Activity Time

Heavenly Treasures

Description:

The Nephites became wicked as they set their hearts upon the riches of the world. Teach children ways that they can follow Jesus Christ, and of the heavenly "treasures" they can receive if they do!

What you need:

■ A copy of "Treasure in Heaven" activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, glue, tape and laminating sheets or cardstock.

Preparation:

- 1. Print out the artwork.
- 2. Laminate artwork or glue to cardstock.
- 3. Cut along dotted lines. Fold along solid lines.
- 4. Glue in place and secure with tape to form chest and lid.
- 5. Place lid on chest by inserting hinges on lid into slits on back of chest. Tape to secure.
- 6. Make necklaces by making a hole in top of jewel with a paper punch. Thread a length of yarn through holes and tie a knot in the end. Make rings and brace lets by taping the bands to back of jewels.
- 7. Place jewels in treasure chest and footsteps on floor leading to treasure chest.
- 8. Write down three situations for each child in which they could follow Jesus. Example: Mother asked you to pick up your toys before going out to play, but your friend won't wait for you. What will you do to follow Jesus?

Activity:

(Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

Ask: What does it mean to follow Jesus? (Discuss ideas.)

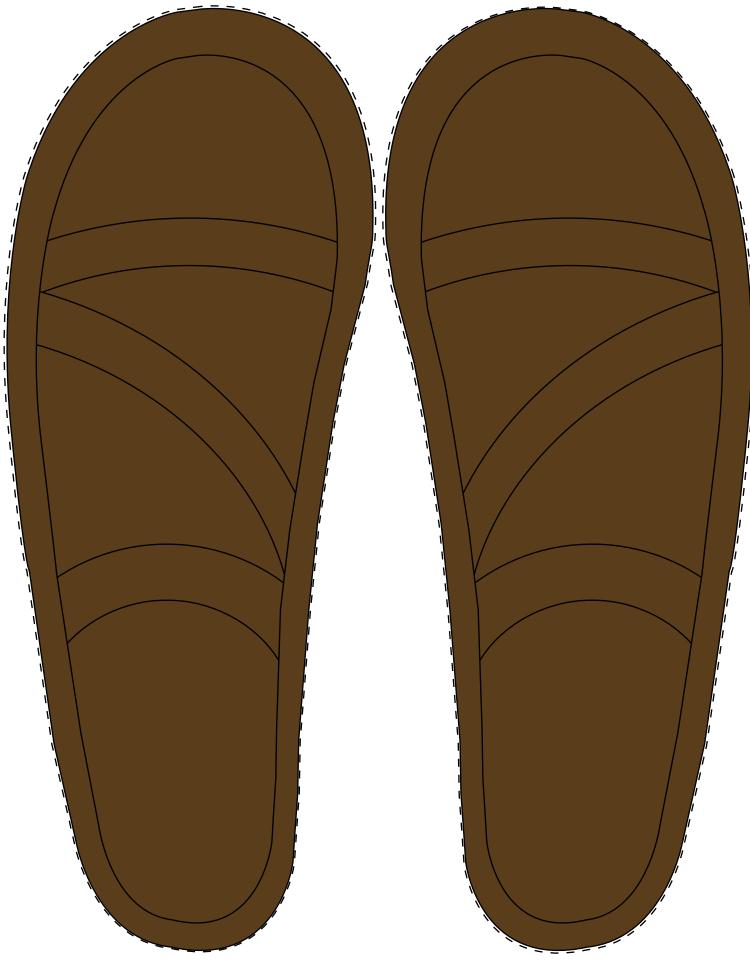
Ask: Why is life better for us when we follow Jesus? (Discuss ideas.)

Ask: Why does Jesus want us to follow Him? (Because He loves and wants to save us all.)

Have each child answer the questions you have prepared for them. Have child step on a set of footprints after answering each question. When they reach the last set of footprints let them choose something out of the treasure chest.

Ask: What is the heavenly treasure that we can have if we follow Jesus? (Eternal Life.)

Bear testimony that if we follow Jesus, He will lead us back to live with our Heavenly Father again.



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