

# Things Hidden

## Curriculum Scope and Sequence

*Things Hidden* is an evangelistic study for children on kingdom parables. The parables of Jesus contain glorious, life-changing truth. But the beauty and worth of God's truth is hidden from those who have blind eyes and a divided heart. Using hidden treasure as a metaphor for spiritual truth, this study of kingdom parables exalts God alone as the source of spiritual sight and an undivided heart. The goal of this curriculum is to awaken spiritual interest in children, so that they might seek after the hidden treasure of God and find their satisfaction in Him.



### Lesson 1: Hidden Treasure

*Memory Verse: Luke 9:25*

Children begin by learning the truth that something can be real, but hidden from our sight. Even though something is hidden from us, that does not mean it does not exist. As they study the Parable of the Pearl of Great Value and the Parable of the Hidden Treasure, students will see that the kingdom of God is more valuable than all a person's possessions and should be pursued with everything within a person.

### Lesson 2: Hearts that Treasure the Kingdom

*Memory Verse: Romans 10:10a*

Students will examine the Parable of the Sower and find that while some people see the Kingdom of God as a treasure, others are incapable of treasuring God. They are hardened against the truth, fickle in their commitment, and love the things of this world instead of God.

### Lesson 3: Kingdom Celebration

*Memory Verse: John 6:37*

As students study the Parable of the Prodigal Son, they will see that God welcomes repentant sinners with much rejoicing and celebration. When someone embraces the treasure of Jesus and His Kingdom, all of heaven celebrates.

### Lesson 4: Kingdom Sorting

*Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7b*

This lesson on the Parable of the Weeds teaches that God will separate the righteous from the unrighteous. The righteous will go to heaven and the unrighteous will be thrown into hell. There will come a day when those who do not treasure God will be cast into eternal punishment.

### Lesson 5: Seeking and Saving the Lost

*Memory Verses: Luke 19:10*

Finally, children will look at the Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Parable of the Lost Coin to see that God searches for those who belong to Him. Everyone has turned away from God and cannot find or treasure Him unless He helps them. Our hope is in the promise that God seeks His own.