

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 2010-2011**

Theme: "Finding God's Treasure - Seeing Children Through HIS Eyes"

Verse: "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."

Psalm 127:3 NLT

### **Central Theme for the Day**

- Help adults gain a vision for the importance of reaching children for Christ while they are young.
- Help children understand the importance of reaching their friends for Christ.

### **Ideas for Programming**

- Have a kid's choir or ensemble sing during worship service.
- Have the pastor preach a message on the importance of valuing children as Jesus did.
- Have children say the prayer, read scripture or memorize verses and say them during the service.
- Prepare a power point presentation or video showing pictures taken in your children's classrooms. Play Steve Green's song "Children Are a Treasure from the Lord."
- Give parents information on ways to "Treasure Children's Moments" (available on C.E. National website).
- Make a large treasure box for a department or classroom. Fill with candy coins ([www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)) along with some old jewelry. Place a Bible in the center. Give kids the candy coins on Children's Sunday.
- Have a Treasure Hunt (ideas available at [www.creativekidsathome.com](http://www.creativekidsathome.com)) in the department or classroom. Make a Treasure Map with Bible verses containing the clues.
- Decorate classrooms with Treasure Maps (instructions available at [www.creativekidsathome.com](http://www.creativekidsathome.com)).
- Make small treasure chests as a craft in classrooms (12 for \$5.99 at [www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)). Have the kids decorate their treasure chests and leave them in the classroom. Add some candy and a small Bible or another small book to the chest and let children open them on Children's Sunday.
- Print copies of a small treasure chest (available on C. E. National website) have kids color the chest then write or draw what they treasure most on the chests. Decorate hallways and classrooms with the pictures.
- Have open houses in your children's classrooms on Children's Sunday.
- Download the poster for Children's Sunday from C.E. National's website and hang on bulletin boards.