

ADORE CHEEKY PANDAS The Wrong Box

Key Learning: The best treasure to find is God and understanding just how much he loves you.

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.’

Matthew 13:44

Saint of the Day

Carlo Acutis was a teenager who loved the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and is in the process of being recognised as a saint.

Although his parents were not keen on him going to Mass, he served at daily Mass and set up a website to tell people about the real presence of Jesus around the World.

On this website, he told people, ‘the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.’

Session Outline

1. Informal welcome as families arrive

2. Official welcome

Introduce the title, theme, and all members of your team to all present, including the person to contact if they have technical issues, questions or concerns.

Outline what will happen during this session, how long it will take, and the key learning for today’s session.

Ensure they have any resources needed for the activity in the video.

3. Opening prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for calling us your sons and daughters in Christ. Please help us to treasure your love in our hearts as we grow deeper in faith.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You will need...

- Video
- Something you treasure
- Presentation for Prayer



4. Warm-up activity

Ask the children what they treasure. If they have brought it with them invite them to show their little treasures to everyone present. They may also want to tell you why these things are so precious to them.

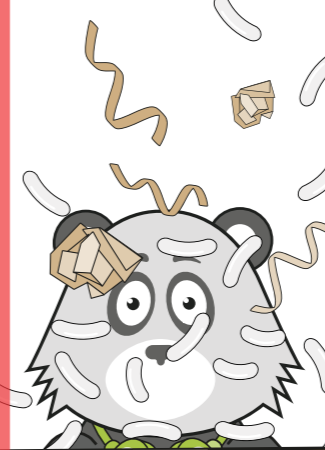
‘To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan.’

7. Group discussion

After the video, help the children explore the theme through using the following questions:

- What happens when the Pandas finish their spring cleaning?
- How do you think they felt when they found what they were looking for?
- What is it like to feel loved? Have you experienced God’s love? What do you think it would be like?

If you have enough facilitators this can be done in smaller groups, using multiple rooms. However, if this is not possible, you can also ask people to respond via the chat and then ask them to tell you a little more.



5. Saint of the day

Today we have someone who is on their way to being a saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis. He came close to Jesus by becoming an altar server at Mass. He adored Jesus in Holy Communion and wanted everyone to know of miracles that happened, so he used his skills to build a website featuring the good things God has done. He is shows us how to search for the real treasure God has in store for us.

6. Watch video

It’s a busy day of spring cleaning for the Pandas today, but things don’t always go smoothly. Let’s see what happens today.

8. Family challenge

Encourage the families present to talk about today’s session using the following questions:

- What did you learn from today?
- What questions do you have?
- What do you think changes when you know God loves you?

If you will send the questions via email, mention it here so people can subscribe to your email list.

10. Closing prayer

Begin with the Sign of the Cross

Prayer Intention: We pray for people who are searching for purpose in life, people who are lonely and those who are confused. May they find the treasure of God’s love and be brave enough to hold on to it as they begin to follow Jesus.

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory be

Leader: Blessed Carlo Acutis,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, help of Christians,

All: Pray for us.

Finish with the Sign of the Cross

9. Parish announcements

We would love to see you at the following events/services: Sunday Mass at ___ am/pm or online via: _____ Next week our session is called The Lost Coin, where we will explore how exciting it is to be friends of God. Please bring a penny with you.