

## Part Three - "Max's Treasure"

"Boy, did you get it when Dad got home," Maxine said to her little brother as they were doing chores in the barn.

"Why, Max?" KJ asked, "What did you do?"

"Dexter did it!" Devo barked out.

"I yelled at Dexter for ruining the two-dollar baseball card that he gave me. I hurt his feelings and he left." Max said with a sigh.

"Really?" KJ asked, "What did your dad say?"

"Well," Max began, "He told me I was being foolish. He said it was more important to have a friend like Dexter, and to be a good example to him. He said that was worth more than a silly two-dollar baseball card."

"You know, Max," KJ said, "It sounds like you liked the baseball card more than you liked being friends with Dexter. Do you remember the sermon that Jesus preached on the mountain? He said, 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt—'

"Or lemonade!" Devo interrupted.

Max and Maxine laughed at Devo and then listened to the rest of what KJ had to say.

"The Lord said to lay up treasures in heaven. Instead of chasing after valuable baseball cards, maybe you should be a better friend to Dexter. You should encourage him to come to church more often. You should tell him how to get saved, and even teach him how to walk with the Lord. Which is better, Max, two dollars or knowing that your friend Dexter is going to heaven?"

"You really blew it, Max," Maxine said, "Do you think he'll come to church tomorrow?"

"Yeah, Dad brought that up too," Max said, "I'm going over to his house after dinner. I need to apologize to him."

Max and Maxine then worked together to finish their chores by dinnertime.

# Maximum Impact Teachers Guide

## Teachers Guide – Matthew Week Two

1. **Set-Up:** Be in class 15 minutes early to greet arriving students.
2. **10 AM Start:** Welcome - Begin class with a song. Take prayer requests and lead class in prayer. *Recognize visitors.* Remember to be caring to EVERY child. Finish welcome by leading class in another song or two.
2. **Review Time:** Ask, "Did anyone complete his/her passport?" *Praise Perfect Passports!* Encourage class to do their passports every week. Talk about Part One of the story. Mention your favorite part. Ask your students what their favorite part was. Keep the atmosphere interesting and fun!
3. **Quiz Questions:** (over part one)
  - a. Who came over to see Max?
  - b. What did both boys have to do that morning?
  - c. What did Dexter find when he cleaned his room?
  - d. Who gave Dexter most of his baseball cards?
  - e. How much was the baseball card worth?
  - f. What did Dexter do with the card?

(You may give treats or rewards for quiz time)
4. **Class review of verse: Matthew 6:21 (also 5:16)**  
⇒ Play a verse review game.
5. **Lesson:**
  - a. Talk about something you have—something you enjoy to do.
  - b. Give an example of sorrow when you lost something important.
  - c. People you led to the Lord, Crowns in heaven: Phil 4:1; 2 Tim 4:7-8; James 1:12; 1 Pet 5:4; Rev 2:10.
  - d. Your heart, because you love your country and will defend it.
  - e. Your stuff. Don't let your love for stuff determine your allegiance.
  - f. Don't spend so much time with your stuff. Spend time with people telling them about Jesus.
6. **Read Part Two:** "Max's Treasure"
7. **Supervise** a restroom break. **Escort** class to Maximum Impact Junior Worship. Never leave class unattended.

## Part Two - "Max's Treasure"

Max, Dexter, and Devo spent the rest of the day sorting baseball cards on the living room floor. They were sorting them according to year and team. Max was learning a lot about the baseball teams. He learned the names of some of the best players, and what teams were Dexter's favorites. He also thought about his card and imagined himself playing in the World Series.

"I'm sure he was a good player," Max said to himself, "I mean, his team won the World Series."

"You might want to be careful with that card," Dexter said, "If it gets damaged, it loses value, even if you just bend a corner. Get one of those plastic slides out of my box, it's like a plastic bag to keep your card safe. That will do for now, but if you really want to protect it, you should get a plastic hard case to keep it in."

Max put down his card and went to the table where Dexter had his box of cards. While he was looking for a slide to put his card in Dexter called out.

"Um, Max," Dexter called, "Come out here. I'm sorry."

"Why, what happened?" Max asked.

"Dexter did it," Devo said.

"I sort of spilled my glass of lemonade," Dexter sighed.

"That's ok," Max said, "I'll get a towel to soak it up, it happens all the time."

"But I spilled on your baseball card. I think it's ruined."

"What? You ruined my two-dollar card? You just gave it to me and now it's gone. That card was worth two dollars. That's more money than I'll get in a week, and now it's worthless." Max was mad.

"I'm sorry Max," Dexter said, "It was an accident. I'm so sorry Max. I'm going to go home now."

Dexter picked up his cards, left Max's house and walked home with his hands in his pockets. He felt horrible for what he had done, and was sure that Max hated him. He wasn't going to cry, but he sure felt like it.

# Maximum Impact Worship Service Program

1. **11AM Start:** Begin with music. Toss the globe. Seat according to monthly competition. Sing the Maximum Impact song. Sing one or two more children's songs. Welcome visitors.
2. **Review Part Two:** "Max's Treasure"  
Ask, "did you have fun in Sunday School?"
3. **Quiz for points:** (Over part two)
  - a. What were Max, Dexter, and Devo doing?
  - b. What did Max learn about baseball?
  - c. How should Max take care of his card?
  - d. What happened to Max's card?
  - e. What did Devo Say
  - f. What is KJ's verse of the week?
4. **Competition for Points:**  
Don't Spill the Lemonade
5. **Review Rules:**
  1. No talking
  2. No touching
  3. You may only have your hands and your Bible in your lap
  4. Always participate
5. **Country of the Month:** Canada  
⇒ Capital: Ottawa
6. **Medallion Fact:** Matthew  
⇒ Only Gospel to record the visit of the Wise Men
7. **Puppet Show/Skit:** Part Three "Max's Treasure"
8. **Message:** Reflecting Devo's Weekly Super 7.
  - I.
  - II.
  - III.
9. **Final Scoring:** Winning team gets snacks first.
10. **Dismissal:** Passports given on the way out.