

WEEK 3: SPEND LESS



WE'LL SPEND A LITTLE LESS ON OURSELVES AND USE THE MONEY WE SAVED TO HELP OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is about celebrating the gift of Jesus, not a big pile of presents under the tree. One of our goals this year is to spend less so we can save up money and help someone else who needs it. When we have grateful hearts and share our blessings with other people, that delights the heart of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE:

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

— Matthew 6:21

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help us to remember all the ways you have blessed us and our family. We want to have grateful hearts this Christmas. Amen.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What is one thing we can pray for this week?
- What are 3 things you're thankful for?
- Who are 3 people you're thankful for?
- What are some ways you can save up money?
- How can you spend less this week?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

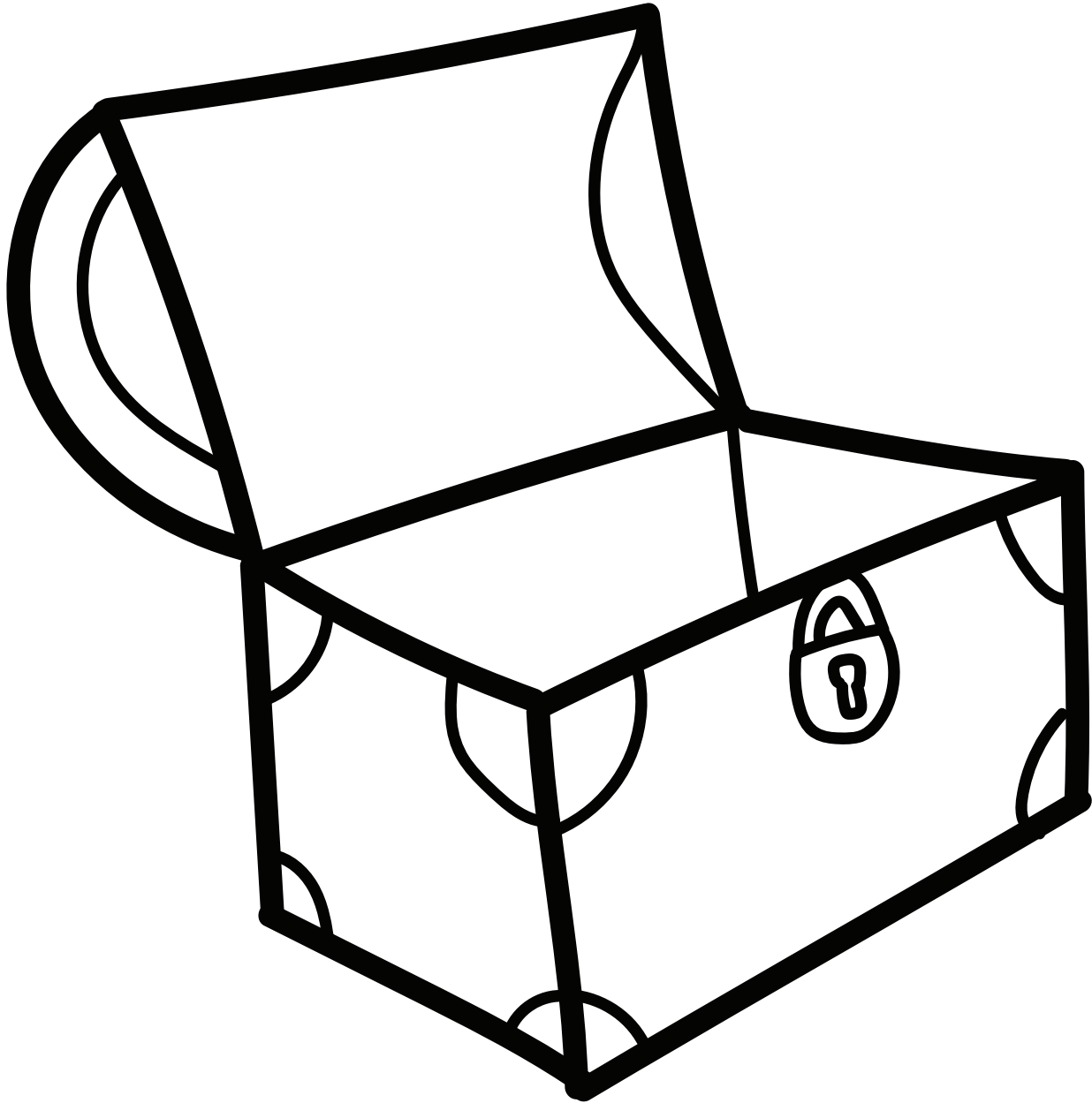
Collection Jar. Part of this Advent plan is spending less money on ourselves and saving some to give to others. Decorate and create a special collection jar, use the enclosed label. At the end of the month you can use all the money you saved up to donate to your church or help someone in need. Grab a tin can, glass jar, or plastic bin and decorate it. As a family, talk about ways you can collect money for the donation (look for spare change, collect from neighbors, chores and helping around the house, a yard sale, etc.)

Gratitude Chains. Cut some paper into long strips. Have the kids write or draw pictures on the paper. Each person can then write down something on each strip they are grateful for. It could be people you love, pets, toys, books, activities, or special memories. Create a paper chain with all of the things your family is grateful for. Then connect the strips into a chain with a stapler and hang up around the house or place around your Christmas tree. Let it be a reminder to your family of all the ways God has blessed you.

Treasure Chest. Use the treasure chest coloring sheet and have the kids write or draw pictures of things that they love. Talk about Matthew 6:21 and the idea of sharing our treasures and blessings with other people we love.







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