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ADVENT BIBLICAL TREASURE HUNT

(Materials needed: Bibles and a small gold bag for each participant. The gold bag includes the following clues: gold ribbon bow, reproduced small map, candy kiss, a piece of “Treasures” candy, Life Saver candy, tissue, peppermint, Dove “Promises” candy, and gold coins (these could be candy.) A candy cane included with the following words attached:

Jesus...the Sweetest Gift! **WHITE** for the purity of God’s only Son; **RED** for His blood our salvation won; **STRIPED** for the pain He bore on Calvary. He did it all for you and me; **SHAPED** like the staff of our Shepherd who came, Jesus is His Holy Name.

Each participant is also given a copy of the Biblical Treasure Hunt Clues.)

LEADER:

There are few games that can create as much excitement at a children’s party as that of a Treasure Hunt. Just mention those two words and the kids become giddy with anticipation. Not only will they fun searching for clues and solving riddles, but they will also receive a prize at the end.

The season of Advent is a little like a treasure hunt. We have the same anticipation in our hearts as we prepare for the coming of Christ. As children we looked forward to opening presents on Christmas. But now we look forward to Christ’s return and our heavenly reward of eternal life through Him. Life is much different that a child’s game and it is easy to get distracted – to quit searching for our treasure. That is why the season of Advent is a great time to focus our hearts on Christ.

Today I thought it would be fun to go on a different type of treasure hunt. It is a Biblical treasure hunt. Each of you received a little gold bag that contains the clues and a Bible which holds our “treasure.” Let’s go through them now, beginning with the gold bag itself.

(Leader may ask for volunteers to read the Scripture during the treasure hunt.)

Gold Bag: *“Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.”* Luke 12:33 b

Gold Ribbon Bow: Christ is the gold thread that ties us together. *“My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”* Colossians 2:2, 3

Map: *“And if you look for it (wisdom) as for silver and search for it as hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.”* Proverbs 2: 4, 5

Candy Kiss: God gives us the treasure of love and asks that we share it with others. *“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.”* Romans 12:10a

“Treasures” Candy: *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Matthew 6:21

Lifesaver: Jesus is our “Life Saver” as He offers the treasures of heaven to all who believe in Him. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

Tissue: The treasure of comfort is a gift of God. *“Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”* 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4

Peppermint: God’s treasure in you! You are worth a mint to Him. *“God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.”* Ephesians 2:4, 5

Dove “Promises” Candy: *“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.”* Psalm 145:13

Gold Coins: *“These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”* 1Peter 1:7

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“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” 2 Corinthians 9:15

LEADER:

What a treasure we have in Jesus, our Savior! As we go through the season of Advent this year, let this thought remain close to your heart and be ready to share it with others. Use this gold bag and its contents as an object lesson during your family Advent devotions. Share it one on one with your child, your neighbor or a friend. We have been given the greatest treasure of all and it is joyful task to share it with the world.

For a closing prayer have everyone read or sing the second stanza of:

“Come, O Precious Ransom” LW 34

All Scripture is from NIV.

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