



## Wildlife – *The New Testament*

### Session 8: Treasure Hunt

*Teaching Point:* In *Wildlife*, the Monkeys have been working their way through the New Testament of the 'Jesus Storybook Bible'. They have recently been learning about the miracles of Jesus including looking at how Jesus calmed the storm and the feeding of the 5,000.

#### Introduction

Hello Monkeys! It's a bit weird doing church and Wildlife at home isn't it? And sad because we can't be with everyone (or have any brioche!)

But if any of you did the story last week, I wonder if you can remember it? And if you didn't then that's okay! I wonder if you can guess what story it was? I'll give you a clue, it was all about food! That's it, it was all about when Jesus fed 5,000 people with only 3 loaves and 2 fish! That's not much food is it?!

The story *this* week is all about hidden treasure! Now who do we know of from stories that like hidden treasure? [Pirate impression – 'Ahoy there, matey!'] Pirates! But are pirates nice people do you think? Do they look out for people? Would you go to a pirate if you were feeling upset and wanted a hug? Nooooo! Because pirates are scary and often mean aren't they! Our story today, whilst it doesn't have any pirates in, is **all** about hidden treasure!

#### Story

Jesus tells a story all about a treasure hunt! Let's read about it in the Bible shall we?

Read the story of Jesus teaching us about Heaven being like hidden treasure in **The Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 250 – 256**. [[Reference: Matthew 13:44-45 in other translations](#)]

If you don't have the Jesus Storybook Bible then watch this video instead!

[Jesus Storybook Bible – Episode 32; 'Treasure Hunt!' \[Link below\]](#)

So, what was the point of that story do we think? Was Jesus just telling a nice story to make everyone fall asleep? Or was he telling them about some hidden treasure buried somewhere? Nooo! Jesus was telling us a story about how precious heaven is! And how amazing it will be to be in heaven with Jesus! And that treasure on earth is nowhere near as amazing as Heaven is going to be!

This is like when in the story the man finds the treasure and sells everything so that he can buy the field where the treasure was hidden. Because the treasure was better than anything else! So Heaven will be better than **anything** we have here!



### Game – Treasure Hunt

Teaching Point: This is a super easy but fun game to play with your Monkey(s)! You don't have to have golden coins you can hide anything! Or, use the template below to print off some coins for the Monkeys to draw on/decorate first!

Parents/carers it is up to you to hide the coins/objects around your house/garden. The Monkeys then have to find them! If they are struggling feel free to give them little clues, or describe whether they are 'Hot' or 'Cold' to the objects.

Once the Monkeys have found all of the hidden objects you can then challenge them to hide them for the adults or for family (maybe some willing siblings!). If you have multiple children then you could divide them into teams – a hiding team and a seeking team.



### Connect: Craft - Pirate hats!

Teaching Point: These might take a bit of work (and patience!) because there's a fair amount of folding to be done! But so worth it in the end.

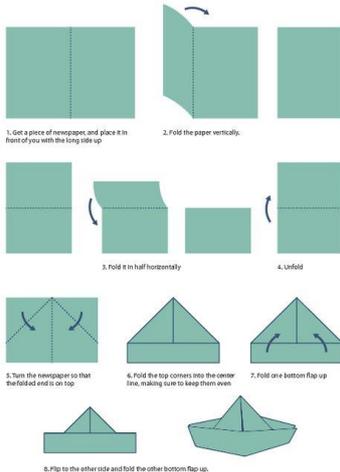
The story we read/watched earlier was based around one of Jesus' parables in **Matthew 13:44-45**. Making pirate hats is a way of doing something fun and being able to dress up at the end, but reminding the Monkey's that we're different because we love Jesus more than any gold or silver!

Ask the Monkey's to decorate their pirate hat however they want! But leave space on the front to write (or write this first for them to colour in/decorate):

**'God's Kingdom is like Hidden Treasure!'**

#### HOW TO MAKE A PAPER PIRATE HAT

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Pirate-Hat>



Teaching point: The point of this craft is to say that whilst gold and silver can be really pretty and lovely to look at and worth lots of money, God's Kingdom (Heaven) is the **real** treasure! And we can look forward to that all the time we're here on earth! We shouldn't get too caught up on money but be kind and generous pirates that can't wait to spend time in Heaven with Jesus!



## Worship

If you would like to engage in some worship with your Monkey(s) then I have provided some links below! They may remember the song '**Throughout History**' which we have been listening to for the last 8 weeks (as part of our older Wildlife series 'Journeying with God'). See if they can remember it and the dance moves that go with it! [Links below]

Or you could put on a song like '**Jesus you're my superhero**' as they love this song – especially the video of the Lego people that goes with it! [I have to warn you though, it's very catchy!]

## Links:

Jesus Storybook Bible Video ->

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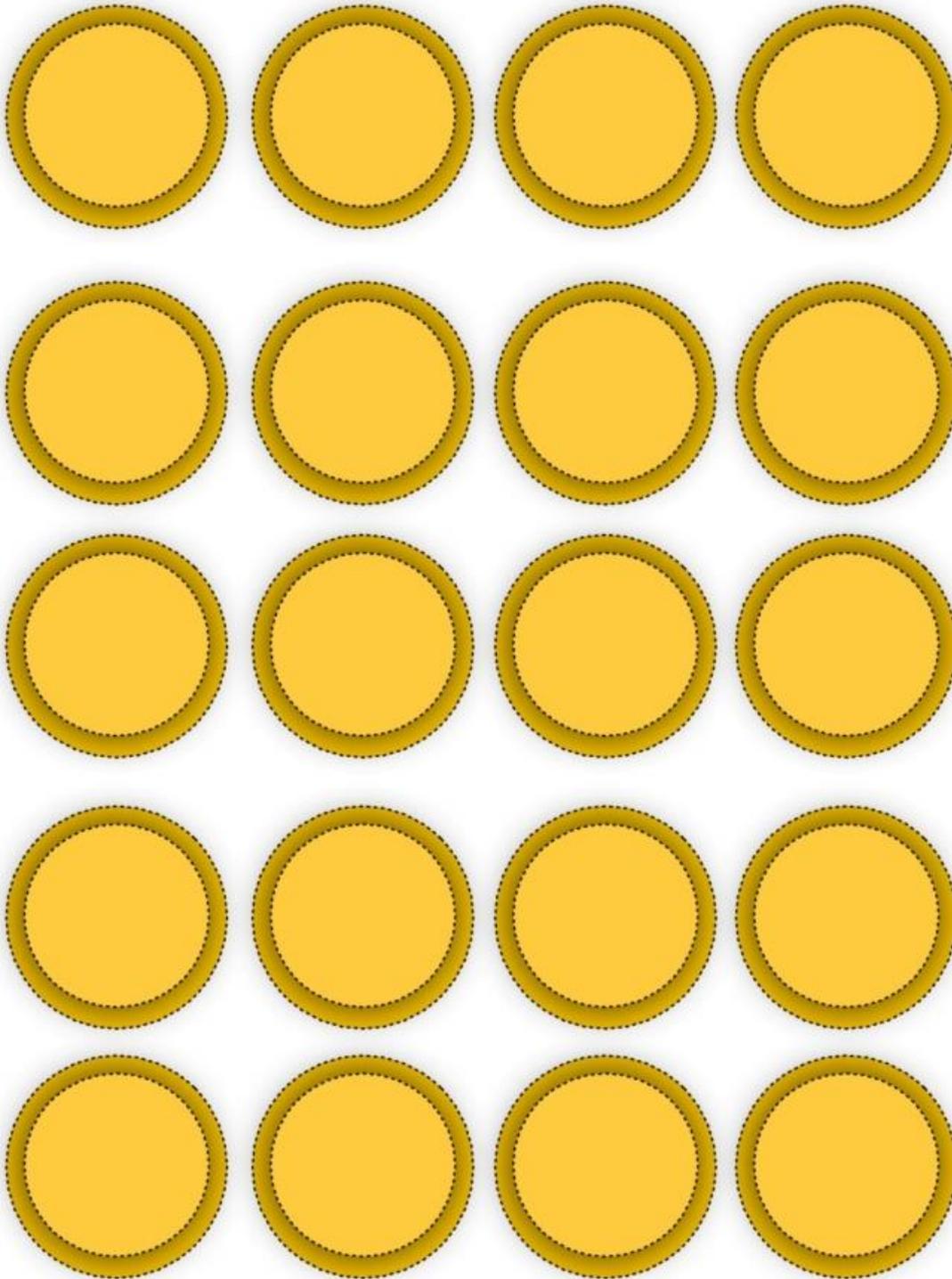
All Through History song -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQS2HHayr38>

Actions for 'All Through History' song -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ixs2I2hZv4>

Jesus you're my superhero -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FY4C930M2Y>



Printable sheet of golden coins to hide in the game!

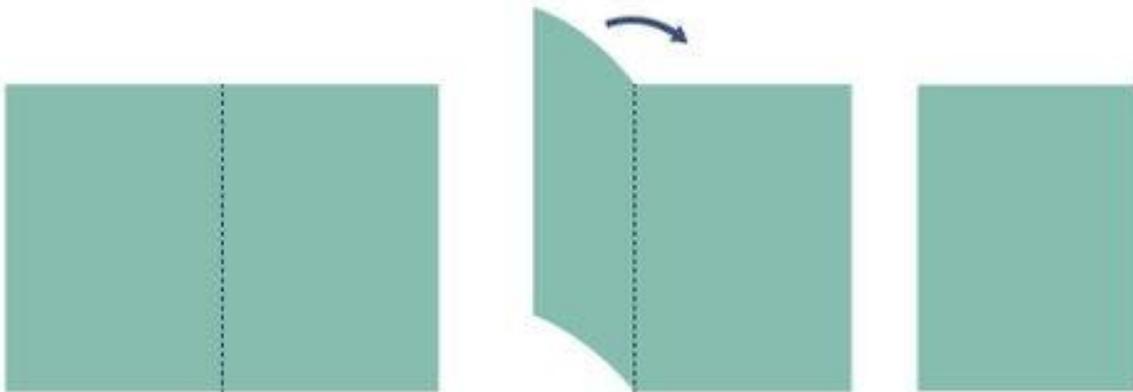




Enlarged instructions on how to fold a pirate hat

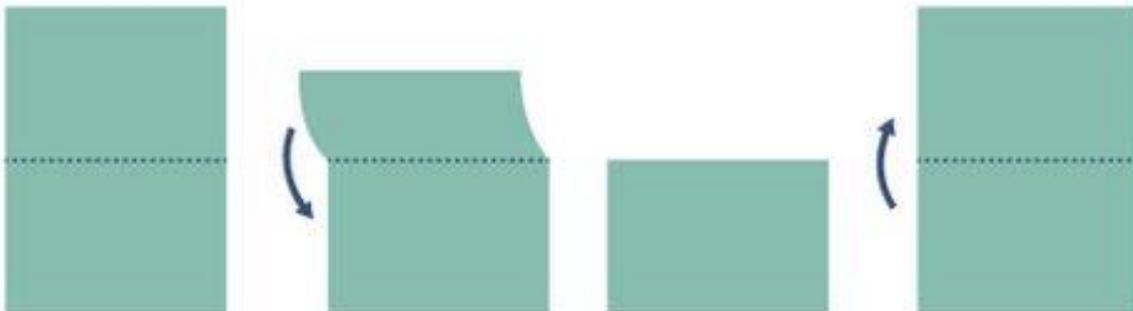
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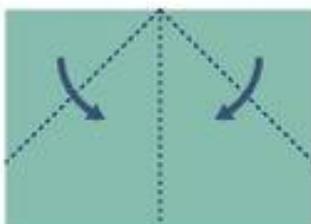
1. Get a piece of newspaper, and place it in front of you with the long side up

2. Fold the paper vertically.

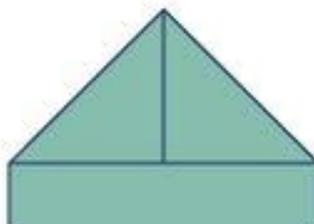


3. Fold it in half horizontally

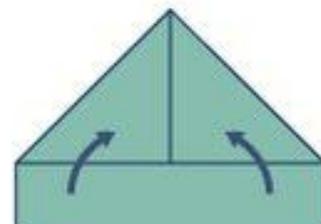
4. Unfold



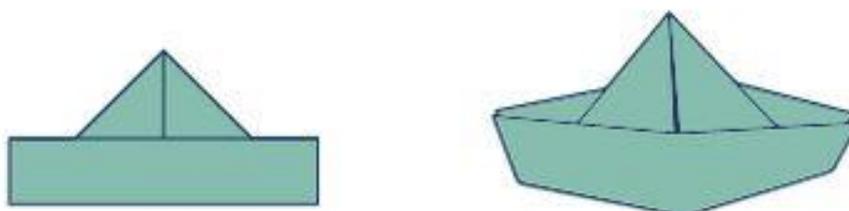
5. Turn the newspaper so that the folded end is on top



6. Fold the top corners into the center line, making sure to keep them even



7. Fold one bottom flap up



8. Flip to the other side and fold the other bottom flap up.