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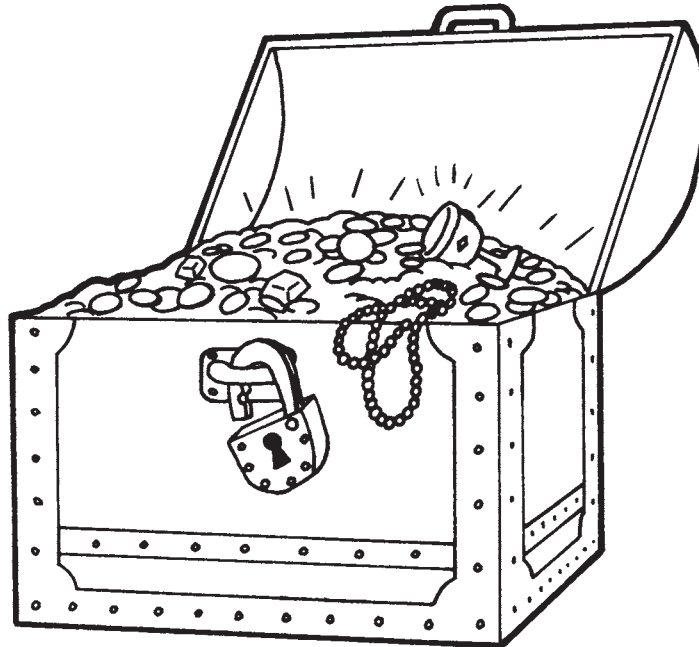
The Bible—My Great Treasure

It
guides me.
Psalm
119:105

It
is all true.
Psalm
119:160

It lasts
forever.
Matthew
24:35

It is
God's Word.
2 Timothy
3:16



It
teaches me
God's way.
2 Timothy
3:16

It shows
me the way
of salvation.
2 Timothy
3:15

It helps
me not to sin.
Psalm
119:11

It is living
and active.
Hebrews
4:12

Materials

- blue background paper
- shiny gold paper
- black marker
- treasure chest pattern on page 34

Directions

1. Cover the board with blue paper.
2. Print the caption on a strip of shiny gold paper and attach it to the top of the board.
3. Enlarge the gold-filled treasure chest and cut it out. Mount it at the center of the board.
4. Cut large circles from gold paper and use a black marker to print on each one a reason why God's Word is our treasure (or enlarge and cut out the coins on the board above).
5. Attach the large paper coins around the treasure chest.

Activities

- Lead children in singing some well-known choruses about the Bible, such as "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet" and "The B-I-B-L-E." Then challenge them as a group to make up their own song about the Bible to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."
- Give each child a gold paper coin on which to write what he or she loves most about the Bible, a favorite Bible verse, or a favorite Bible story. Mount these on the board or around it as space allows.
- Discuss what a difference the Bible makes in our lives. What if it were not readily available? Talk about some places in the world where most people don't have Bibles. Ask children if they are thankful for their Bibles. Take a few minutes for prayer, encouraging each child to express aloud thanks to God for His written Word.
- Tell the story of the boy king Josiah (2 Kings 22:1–23:25). Ask children how Josiah felt about God's Word. Let younger children act out the story.

Treasure Chest Pattern

