



The Treasure of Heaven

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PUPPETS

1. ANNOUNCER
2. YANAL
3. DAD
4. BOBBY
5. JESUS
6. TALA

PROPS

1. FULL STAGE
2. TREASURE BOX
3. GIANT PEARL
4. SHOVEL
5. PLAY MONEY

SOUND

1. WORSHIP SONGS (2) (1 about treasure, 1 about the kingdom of God)
2. DIGGING SOUND EFFECT.

ACT I

Ripley: Good evening kids! I didn't hear you! Good evening Kids!

Tonight we are going to learn about Heaven. Are all of you going to go to Heaven? I sure hope so.

Jesus tried to explain to us how important Heaven is. He did this in Parable. Do you know what a parable is? Terrific! That's right a parable is a story that explains something that we don't understand, using things we do understand. Understand?

Well, let's all listen to Jesus and maybe he can make things more clear than I can. He was so good at that.

Music: Song about treasure.

Scene: Jesus comes up tell the parable of the field.

Jesus: The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.

Man One: (Comes out and starts digging. He bangs into something hard. Bends over and pulls it up. It is a treasure chest.) I'm rich! I'm rich! Surely there has never been a treasure found such as this!

Jesus: When a man found it, he hid it again...

Man One: I had better hide this before someone else finds it! (He puts it back down and you hear shoveling sounds again)

Sound: Shoveling noises.

Jesus: ...and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Man One: (Comes up with a handful of cash. Another man is there.) This is all I have. Will you take it as payment for this field?

Man Two: But the field is not worth this much. You are paying me far more than I deserve for it.

Man One: No, the field is worth anything I have to pay. I am willing to give you all I have in order to obtain it.

Man Two: Okay, but you can't change your mind.

Man One: Don't worry. I won't. (Man two leaves and Man one celebrates his acquisition.)

ACT II

Announcer: Jesus wanted us all to know just how wonderful and valuable Heaven is. So he told a second parable. It is a parable about a merchant who searched the world until he found a pearl that was more valuable than anything else and precious to him. Heaven is like this pearl of great value.

Jesus: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

Bobby: (Examining a large pearl) Oh... Oh... Oh... It's magnificent! I have never seen anything like it. You have to know I have searched the world for such a thing of beauty. What do you want for it?

Tala: I'm afraid it would probably cost more than you can afford.

Bobby: And how much is that? (Tala leans over and whispers in his ear.) That much?! Really? Why, that is everything I have. But I will never find anything as precious as this. I will be back.

Jesus: When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Bobby: I have sold everything I have. (Holds out the money) But I know it is worth it. This is something I must have. (Takes the pearl & Tala exits). Now I am happy.

Narrator:* Do you know what heaven is like? Jesus used these stories to help us understand that heaven is more special than anything we have here on earth. It's worth more than all we own now. Here's what the Bible says about heaven. Heaven is a place where there is no sadness. God says that no one will ever cry there. No one is ever sick or dies in heaven. God Himself will live in heaven. When we trust Jesus as our savior, we'll know for sure that one day heaven will be our home, and we'll be right where God is.

Do you know that heaven doesn't need a sun or a light bulb? God himself is the light of heaven. And it will only be daytime, never nighttime there.

Heaven is like a treasure because its' streets are made of pure gold, shiny like glass.

Heaven isn't like anything on earth. It's a treasure God has to share with us one day. He will share heaven with all who have realized they've sinned and know that they need their sins forgiven.

When we ask Jesus to forgive our sins, and to be our Lord and Savior, Jesus washes our sin away. And He promises that that heaven will Be our home one day.

If you have questions about this, or aren't sure if heaven is going to be your home one day, you can talk to one of your teachers or leaders tonight. They want to answer your questions and help you understand how you can be sure heaven will be your home one day.*

Closing prayer / music

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