

TREASURE BOX ESCAPE ROOM

My sister and I recently taught a 4-5th grade youth group. We called our group the "O.A.K.s", for "One Another Kids" and introduced them to the "one another" scriptures. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the 20 week curriculum, please contact us through our website at www.misterhen.com.

TREASURE BOX ESCAPE ROOM was the culminating event for O.A.K.s.

I have tried to provide clear instructions. If you discover something that might make this better for others, please let me know. Feel free to share this with families, teachers and youth group leaders.

It can be done with any small group (4-8 people) looking for a fun team-building experience. The packet you have provides all of the clues, but you will need a handful of everyday items, an invisible ink pen with a UV light and a treasure chest full of "treasure" with a lock and key.

PROVERBS 2

3 indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
4 and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.

PREPARATION


Estimated Prep Time: 15 min.

Estimated Activity Time: 30-40 min.

NECESSARY ITEMS	HOW TO PREPARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Bible<input type="checkbox"/> Printed Packet<input type="checkbox"/> Manilla Envelope<input type="checkbox"/> 5, 3x5 Index Cards [scissors]<input type="checkbox"/> Treasure Box w/ Latch<input type="checkbox"/> Goodies for the Treasure Box<input type="checkbox"/> Lock & Key<input type="checkbox"/> Invisible Ink Pen & UV Light<input type="checkbox"/> Sticky Notes<input type="checkbox"/> Magnifying Glass<input type="checkbox"/> Wall Calendar<input type="checkbox"/> Table<input type="checkbox"/> Trash Can<input type="checkbox"/> Window	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Print out the PDF.<input type="checkbox"/> Fill your treasure chest with goodies.<input type="checkbox"/> Lock the chest & hide the key in/around the trash can.<input type="checkbox"/> Use "CLUE 6 SOLVED" as a template & cut 1 inch squares out of 5, 3x5 index cards.<input type="checkbox"/> Put CLUE 6 with 5 index cards in the manilla envelope and hide it under the table.<input type="checkbox"/> Put CLUE 5 with the magnifying glass on a window sill.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare CLUE 4 Post-It Note.<input type="checkbox"/> Put CLUE 4 Post-It Note in your Bible at Psalm 34:3.<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Clip CLUE 3 to the back of your Wall Calendar.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare CLUE 2 Post-It Note.<input type="checkbox"/> Put CLUE 2 Post-It Note in your Bible at 1 John 4:11.<input type="checkbox"/> Tape the 2nd page of CLUE 1 on the wall.<input type="checkbox"/> Place the locked treasure chest on the table.<input type="checkbox"/> Place the Bible, the UV light and the 1st page of CLUE 1 on the table.

EXPLANATION

Participants enter the room. In the middle of a table is a treasure chest, a Bible, a UV light and CLUE 1A. As the participants solve each clue they will be guided to the next. This process continues until they locate the hidden key. The key opens the treasure chest and the participants enjoy their reward. Reference the chart below to understand the mechanics of each clue.

CLUE 1	CLUE 2 (Post-It Note)	CLUE 3	CLUE 4 (Post-It Note)
<p>CLUE 1A When you are done reading this, yell, "OW!" Where does that lead you?</p> <p>The yellow letters are: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11</p> <p>CLUE 1B Taped to the wall & easy to see.</p>	<p>In your Bible place a post-it note at 1 John 4:11.</p> <p>Post-It Note:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p style="text-align: center;">* written in invisible ink</p>	<p>Paperclip CLUE 3 to the back of your wall calendar.</p> <p>ER03 is a calendar-coded message. Decoding it is simple but takes several minutes.</p> <p>Decoded message: Oh, magnify the Lord with me; Psalm 34:3</p>	<p>In your Bible place a post-it note at Psalm 34:3</p> <p>Post-It Note:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Open when it's hot. Closed when it's not. Outside of it, you see the rain. Within a church, it is stained.</i> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">* written in invisible ink</p>
Look up 1 John 4:11 in the Bible.	Find the wall calendar.	Look up Psalm 34:3 in the Bible.	Riddle Answer: WINDOW Hide the next clue on a window.
CLUE 5	CLUE 6	CLUE 7	TREASURE BOX IDEAS
<p>Hide CLUE 5 with a magnifying glass on a window/window sill.</p> <p>Can you guess what has legs but cannot walk? If you are able, add a "T."</p>	<p>Envelope with CLUE 6 is taped to the bottom of the table.</p> <p>Message: "If you fit... five cards on this paper just so you are the one!"</p>	<p>Hidden in the trash can is the key.</p>	<p>Keychains Candy, Lollipops, Gum Pens, Pencils Highlighters Stickers, Bookmarks Journals</p> <p>What items connect to lessons you've taught or plan to teach?</p>
Hide the next clue under a table.	<p>Decoded: "TRASH" Hide the key to your locked treasure in or around a trash can.</p>	Use the key to unlock the treasure chest!	<p>We used carabiner compass keychains, UV lights, highlighters, candy & gum. We also included a note to each child to tell them we loved them and we were grateful to God that they were in our class.</p>

CLUE 1

When you are done reading this yell, "OW!"
Where does that lead you?

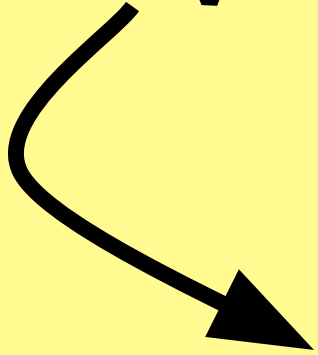
Dear friends, we have had a wonderful time since God decided to put you together here. He so loved us, that we got the opportunity to learn about him. And we also get to hear about his amazing miracles. Therefore we ought to try our best to do his will. It is important to love God and to love one another. If you do those two things, you will be amazed at how your life turns out.

Dear friends,
since God so loved us,
we also ought to
love one another.

1 John 4:11

CLUE 2

What's next?



CALENDAR

CLUE 3

AUGUST

	SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
W1			¹ A	² B	³ C	⁴ D	⁵ E
W2	⁶ F	⁷ G	⁸ H	⁹ I	¹⁰ J	¹¹ K	¹² L
W3	¹³ M	¹⁴ N	¹⁵ O	¹⁶ P	¹⁷ Q	¹⁸ R	¹⁹ S
W4	²⁰ T	²¹ U	²² V	²³ W	²⁴ X	²⁵ Y	²⁶ Z
W5	²⁷ -	²⁸ ;	²⁹ :	³⁰ ,	³¹ SPACE	¹ 3	² 4

DECODE THIS MESSAGE:

TU-W3	TU-W2	WE-W5	TH-W5	SU-W3	TU-W1	MO-W2	MO-W3	WE-W2	SU-W2	FR-W4	TH-W5
SU-W4	TU-W2	SA-W1	TH-W5	SA-W2	TU-W3	MO-W2	FR-W1	THW5	WE-W4	FR-W4	SUW4
TU-W2	THW5	SU-W3	SA-W1	THW5	WE-W3	SA-W3	TU-W1	SA-W2	SU-W3	TH-W5	FR-W5
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CLUE 4

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