

# Unlocked: True Riches

[Parents: Use this resource to teach your kids about what you learned in today's message.]

Today in Harborside Kids your child learned something different. Ask your child what they learned today and if they can say the memory verse:

PRESCHOOL – **“You are God’s chosen and special people.” – 1 Peter 2:9a (CEV)**

ELEMENTARY – **“Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God’s kingdom belongs to them.” Matthew 5:3 (ERV)**

Now follow this lesson to talk about True Riches.

Read Philippians 3:20-21 together:

*“ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.”*

Did you know that we are citizens of heaven? Define “Citizen” together. Talk about it and google what it means if you need help.

Being a citizen means that you belong to a certain country and have certain rights and protection from that country. Also that you live there or are from that place.

Because of what Jesus did on the cross, He gave us access back to the Father who is in Heaven and made us people who now belong to Heaven, God’s Kingdom. We are citizens of Heaven which means it’s our home! The place we belong too.

That’s exciting news because that means that our home on earth is temporary and we have a heavenly home to look forward to! We are now missionaries on earth that get to show people what God’s Kingdom is really like!

## MAKE A PASSPORT

Because we are citizens of Heaven, let’s make a passport to remind us of our heavenly home!

Use the attached worksheet or make your own using construction paper.

As you make your passport, think and talk about some things we know Heaven is like and what we can look forward too!



**“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven” – Matthew 6:20a**

As missionaries on this earth, we have to constantly remind ourselves that this life is temporary! Like when you go on vacation or a trip, you go only for a short amount of time and then your return home.

Our lives on earth are temporary and the best part of our lives will be when we get to experience Heaven with Jesus forever.

Let’s look at what Jesus says we should do and not do to prepare ourselves.

Read Matthew 6:19-21

- What does Jesus encourage us NOT to do? (store up treasures on earth only)
- Why does He say that? ( because those things get old, break, don’t last)
- What does Jesus say He wants us to store up? (treasures in Heaven!)

God loves to give us things for our temporary time here on earth, but He wants us to think and live differently. He wants us to live with the future in mind, Heaven! We live differently when we realize Heaven is our actual home.

How do you think or live differently when you think about Heaven being your actual home?

## SCIENCE EXPERIMENT- Rust and Decay

### Supplies:

- Iron nail (not galvanized)
- Plastic or glass container
- 8 teaspoons hydrogen peroxide
- 1 teaspoon distilled white vinegar
- Table salt
- Safety glass or goggles
- Pair of gloves

1. Measure out ingredients using amounts listed
2. Combine vinegar and hydrogen peroxide in bowl. (make sure to be careful to not touch the mixture once they are combined)
3. Add enough salt to mixture to saturate the solution (make really salty water)
4. Place your nail in the container
5. Let the nail sit in the solution. Keep an eye on it until it's as rusty as you want it
6. Let the nail air-dry. Wear gloves and gently remove it from the solution. Place it on a paper towel to dry. Check it out in a few hours to see how rusty it gets!

This is what happens to our treasures on earth. Over time they get old, rusty, broken and ultimately they don't have the same importance or value in heaven.

We get to enjoy these temporary things now like toys, trophies, games, money. But what's most important, most valuable is what will last with us in Heaven.

We get to choose to store up, save, build those things for the future!



So what are some Heavenly Treasures? What do we take with us to Heaven? Discuss together as a family.

Heavenly Treasures are often things that we don't always see with our eyes or can touch with our hands, but they are conditions of the heart or things that please God.

For example things like

- faith in God
- obedience
- trust
- generosity
- believing God's word
- sharing the Gospel

These things are heavenly treasures that we get to take with us to heaven.

Let's read Hebrews 11 to learn about some different people in the Bible who stored up heavenly treasures on earth.

By having faith, what did each person receive in return?

- Abel – He was commended as righteous before God, he was in right-standing
- Enoch – He didn't die and was called one who pleased God
- Noah – his life was saved
- Abraham and Sarah – a son and descendants as numerous as the stars!

Pick one person to learn more about and read their story in the Bible.

Since we are citizens of Heaven and missionaries on earth, what are some things we can do to teach people about God's kingdom today? How can we live Heaven-minded?

## Operation Christmas Child

Build a shoe box as a family! Operation Christmas Child is coming to Harborside starting October 10<sup>th</sup>. Make a plan to build a shoe box for a child in need as a family. You can make one online early or grab a box from the lobby starting Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

With each box, a child gets blessed for Christmas and shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let's share some earthly and heavenly treasures with the kids of Operation Christmas Child.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

# CITIZEN OF HEAVEN

Design a passport reminding you that you are a Citizen of Heaven!

## MY PASSPORT



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH : \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH : \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONALITY : \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ISSUE : \_\_\_\_\_

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### WORLD TRAVELLER

