

## Big Woods

### Group Activity to Do in This Unit:

1. Plan a Gold Rush party for Week 4, Day 4.  
Have a Gold Rush Party. Divide your house into claim areas (every room is its own claim) and hide in each claim “gold nuggets” (Bible references you’ve been memorizing on crumbled up yellow paper). Each miner must file for a claim (pick a room) and look for gold. For every scripture the miner can recite correctly, he wins a prize. Eat only golden, yellow foods from the Food Pyramid—for example, cornbread, pears, bananas, yellow squash, honey, lemonade, etc. OR eat cornbread, pork ‘n’ beans and jerky.

Other ideas for the Gold Rush party would be to reenact By the Great Horn Spoon. Roll the children in a wheel barrow over pieces of broken block to simulate the rough passage around the Cape of Good Hope. Also simulate the overland route hitting dust storms, blizzards, prairie fires, draughts. Serve pork and beans, rye-n-injun bread, wheat-n-injun bread, beef jerky with a taste of coffee to wash it down.

#### **Gold Rush Bars**

- 1 pkg. Knox gelatin
- 1 3/4 c warm milk
- 1 pkg. cook & serve vanilla pudding
- 1 pkg. butterscotch chips

Heat gelatin and milk and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Blend in pudding mix. Bring to boil and stir while boiling for 3 minutes. Add chips and stir until melted. Pour mixture into greased (with cooking spray) loaf dish or tiny bread pans and chill thoroughly. Invert dish on to serving platter and with chocolate syrup write "14 K GOLD" on top.

### General Activities to Do throughout This Unit:

1. Choose a book on manners or etiquette and schedule to complete it by the end of this unit.
2. Memorize Psalm 91.
3. Begin reading a biography of Louis Pasteur. Schedule to complete it by the end of Week Three. For younger students or less avid readers this may need to be read aloud during a family reading time. If you’ve quit reading to your older children, this may be a good time to restart the pleasurable time of sharing a book together.