



Treasure Cove Ride Home Review

A family discussion guide for the ride home and all week long

God's Authority

December 14, 2014

Jer. 7:23 - but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.

#1 Casting off—Ahoy Treasure Cove families—a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you on our final Treasure Cove service of 2014!

All of us have people we need to obey and follow if we want to live peaceful, productive lives.

Usually these authorities want us to obey because they are watching out for us and they want the very best for us just like a good parent wants the best for their child. But sometimes the people we follow don't really care about us. They don't really know what is best for us or they aren't trustworthy people.

The good news is that we can respect our authorities and still choose God as the ultimate authority for our lives. God is not like any other person we follow. He is all-powerful and sovereign and we can trust Him completely. God always knows and wants the very best for us.

When we choose to give Him authority over our lives, we will find that things will go better for us. And God will also help us recognize the good authorities He places in our lives; the people who do want what is best for us, the people we should listen to and obey.

Today we started our time together worshipping in the sanctuary and participating in the Project Shoebox Commissioning. It was a great way to reflect on the reason we celebrate and give gifts at Christmas time—because God gave us the greatest gift of all time, Jesus! And the best gift we can offer God at Christmas or any time of year is to obey Him and keep Him as the ultimate authority over our lives.

#2 Review- Did you know you can watch the Treasure Cove Drama online? Check it out on the church website: nfcnaz.org

Why does One-eyed Jack tell the castaways it's their fault his hat is lost? (He blames them because they haven't found his hat for him yet. He doesn't want to be responsible for losing his hat.)

What does One-eyed Jack want Esmerelda to do? (He wants her to go after Pepper because he thinks she might find her boa and his hat.)

Who doesn't want Esmerelda to go into the hole to look for Pepper? (The Captain thinks it is too dangerous for her to go into the hole.)

Why doesn't Esmerelda know who to obey? (The Captain and One-eyed Jack both have authority over her and are giving her conflicting instructions.)

What advice does Mrs. Stifleman give Esmerelda? (She advises her to obey the 'good captain.')

How can Esmerelda decide who to obey? (She should obey the one captain who loves her and doesn't want her to get hurt.)

#3 Let's talk about it!

Who are some of the authorities in your life?

Why might it be important for you to obey the authorities in your life?

How would you explain to someone why they should choose to obey God?

#4 Daily Directions

- Monday Deut. 10:12-13
- Tuesday Isaiah 50:10
- Wednesday Psalm 128:1-3
- Thursday Romans 13:1-2
- Friday Luke 11:28
- Saturday 2 John 1:5-7