

Stewardship Sabbath – April 2018  
Children’s Story/Object Lesson  
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**TREASURE**

**Treasures from Home**

Bring some “treasures” from home: an old, ugly sweater or shirt filled with holes; a rusted tool; a broken watch; a big piece of moldy bread; some rotten fruit; an outdated, “ugly” dress; an old cassette tape or LP player; or anything else that was once a “treasure,” but is now decayed, rusted, rotted, outdate, or otherwise lost its usefulness.

Pull each item out, one at a time, and express your love for it, how much you treasured it, and maybe even how much it cost. Perhaps with the moldy bread you could SAY: I loved this break *so much* that I decided to save it so that I’d have it forever! Now look what has happened!

It reminds me of what Jesus told us in Matthew 6:19-21, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (NKJV).

Jesus isn’t telling us that we can’t have nice things. I think He’s telling us that we shouldn’t spend all of our time and money buying stuff that will one day be no good to us—just like this broken watch or moldy bread. Everything we have belongs to Him: our time, our talents, our money, our possessions. Jesus wants us to meet not only our own needs, but to look for ways to share our things with others.

I have a few ideas of some “heavenly treasures”:

- Sharing your toys
- Sitting with the kid at lunch who no one else talks to
- Contributing to your family by setting the dinner table, washing dishes, cleaning your room
- Helping a neighbor shovel their driveway
- Saying kind words to kids who are being bullied in school

- Sitting with visitors in Sabbath School who doesn't know anyone

These are "heavenly treasures" that will last forever, always be useful, valuable, and never get rusty or moldy! Can you think of some other "heavenly treasures"?

Let's thank Jesus for giving us what we need, and for helping us to be ready to give to others.

(Pray.)