



**God is Faithful to
His Covenant
For groups meeting
Nov 29- Dec 4, 2015**

Start with FREE PLAY [15 Minutes]

Provide small manipulatives or board games if not outdoors

*Use **PROPS** in Treasure Chest to introduce each session of **the 5 W's**:*

Using props helps kids engage and get into a weekly routine of knowing what comes next. Once a weekly routine is established, kids will know what to expect and therefore learn what is expected of them. Store props in treasure chest.

WELCOME [5 Minutes]

Take wood box with questions from treasure chest. Pick & discuss 1 card per week

WORSHIP [5 Minutes]

Choose 2 Songs from Kidz 'n Groups CD provided. Play and sing.

YouTube links to motions are provided on CD cover if desired. Kids love motions!

Pray to WIN [5 Minutes]

Take the cross from the treasure chest. Read what is on the cross to remind kids that we should pray every day. Place nearby. (Step 1 is necessary if not previously done) **Step 1:** Say "We are going to pray and ask God to help us think of one person we know, who doesn't know Jesus." Then pray. Pass out the

'I PRAY' cards. Have kids write the name of the person that God brought to their mind. Have the group pray for Jesus to win the heart of each person by believing the gospel. Review what the gospel is if needed. Prayer time can be done as a group or by one person praying for all.

Step 2: Pass cards with names (or a drawing of the person) out each week and pray for the people on the cards. Occasionally ask kids for updates on the person they are praying for. Collect the cards and store in envelope for future weeks.

Treasure the WORD [10 Minutes]

Show kids the Bible and Key. Read the sentence on front of the Treasure Chest. Encourage kids to read their Bible everyday. Teach young children weekly how to find the book, chapter and verse.

Read: Genesis 41:46-57

Question1: Who can tell me what the word famine means? [Accept all answers that have anything to do with not enough food]

Treasure the **WORD** [10 Minutes] - continued

Question 2: Has there ever been a time that you can remember being really, really hungry?

Discuss: A few weeks ago we read from the Bible and learned that Joseph was placed in a pit and sold into slavery by his brothers because they were jealous of him. Then an officer of Pharaoh (the king of Egypt) bought Joseph and put him in charge of his household. Potiphar (the officer) had a wife who tricked Joseph and he got put in jail. God later orchestrated events that eventually put Joseph in charge of all the food supply of Egypt. The wisdom God gave to Joseph prevented Egypt from having a famine. Joseph's brothers came to Egypt looking for food. Let's read what happened when Joseph and his brothers finally ended up in the same room together.

Read: Genesis 45:1-15

Question 3: Do you think Joseph would have been able to forgive his brothers for the terrible things they did to him all on his own, without God's love? [Allow all answers]

Finding the treasure in God's Word: God sent Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant.

A remnant of Israel, refers to the people that were left to continue on with God's ultimate plan of salvation. A few months ago we talked about how God promised Abraham, then Isaac and then Jacob that salvation would come through their family. If they all died, that wouldn't have been able to happen. Joseph, Jacob's son was used by God to continue God's perfect plan.

Activity: Musical chairs - use CD player and kids worship CD.

Help kids understand how God saved Joseph's family by playing musical chairs. Set up the chairs. (minus 1 from the number of kids attending) Ask for a volunteer to be Joseph. Assign him/her to be the task master of starting and stopping the music. Each time the music stops the person w/o a chair must leave the game. When only 1 or 2 remain, explain that the ones left in the game are the remnant that is left from the original people playing. Ask 'Joseph' if he will choose to restore the original number of kids playing so they can all play again. Explain that forgiveness is a gift that we must choose to give others—and it's free, just like the gift God gave us, Jesus.

WORKS Challenge [10 Minutes]

Kids will use Kindness Coins and choose to accept or decline the challenge each week to 'work for Jesus' by passing on what they have learned. Be stingy with the coins. Only give a kid a coin if he or she agrees to accept and follow through with the challenge. Start each week by asking the kids that took the challenge the week before to tell about what they did and who they gave the coin to. A challenge must be completed and a coin given to the recipient before a new challenge is accepted.

Challenge: Ask a friend or family member if they were ever really, really, really hungry. Then give that person the coin. Tell them they can pass it on, but only if they want to.

End with FREE PLAY

***Lesson Coloring pages:** found at www.enewlife.com/ministries/small-groups/resources
Recommended DVD's: Superbook or What's in the Bible or Outdoor Play