

### Week of November 8

**Bible Story:** The Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 7:7-12; 13:44)

**The Jesus Storybook Bible (JSB):** Going Home (318-325)

**BIG Idea:** God promises eternal life to those who seek and find Him.

**Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/HcWxb2lpU3M>

### THE BIG BIBLE STORY

What is greatest gift that anyone has ever given you? We all have been given some good gifts from our parents and friends, but do you know that God gives us gifts as well? God's gifts come to us in the form of blessings. These blessings are like treasures! He has blessed us with good health, friends, and our families. The greatest blessing that God has given us is Salvation, or the gift of spending eternity with Him in Heaven. The Bible says that we have treasure in Heaven! He gave us this treasure when He allowed Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. We should have to die for our sins, but Jesus made a way for us to live in Heaven for eternity instead.

*Begin by reading (or have your child read) Matthew 7:7-8.* If we want to find God in our lives and be closer to Him, all we have to do is seek Him out. Seeking for God is like playing hide and go seek. We look for God in the places that we think He will be. We can seek for God at church or through reading the Bible. If there is anything in our lives that we need, we should ask God for it. This verse is telling us that if we ask in the name of Jesus, God will answer us. The answer might not come right away or be the answer that we hoped for, but God will hear us and answer us according to His will.

*Next read Matthew 7:9-11.* We are just humans, but we know how to give good gifts to each other. If your sister is having a bad day, you know what to do to cheer her up. On Father's day, you give your father something to show that you love him. If we can do this and we are just humans, then we have to believe that God will give good things to us as well.

*Lastly, read Matthew 7:12-13.* Lastly, we are reminded that God wants us to be like Him. We should treat other people how we want to be treated. If we want others to treat us good then we must treat others good. This is what God would do and what we should do as well.

### BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

- What do you think makes heaven the greatest treasure ever?
- What do you think you need to do to have eternal life with God in Heaven?
- JSB Question: What did Jesus mean when he said "Death is not the end for you."?

### BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES

**Journal:** Do you have any questions about following Jesus? Write them down.

**Art:** Draw a picture of what you would look like if you found the greatest treasure ever.