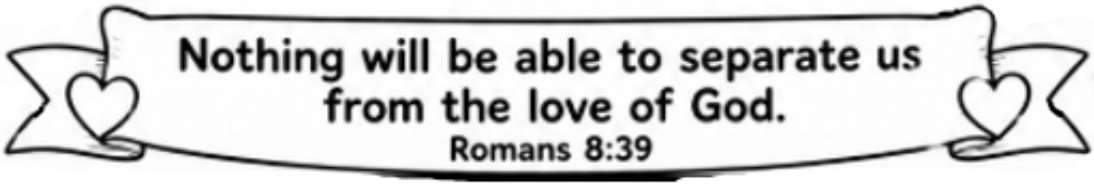

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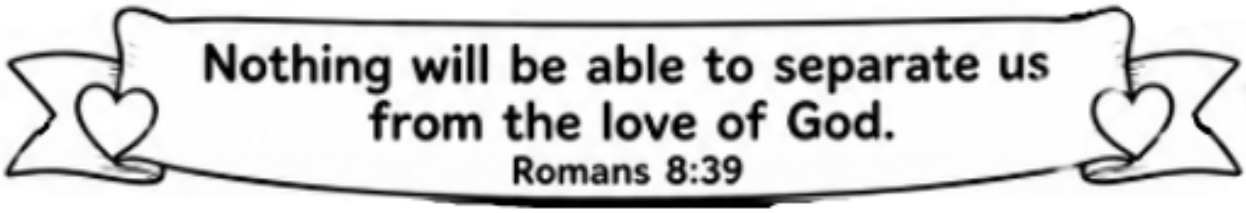

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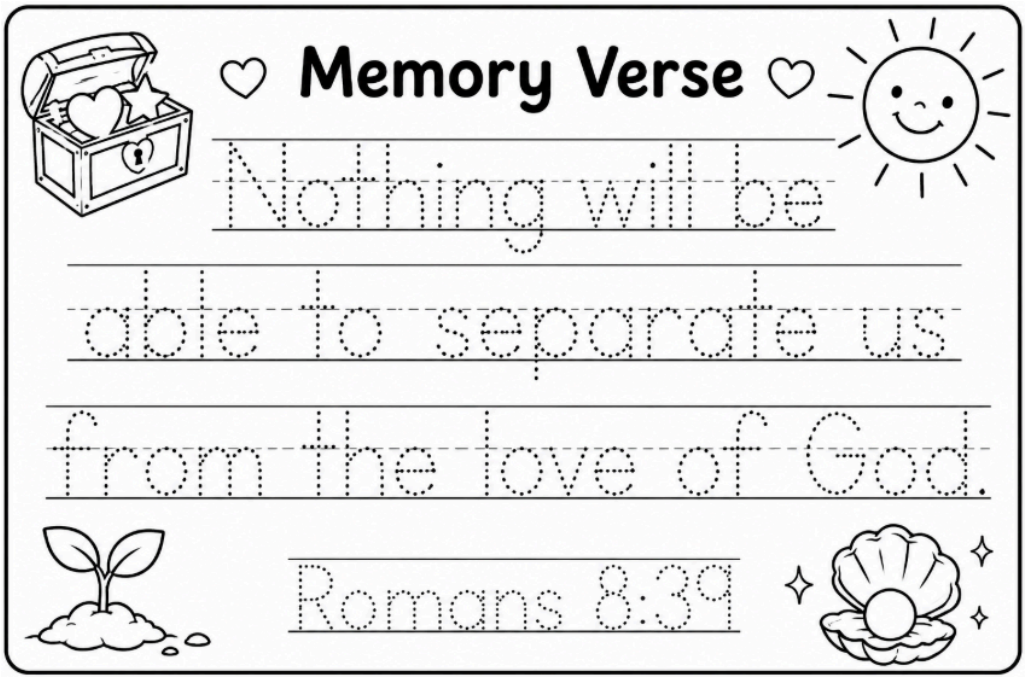
Draw something that reminds you of God’s love.



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Fill in the blanks of the story with the words in the box.

Words to Use				
dough	everyone	everything	family	field
God	greatest	grows	Jesus	Kingdom
loaf	money	mustard	pearl	plant
small	stories	treasure	yeast	

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Crossword – Key:

Across	Down
2. Worth	1. Love
6. Thanks	3. Treasure
9. Praise	4. Faith
10. Grow	5. Family
	7. Kingdom
	8. Jesus
	10. God

Cryptogram – Key:

Psalm 128:1-2

Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Fill in the Blanks Story – Key

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