



# Session 1

## OPENING ASSEMBLY/ SKIT

(10-15 minutes)

*Materials:* See prop list on page 17.

*Preparation:* Set stage and prepare actors as directed in "Skit Setup" (see p. 11).

Play songs from CD as children gather. Give "Giving" Treasure Pennant or reproduction to a volunteer to hold up during assembly.

### Welcome

**Leader:** Ahoy! That's a word sailors use to say "hello." Welcome to SonTreasure Island, where the sun is always shining. If you're excited to be here like I am, stand up with me and we'll wave our hands in the air and shout "Ahoy!" (Leader enthusiastically guides everyone to respond.)

### Song

**Leader:** Let's get started with a song to get us movin' like they do in the islands! (Leader leads singing of "Treasure Forever.")

### Skit Script

(Note: If you are not performing the skits live, consider showing the Bible story video for Session 1 on the Assemblies DVD or Assemblies Resources on the Reproducible Power Pack.)

**Leader:** This week at SonTreasure Island we're on an expedition to discover treasure—REAL treasure—the treasure of God's love. Let's watch as some island friends get ready to start their day. I've heard a mysterious stranger has been seen in the area. Be sure to keep an eye out for the mysterious stranger! (Leader exits stage left. Lights are lowered.)

(Pearl enters from stage right wearing dark hooded sweatshirt with the hood up, hiding her face. She looks nervously from side to side and searches for something. She turns toward audience, jumps and gives a frightened shriek.)

**Pearl:** Eeek! Oh, my! (Sighs in relief.) You scared me!

(Calming, she drops the sweatshirt hood.) I didn't think the next group of tourists would be here yet. Well, now that you've seen me, I'll let you in on my secret. (Cups a hand to mouth and leans forward, conspiratorially.) I'm looking for BURIED TREASURE! (Puts a finger to her lips.) Shhhh! Remember, it's a secret! (Looks around nervously.) Everyone thinks I'm Pearl Shellfish, but my REAL name is Sugar Cooky. All my life I've heard about the Cooky family treasure, so I decided to find it. So far all I've found is a long-lost cousin, Captain Chris P. Cooky. He lives on this island and takes tourists on boat trips around the island. (Points to Excursion Sign, looking off stage right nervously.) Uh, oh! It's Coco Banana! She's my boss. Remember . . . don't tell anyone who I really am. It's a secret! (Slinks behind trash can and removes sweatshirt.)

**Coco:** (Bustles onstage from right.) Hello? Hello? Is someone there? Oh, well, I thought I heard someone. (Humming "Treasure Forever," she steps behind snack shop counter and uses hand towel to wipe the counter. Pearl slips behind her to pick up broom and then pops out from side of snack bar and begins sweeping.) Oh, there you are, Pearl. Isn't it a beautiful day for Captain Cooky's surprise birthday party? (Pearl starts to speak but Coco cuts her off.) Oh, my, yes, it is!

**Pearl:** If you say so.

**Krums:** (Enters from stage right, carrying brown bag and tripping several times over his own feet.) Good morning, Coco and Pearl! First Mate Brad Krums reporting for duty. (Salutes, poking himself in the eye.) Youch! (Rubs his eye, and speaks excitedly.) Are we ready for the big surprise?!

**Coco:** I think so, Krums. But let's go over your list and see if we've forgotten anything.

**Krums:** I've got it right here! (Pats shirt pocket; pats and pulls each pants pocket inside out.) Or maybe it's here . . . (Looks over his back to his hip pocket, spinning in a circle; finds notebook and pencil.) Tah-dah! (Holds them up triumphantly.) Okay, now . . . Notes on Birthday Party . . . (Licks his finger and flips pages back and forth.) Got it! (Clears his throat.) Okay. Coco, did you remember the present?

**Coco:** (Nods.) It's hidden in the snack bar.

**Krums:** (Gesturing largely, he puts a check on the page.)  
**CHECK! Did you remember to bake the cake?**

**Coco:** Of course. (Brings out cake.)

**Krums:** (Makes another check mark.) **CHECK!**

**Coco:** And did you remember the candles?

**Krums:** **CHECK! But I couldn't find ENOUGH candles. So I just brought one BIG one.** (Puts notebook and pencil in pocket, opens brown bag and pulls out pillar candle. He sloppily sticks candle into the cake, getting frosting all over his fingers. He licks his fingers and gets frosting on his nose. He tries to lick it with his tongue.)  
**Mmm. Coconut-banana!**

**Coco:** Of course! After all, I am **Coco Banana!**  
(Poses, and then seeing something, points off stage right.)  
**Oh, here he comes!** (Quickly hands the cake to Krums, who hides it behind his back. Everyone tries to look innocent: Krums whistles nonchalantly while Pearl starts to sweep and Coco wipes the counter.)

**Captain:** (Enters from stage right, appears annoyed, looks down at his clipboard and shakes his head.) **Ahoy, Krums! What is going on? We don't have a single passenger signed up today!**

**Pearl:** What's going on is we're giving you the day off! (Takes clipboard and places it on counter. Coco brings a chair to center stage, motioning Captain to sit.)

**Coco:** And . . . we're giving you a birthday party!  
(Pearl pulls table next to Captain. Coco retrieves wrapped gift from snack shop and places on table.)

**Krums:** (Sets cake down on the table and lights the candle.)  
**Happy Birthday, Captain! You may be a Cooky, but we got you a cake anyway.** (Laughs. Coco and Pearl join them, standing around table. They sing "Happy Birthday." Pearl forces a smile. Krums sings off key and holds the last note a little too long, loud and off key.)

**Captain:** (Touched.) **Well, shiver me timbers! Thank you, everybody!**

**Coco:** Make a wish and blow out the candle!  
(Captain nods and blows out candle.)

**Krums:** (Cups hands around his mouth and speaks loudly.) **Thar she blows!**

**Coco:** I'll cut a piece for everyone! (As dialogue continues, she takes the cake to snack bar counter and serves everyone a piece of cake.) **Uh, Krums, could you get that little something we have to give to the Captain?**

(Krums gets gift from behind counter and hands it to Captain.)

**Captain:** (Pulls out gift.) **Oh, well, look at that! A treasure box covered in seashells. Thank you! Here, Krums, would you throw this wrapping paper away?**

**Krums:** Oh, sure, Captain Cooky. (Takes paper and walks toward trash can. During the following dialogue, he tries to throw wad of paper away, but it sticks to his hand. He tries to pull it off with the other hand, and it sticks to that hand. He continues struggling.)

**Pearl:** (Looks at box skeptically.) **Coco made it herself.**

**Coco:** Krums and Pearl helped. They found those seashells right down by Shipwreck Bay. (Points off stage left.)

**Pearl:** (Curious.) I've been wanting to ask, why is it called Shipwreck Bay? Is there a shipwreck out there?

**Coco:** Oh, yes. A shipwreck that Captain Cooky knows well. Why don't you tell Pearl about Shipwreck Bay?

**Krums:** (Finally untangling himself from the paper, which he throws in trash can.) **Hey, yeah, Captain, tell us the story again about your Great-Great-Grand-daddy Cooky's lost treasure.**

**Pearl:** (Rubs hands greedily and speaks to audience.) **Hey! This sounds like what I came here for!**

**Coco:** Did you say something, Pearl?

**Pearl:** (Composing herself.) I . . . uh, I said this sounds like a story to hear. (Coco looks at her quizzically.)

**Captain:** (Feigns reluctance.) **Oh, that boring old story. I've told it a hundred times. You don't want to hear it AGAIN . . .** (Krums, Coco and Pearl all start to speak, but before they can he rushes in.)  
**But, if you insist . . .**

**Coco, Krums and Pearl:** We do! We do!

**Captain:** And you promise to listen . . .



**Coco, Krumbs and Pearl: We do! We do!**

**Captain:** I suppose I can be persuaded. *(Coco pulls up other chair and sits. Pearl and Krumbs sit on ground in front of Captain. Captain stands and speaks dramatically.)* Now sit right back and you'll hear a tale—a tale of a fateful trip, that started from a tropic port . . . aboard a tiny ship. The crew was about a dozen Cookys. The captain was Great-Great-Granddaddy Graham Cracker Cooky. On their ship they had cargo from a dozen foreign ports—**fragrant coffee** *(Krumbs turns to Pearl and pretends to drink a cup of coffee. She ignores him.)* and **exotic oils** *(Krumbs pretends to wipe oil on his arms.)*, **beautiful fabrics** *(Krumbs strokes the imaginary lapels of a fine jacket.)* and **extraordinary paintings** *(Krumbs pretends to hold a paint brush and palette, painting an imaginary canvas.)*, **even jewels and GOLD!**

**Pearl:** Gold?!

**Captain, Coco and Krumbs:** Yes, gold!

**Captain:** Well, just before they got to SonTreasure Island, a great storm arose. *(Rocks side to side. Coco, Pearl and Krumbs sway along with him.)* Great-Great-Granddaddy had never seen such a storm. The waves came up . . . **CRASH!** *(Coco, Pearl and Krumbs jump each time he says "CRASH!")* over the bow of the ship. **CRASH, CRASH, CRASH . . . over and over . . .** *(Long pause. Everyone leans forward in anticipation.)* and over. *(They lean back in relief.)* Finally, the ship crashed into some rocks and sank down, down, down *(Lowers his voice on each "down.")* into the briny deep.

**Coco:** That's why we call it Shipwreck Bay.

**Captain:** That's right, Coco. Granddaddy and the other soggy Cookys barely made it to shore. *(Krumbs wipes his brow in relief.)* Granddaddy Cooky stayed here on SonTreasure Island for the rest of his life.

**Pearl:** But what about the cargo? What about the GOLD?!

**Captain:** Granddaddy Cooky left an old map with some clues on it. But nobody's ever solved the clues. *(Reaches into his pocket and pulls out the map, sighing heavily.)* I had hoped that someday I'd figure it out. But now I'm too old and tired

to go trudging all over the place looking for clues . . . I'd much rather go fishing!

**Krumbs:** Hey, Pearl, wouldn't it be great if we could help Captain Cooky finally find the long-lost treasure?

**Captain:** Go ahead and try! *(Hands map to Krumbs.)* If you and Pearl find the treasure, I'll give you equal shares!

**Pearl:** It's a deal! *(To the audience.)* But if I get to that treasure first, it's gonna be ALL mine!

**Krumbs:** *(Excitedly.)* Aye, aye, Captain Cooky! First Mate Brad Krumbs is on the treasure trail!

**Captain:** *(Picks up his gift.)* Well, thanks for giving me the birthday party, everyone. And for the day off! I think I'll shove off and go fishing. *(Exits stage right.)*

**Coco:** Well, I don't have the day off OR a treasure, so I'm going to get to work. *(Exits stage left.)*

**Pearl:** *(Bossy.)* Hey, Krumbs, let me see that map! *(Quickly softens her tone.)* Uh, please? I'll give it back in a few minutes.

**Krumbs:** Okay, Pearl. *(Hands Pearl the map, which Pearl opens immediately and starts reading.)* Let's set sail for a real treasure-hunting adventure! All hands on deck! *(Salutes after each verbal command.)* Ahoy there, mate! Hoist the main sails! Swab the poop deck! Heave ho! And away we go! But . . . first let me get one more piece of cake. *(Grabs one more piece of cake, and as they exit stage right, he talks excitedly with his mouth full of cake crumbs. Pearl, looking intently at the map, bumps into Krumbs.)*

**Leader:** *(Enters from stage right.)* Wow! A buried treasure. That sounds so exciting! I wonder what Pearl will do if she finds the treasure. Coco, Pearl and Krumbs cared about Captain Cooky and gave him a birthday surprise. Captain Cooky cared for them, too—he said he'd give his treasure to Pearl and Krumbs if they can find it.

Giving gifts and treasure is nice, but God gives us something much better. His LOVE! And because God loves us, we can show His love to others.

## Bible Memory Verse

**Leader:** During each session of our island adventure, we'll have a Daily Treasure to help us remember what we're learning about God's love. Today, what does our Daily Treasure tell us? (Volunteer holds up "Giving" Treasure Pennant or reproduction. Leader pauses as audience answers "God's Love Is Giving.") **God gives us great things because He loves us. God showed His love when He sent Jesus to be born here on Earth.** (Leader opens Bible and reads 1 John 4:9.) **God's love is amazing! He loves each of us and wants us to show His love to others.**

## Prayer

**Leader:** Dear God, thank You for loving us. We are glad You sent Your Son, Jesus, into the world. Help us to show Your love to others. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Song

(Leader leads singing of "Treasure Forever.")

## Announcements/Dismissal

(Leader explains procedure for Session 1 and dismisses students to classes.)

## CLOSING ASSEMBLY

**(10-15 minutes)**

*Materials:* See prop list on page 17.

Play songs from CD as children gather. Give "Giving" Treasure Pennant or reproduction to a volunteer to hold up during assembly.

## Song

**Leader:** Let's sing one of the songs we've learned today! (Leader leads singing of "The Savior of the World.")

## Prizes

(Leader distributes Island Prize(s) [for more information, see p. 4].)

## Review

**Leader:** I'm glad you were here today at Son-Treasure Island! (Volunteer holds up "Giving" Treasure Pennant or reproduction.) **What was today's Daily Treasure?** (Leader pauses as audience answers "God's Love Is Giving.") **In today's Bible story, we learned that God sent His Son to be born here on Earth. Who is God's one and only Son?** (Leader pauses as audience answers "Jesus.") **Let's say today's Bible Memory Verse together.** (Leader guides audience in reciting 1 John 4:9 aloud.)

**Tip:** Select a student, or one student from each age level, to say the verse aloud before all students recite it together. Each session, select a different student or students to say the verse.

## Prayer

**Leader:** Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be born here on Earth. Thank You for being our loving and giving Father. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Announcements/Dismissal

**Leader:** (Leader makes announcements and invites children back for the next session. Krumbs enters, tripping over his feet, and stands next to Leader.) **Come back (tomorrow) when we'll hear Brad Krumbs say:**

**Krumbs:** I'd like a super-duper pineapple-banana-chocolate latte with a twist of lemon and a cherry on top!

**Leader:** And . . .

**Krumbs:** You should've seen her! She looked like a cork bobbing up and down on the water!

**Leader:** Find out what else Krumbs will say tomorrow! We'll also hear about some very sick people who really needed God's love!