



TREASURED

Discovering You're Priceless to God

VBS Sunday
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Every night at "Treasured" our children discovered that they are priceless to God! They felt it . . . They heard it . . . They sang it . . . They included it in their daily lives.

PRELUDE . . . "Children of the Heavenly Father"

WELCOME

GREETING

P: God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it's you!

All: We are treasured!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Everything in creation belongs to God.

All: Lift up your eyes!

See the mighty works of our Creator!

L: All who hope in Christ Jesus are called children of God.

All: Lift up your hearts!

Receive the gracious gifts of our Creator!

L: This is the time for worship and song. Lift up your voice!

All: We will praise God with all our might!

INVOCATION

P: The precious love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our hope, and the life and the Spirit is with us all.

All: We are treasured.

DAY 1

Bible Buddy:

Pogo – the Poison Dart Frog

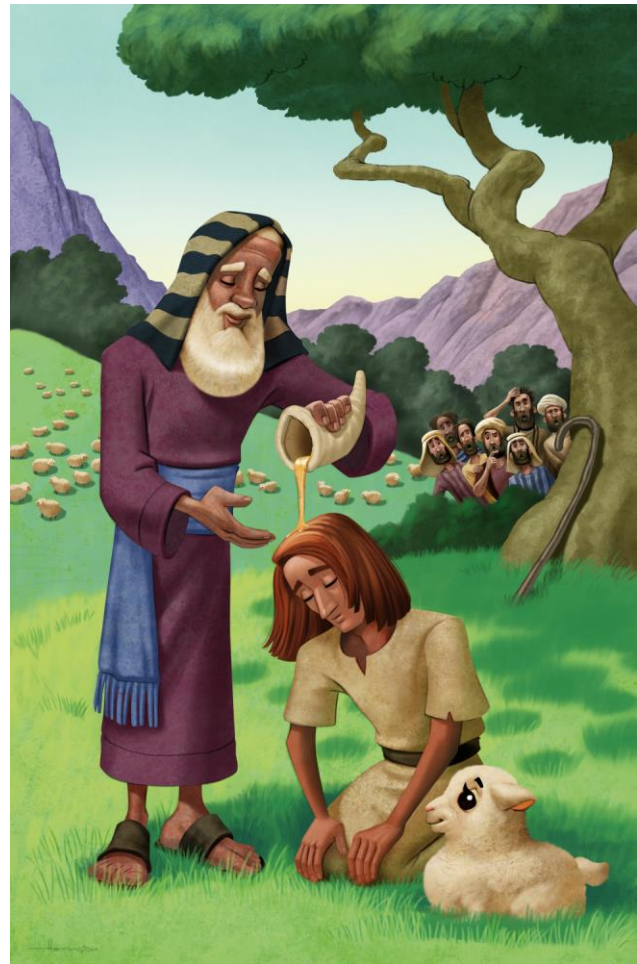
Bible Point:

God Knows You -
- You Are Treasured!

Bible Story:

God identifies David as the future king (1 Samuel 16: 1-13)

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.



When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Key Verse:

“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.” (Psalm 139:1)

Imagination Station:

Decoder Discs

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Gracious God, you offer us the power of love, hope, mercy, grace and forgiveness,

All: yet we often turn away from you.

P: We live our lives according to what we want,

All: not according to what you want for us.

P: We forget to care for one another.

All: We neglect your invitation to join you in friendship

P: We fail to place you at the center of our lives.

All: We do not live our lives in response to your love and your grace. Forgive us, O God.

P: Help us put you first in all that we do,

All: that we may dwell in your mercy and love, all the days of our lives. Amen.

Silence for reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: Treasures of God, we are offered forgiveness, mercy, and hope through Christ. Accept this gift and go forth with God's power.

All: We go into the world trusting Jesus.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm.

All: By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DAY 2

Bible Buddy:

Ruby – the Red Macaw

Bible Point:

God Hears You -

- You Are Treasured!



Bible Story:

David escapes Saul and writes psalms to God
(1 Samuel 3: 1-14; Psalm 86)

Key Verse:

“I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy”
(Psalm 116:1)

Imagination Station:

Voice Changer and
Sing-a-mabob



VBS SONG . . . “*God Is Listening*”

DAY 3

Bible Buddy:

Wilder – the Squirrel Monkey

Bible Point:

God Comforts You -
- You Are Treasured!



Bible Story:

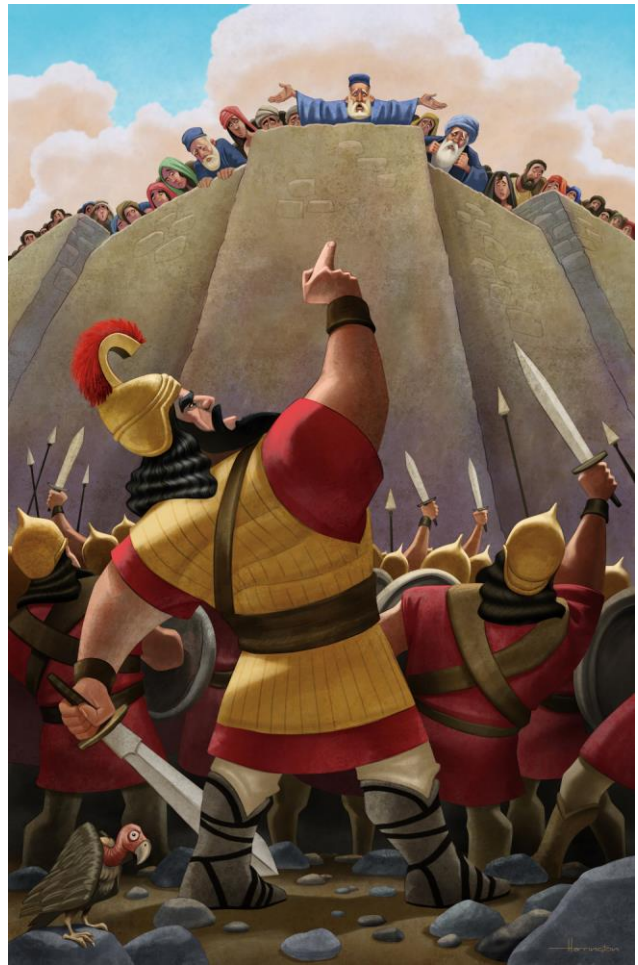
God reassures King
Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:5-
19:34)

Key Verse:

“He comforts us in all our
troubles so that we can
comfort others”
(2 Corinthians 1:4)

Imagination Station:

Footprints in the sand
cross



VBS SONG . . . “Priceless Treasure”

DAY 4

Bible Buddy:

Grace — the Giant Blue Morpho Butterfly

Bible Point:

God Forgives You -
- You Are Treasured!

Bible Story:

Jesus Reinstates Peter (John 18:1-21:19)





Key Verse:

“But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love” (Nehemiah 4:17)

Imagination Station:

Twirlygig

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Here we bring our gifts for your blessing, O God.

All: over the past week, months, and years gone by.

L: Here we dedicate our talents,

All: to serving this community, to serving all bringing reconciliation, healing, support, and caring.

L: Here we offer our time,

All: to bring hope in the struggle, to enable people to fulfill their dreams, to proclaim the forgiving way.

L: Here we bring our gifts for your blessing, O God.

All: Amen.

A LITANY FOR MEN OF FAITH

P: We continue this Father's Day with a Litany for Men of Faith: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. We give thanks to you for all the men of faith of all races and cultures who have done your will throughout the ages.

All: We thank you for Abraham, the father of Israel, Moses the deliverer, Samuel the judge, David the King and for the Old Testament prophets such as Isaiah and the New Testament prophets such as Simeon, Lucius of Cyrene and prophets in Antioch.

P: We are thankful for Joseph, husband of Mary and guardian of our Messiah.

All: And for all who down through the ages have kept the faith with integrity and certitude, we thank you God for our ancestors.

P: Mindful of the witness of men of faith down through the centuries, we ask your blessing upon the faithful men of this congregation, our brothers and friends, our spouses and sons, our grandfathers, fathers, and uncles.

All: Bless them and all men who place their trust in you. Empower them to hold fast their faith and reject all that is evil.

P: Especially this day we pray for strength and encouragement for men that they may love their families as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

All: May they not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so that they may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

P: Gracious God, we praise you that in your great wisdom you have planned for us that we may experience the joy of all men, women and children.

All: To live together.

P: To play together.

All: To work together. To rejoice together. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us come before the triune God in prayer. Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DAY 5

Bible Buddy:

Raymond – the Caiman

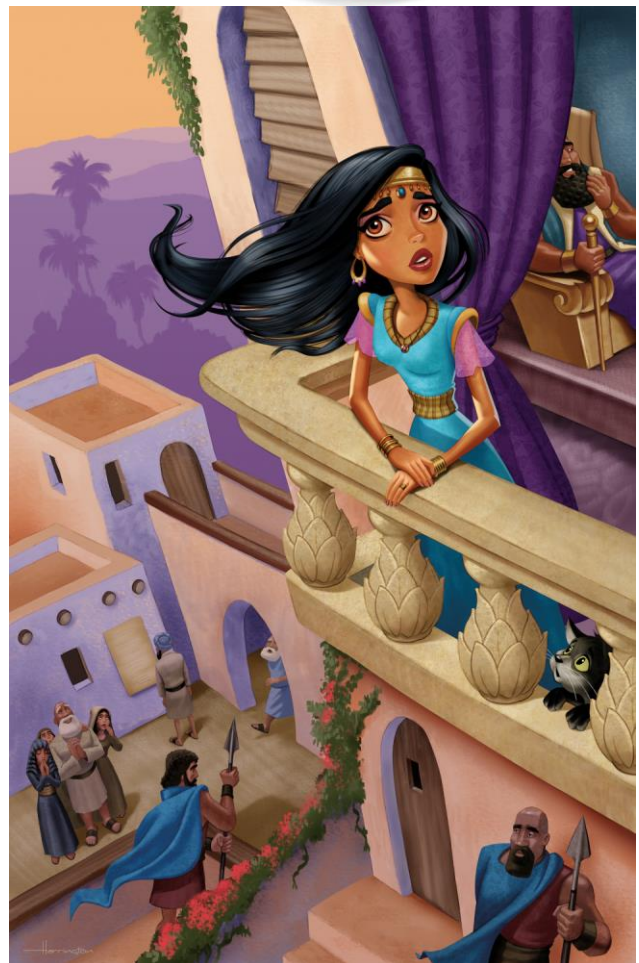
Bible Point:

God Chooses You -
- You Are Treasured!

Bible Story:

God Chooses Esther to
save her people (Esther 2-8)

On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, opposite the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne inside the palace opposite the entrance to the palace. As soon as the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won his favor and he held out to her the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the top of the scepter.



The king said to her, “What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom.” Then Esther said, “If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to a banquet that I have prepared for the king.” Then the king said, “Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther desires.” So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. While they were drinking wine, the king said to Esther, “What is your petition? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Esther said, “This is my petition and request: If I have won the king’s favor, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet that I will prepare for them, and then I will do as the king has said.

Key Verse:

“I have called you by name; you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1)

Imagination Station:

Rockin' and Rollin' Raymond

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: God knows you.

All: We are treasured!

P: God hears you.

All: We are treasured!

P: God comforts you.

All: We are treasured!

P: God forgives you.

All: We are treasured!

P: God chooses you.

All: We are treasured!

P: God’s greatest treasure isn’t diamonds, gems, or gold – it’s you!

All: We are treasured!

DISMISSAL

L: An epic journey awaits. We are treasured. Live your life with all God's power, as a dance to God's love.

All: **We live to the praise of God's love!**

POSTLUDE . . . *"I Come with Joy"*

SINGING BOWL

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