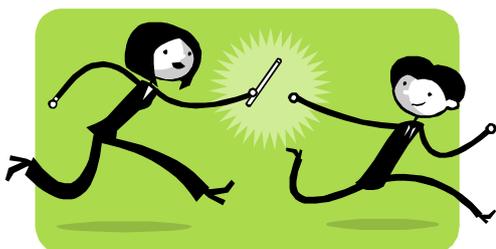




# TREASURE CHEST

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Have you been passing on the baton to the next generation?

## SMILE :)

- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- Three out of four people make up 75% of the population.
- A picture is worth a thousand words but it takes up 3,000 times the memory on your computer.
- Unemployment is just not working
- There's no use in being a pessimist ... it just wouldn't work anyhow.

## HELPFUL HINTS

Got new kids coming along to your children's ministry program? How do you help them feel welcome, accepted and comfortable? Why not train your kids to be greeters. Boys welcome boys and girls welcome girls. That doesn't mean the leaders ignore the newbies, it's just good to get the existing kids involved.

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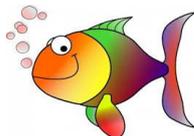
Teach your greeters this acrostic in order to help them know what to say. Note: don't ask every question or appear to be a sticky-beak. It can be overpowering!

**F** - Family. friends or food (Ask them about their family, brothers, sisters, grandparents and their friends at school. Also their favourite food.

**I** - Interests (Find out what they like to do - sport, hobbies, TV shows, etc)

**S** - School (Where do they go to school, what year/ grade, favourite subject, teacher, etc)

**H** - Hero (Find out their favourite sports star, singer, actor, etc)



## OBJECT LESSON

### EQUAL SENSE

**Theme:** We are all different but of equal value

**Brief Outline:** Four piles of similar value coins are placed on the table. Each pile is talked about, especially how different they look. However each pile is of the same value. People are all different, but we are all of equal value.

**Key Verse:** People look at the outside, but God looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

**Needed:** (Australian coins are used in this example.) Twenty 10c coins, four 50c coins, two \$1 coins and one \$2 coin; Piggy bank or some other container

**Lesson:** To be able to do today's lesson, I had to raid my piggy bank from home. Let's see what I've got. (Pour all coins onto the table from the piggy bank or container.) Wow, I'm rich! Look at these little silver coins. (Pick one 10 cent coin up and look closely at it.) It says on here that it's worth ten cents. I've got lots of those little coins. (Stack them, adding up the value of the 10 cent coins as you pile them one on the other.) This pile of twenty little silver coins is worth two dollars in total.

And what about these big chunky coins with the flat edges? They're 50 cents each. I've got four of them. (Stack into one pile.)

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### What do we do?

- Quarterly networking meeting of individuals and organisational representatives.
- Annual Passing the Baton Training Day & Expo [www.passingthebaton.org.au](http://www.passingthebaton.org.au)
- **Power Up** – intensive children's workers training; 6 full days spread out from June – Nov each year.
- **Treasure Chest** – free quarterly e-newsletter with resources, ideas, encouragement for people involved in Kids Ministry.

# MOVIES TO CHAT ABOUT

(or show short video clips in your Kids ministry programs)  
Give your kids a gift of time by watching a movie with them. Better still, talk with them at the time or sometime later about the issues the movie raises. Ask questions like ...

- What did you think about the way ...?
- Do you ever feel like ...?
- If you were there, what would you do/ feel/ say?
- Does that remind you of anyone/ anything?
- What do you think God would think about ...?

Be prepared to give your honest answer to the same question you ask your kids.



**Charlie & the Chocolate Factory** – family influence, influence of video games & TV, cheating, greed, generosity

**Finding Nemo** - lostness, rescue. Just as Nemo wandered away from his father and his father went looking for him, so also God goes to great lengths to save us when we are lost from him.

**Home Alone** - what's really important about Christmas 'No toys, I just want my family back.'

**Ice Age** - rescue and looking out for each other

**Monsters Inc** - doing the right thing even if it's costly; no need to fear the dark; not all things that seem bad are actually bad.

**Pay it Forward** - kindness. If we want kindness from others, we must treat them with kindness. In fact, why don't we start the kindness process?

**Prince of Egypt** - God's power

**Shrek & Shrek 2** - issues of inner beauty, loyalty, friendship, extended families

**Toy Story 2** - rescue theme where Woody rescues Wheezy.

*Where to get short video clips to use in your kids ministry ...*

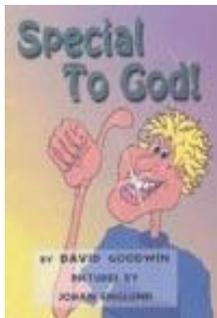
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.... *continued from page 1* They're worth two dollars in total as well. And what about these goldy coloured coins with kangaroos on them? They're worth \$1 each and I've got 2 of them. That means this pile is also worth \$2 in total. Amazing! All the coins are different shapes and even different colours but each pile is worth exactly the same. Oh, and there's one last, lonely coin here and that's worth \$2 also. Four piles of different looking coins, but each pile is worth the same. A little bit like people. Some are little (*point to 10 cent coins pile and then point to a young child*) just like this young man/lady. Others are chunky (*point to 50 cent coins and also to your own stomach*) just like me when I've eaten too many cheeseburgers! These \$1 coins are a different colour, just like people who have different colour skin, eyes or hair (*point to \$1 coins and then your skin, eyes and hair.*) And this last lonely coin reminds me that there are a lot of lonely people in our world. But it doesn't matter what we look like, we are all of equal value, just like each of these piles are of equal value.

So when you see other people who look different to you, don't think that you are more valuable or important than they are. We are all made by God and for God and made in his likeness. Yes, we are all of equal value.

**Prayer:** Thank you God that even though we are all different, we are all special and equally precious to you.

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