



Bring Forth Good Treasure from the Heart

*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good;
and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil.
For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks (Luke 6:43-45).*

Make treasure boxes. Craft stores have cardboard and wooden boxes or chests with lids, and these can be painted and decorated as desired. Use the heart templates to make pieces of paper that are heart-shaped. (See attached template with different sizes of hearts.) Talk about good deeds and good things that we might say. Here are a few ways one could use the treasure boxes:

In the Home

Toward the end of the day, ask your child to think about the good things he has done or said that day. Write them down on a piece of paper and let him put it in the treasure box. Do this each day for a week or two. Talk about how full the treasure box is getting and find a way to reward him, such as going on a picnic in the park or letting him have a friend overnight, *etc.*

In the Classroom

Let each child make a treasure box. Brainstorm a long list of the good things that we can say and do. Over the next few days, let each child write good deeds on one or two hearts and put them in his box. At the end of the week, send the boxes home with extra paper hearts that can be filled out at home and a cover letter explaining the activity.

Encourage the children to continue filling their treasure chests with good deeds. And give them a reward for what they have done so far. One option would be to give each student a “gold coin” (chocolate wrapped in foil) or a special pencil.

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven....” (Matthew 6:20).

Heart Template

