



## FUN ZONE-ACTIVITY Treasure Hunt!

### AIM OF THE GAME:

To help the children understand that heavenly treasures are more precious than earthly treasures.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Enough items to hide. This will depend on the number of children that you have and how many items you would like them to find each.
- \*\*Photocopy onto card and cut out: coins, crosses and hearts (see attached templates on pages 41 & 42).
- \*\*Coins are worth 1 point each, crosses are worth 10 points each and hearts are worth 5 points each.

### HOW TO PLAY:

- You will need to hide enough coins, crosses and hearts around the room to ensure that all children will be able to participate fully.
- \*\*To help the children understand that heavenly treasures are more precious, hide more of the coins

and less of the crosses and hearts.

- Tell the children: *"Today we are going to have a treasure hunt!*
- *There are lots of pieces of treasure hidden around the room for you to find. Each treasure is worth a different amount of points.*
- *The coins that are hidden are worth 1 point each, the hearts that are hidden are worth 5 points each and the crosses that are hidden are worth 10 points each."* (show the children a sample of what each of the items looks like).
- *"The aim of this treasure hunt is to collect the most amount of points."*
- Give them three minutes for the hunt. When time is up, add everyone's points up and congratulate the child with the most points.

### ALTERNATIVE IDEA:

Hide chocolate coins instead of cardboard coins.

If using alternative idea, at the end of the game, ask the children:

*"I wonder if you wanted to find more choc coins than hearts and crosses, even though the coins were each worth only one point? They might be yummy but once you eat them, they're gone - and you don't win!*

*Sometimes we just want things that will make us happy NOW! Sometimes we forget that if we do what's right and more important, we will receive a better reward later.*

*Did you know that Jesus actually promises us rewards in heaven? How cool is that! But right now, I have a reward for the (top three) people who chose the better thing to do—and collected the most crosses!"*

- Hand out 'REWARDS' to winners.