

Parent Curriculum Guide

Study: **Hidden Treasure**

Overview:

Perhaps the very thing that many student ministers see as the worst part of student ministry is the most important: dealing with families. God created the family as a blessing, but many times we ignore its influence and forget it as we would a hidden treasure. This 5-session study will look at the stories of Isaac, Joseph, Ruth, and other relevant passages to help your students answer questions like: “Why did God make families?” “What should I do if my parents aren’t believers?” and, “How do I handle family conflicts?” This discipleship resource will help your students rediscover the blessings of family and help your ministry tap into the resources of this hidden treasure.

Session One: X Marks The Spot

Central Bible Truth: God made the family so that we could find Him.

Focal Passage: Deuteronomy 6:4-8

Outline:

3 Clues To Why God Made Families:

1. To reflect His character.
2. To educate us in spiritual matters.
3. To refine us to spiritual maturity.

Questions For Discussion:

1. Are families really necessary?
2. What is God’s purpose for the family?

Session Two: Treasure Lost

Central Bible Truth: God is not lost even in the worst of families.

Focal Passage: 2 Kings 22:1-2

Outline:

King Josiah Part I:

1. Josiah’s grandfather, Manasseh, was an evil pagan king of Judah
2. Manasseh set up idols in God’s temple and sacrificed his son to idols.
3. Josiah’s father, Amon, was also an evil pagan king of Judah.
4. Josiah became king at eight years old.

King Josiah Part II:

1. Josiah was a godly king.
2. He cleansed God’s temple of idol worship.
3. He destroyed all of the places of idol worship.
4. He rid the land of witches.
5. He repaired the temple.
6. He restored the Law of Moses that was handed down from God.

Questions For Discussion:

1. Does God restore broken families?
2. If you come from a broken family, does God really expect you to do things differently for you future family?

Session Three: Treasure Found

Central Bible Truth: God reveals His grace to us by giving us parents.

Focal Passage: Genesis 22:1-14

Outline:

What Do Parents Have To Offer?

1. Leadership
2. Love and care
3. Instruction in God's Word.
4. A reflection of who God is.
5. Instruction in how to relate to God.
6. Security
7. Protection
8. Provision for you needs.
9. A model to follow.
10. Friendship.

Questions For Discussion:

1. Are imperfect parents a gift from God?
2. How should a son or daughter treat a parent who is not perfect?

Session Four: Treasure Unclaimed

Central Bible Truth: God gives us brothers and sisters to refine us.

Focal Passage: Proverbs 27:17, Genesis 45

Outline:

WWJD - What Would Joseph Do?

1. Forgive them (Genesis 50:1-19)
2. Love them (Genesis 45:15)
3. Give God the glory (Genesis 45:8-9)
4. See that God makes good what was meant for evil (Genesis 50:20)

Questions For Discussion:

1. Why does God give you brothers and sisters?
2. How can you show thanks to God for giving you a brother or sister?

Session Five: Measure the Treasure

Central Bible Truth: God wants us to be grateful for what He has given.

Focal Passage: Acts 17:26, Ruth 1:3-18

Outline:

1. Naomi and her husband were Israelites
2. They decided to live in Moab, an enemy of Israel.
3. Their two sons married Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah.
4. All three husbands died.
5. As a penniless widow, Naomi decided to move back to Israel.
6. Initially, Ruth and Orpah joined her.
7. Naomi urged them to return to their families.
8. Orpah returned to her family.
9. Ruth decided to go with Naomi and take care of her.

Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is being grateful for your parents important?
2. What are the blessings of being grateful for your parents?