Equipping and building up the church for evangelism.

## "What Does God Treasure?"

This Object Lesson can be used one-on-one with a child or an adult, or used as a prop to preach an Open Air Message.

## A suggested presentation:

- 1. Introduce yourself. Ask for a few moments of their time please.
- 2. Show the treasure box, and explain that it gets us to think about what we treasure.
  - A child might treasure a video game or toy.
  - An adult might treasure health and family.
- 3. These are good, but I brought this treasure box in to ask the question, "what does God treasure?"
  - Open it up and ask what is inside. Show them the mirror. If no one answers right away, then tell them there's a mirror.
  - Explain that God treasures people. All people. John 3:16. Revelation 7:9.
- 4. The way you can tell how much someone treasures something is by how much they're willing to pay.
  - How much did God pay for us?
  - The ultimate price. He paid with the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ!
- 5. Why did Jesus have to die?
- 6. We have all sinned.
  - Go through 3 or 4 of the Ten Commandments and ask the crowd to listen to their conscience and see if they've broken any of these.
  - Breaking God's Law is called "sin" and we're all guilty.
  - If we break God's Law just 3 times a day, at the end of one year, we would have broken God's Law over 1,100 times!
- 7. What must a good judge do with a criminal who is a repeat offender 1,100 times?
  - What must God do to us?
- 8. That's why Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead!
  - He did this to pay the fine we owe to God, but could never pay ourselves.
  - God demonstrates that He treasures people because He's willing to rescue and adopt into His family those who Repent and Believe (or Turn and Trust)
- 9. Ask them to consider this and to read a Bible.
  - Offer follow-up literature, gospel tracts, etc.
  - Ask for contact information.

