

Our Treasure Chest of Time

(Year 2 - Ages 7-8):

Lesson 4 of 9

Lesson Summary

This lesson explores the concept of time as a precious treasure. Students will learn to see their happy memories and future plans as "golden moments" that they collect in their personal "Treasure Chest of Time." Through storytelling and a creative craft activity, they will understand that being healthy allows us to gather more of this treasure. The lesson frames the gift of organ and tissue donation as the most generous act of sharing, giving someone the chance to add more precious moments to their own treasure chest.

Learning Intentions

Students will

- Understand that time is precious and made up of special moments.
- Identify happy moments from our past, present, and future.
- Recognise that the gift of donation gives someone the treasure of more time.

Success Criteria

Students can

- Describe one "golden moment" that is a treasure to me.
- Explain that being healthy helps us collect more happy moments.
- Create a "Golden Moment Coin" to represent a precious memory or hope.

Lesson Details

Time:	30 minutes
Year Level:	Year 2 (Ages 7-8)
Unit:	This is Lesson 4 of 9 in the series.
Educational Partner:	This lesson is adapted from resources provided by DonatLife

General Capabilities

Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Understanding, Critical and Creative Thinking.



Lesson Guides and Printables

Lesson Plan

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Lesson Overview

Lesson Title: Our Treasure Chest of Time
Year Level: Year 2 (Ages 7-8)
Lesson Duration: 30 minutes
Key Focus Areas: Understanding empathy and the reasons for helping others.
Curriculum Links: Australian Curriculum - Health and Physical Education (Foundation)
• ACHE1220: Identify and practise emotional responses that account for own and others' feelings.
• ACHE1202: The significance today of an historical site of cultural or spiritual importance in the local community.
• ACHE1203: Use materials, techniques and technologies to explore art making, and represent ideas and experiences.

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Student Worksheet

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Activity: Create your Golden Moment Coin

Task: Draw a picture of a precious "golden moment" on the coin. It can be a happy memory from the past, something you love doing now, or a wish for the future.

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Teacher Content Info

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Teacher Preparation

Introduction for Teachers

This lesson adapts the abstract theme of "The Gift of Time" into a tangible and valuable concept for Year 2 students: "Our Treasure Chest of Time." The goal is to help children understand time as a collection of precious "golden moments"—happy memories from the past, enjoyable experiences in the present, and hopeful plans for the future. The lesson uses a physical "Treasure Chest" as a central prop to make this idea concrete and meaningful.

The core objective is to build an understanding that being healthy allows us to collect these precious moments. This creates a powerful and positive context for framing the gift of donation as the most generous act of sharing imaginable—giving someone the chance to add more priceless treasures to their own chest of time.

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Curriculum Mapping and Links

Australian Curriculum (v9.0)

Subject	Strand	Content Descriptor
Health and Physical Education	Personal, Social and Community Health	AC9HP2P01 : Identify and practise emotional responses that account for own and others' feelings.
Humanities and Social Sciences	History	AC9HS2K02 : The significance today of an historical site of cultural or spiritual importance in the local community. (Can be linked to the importance of shared memories/moments).
The Arts (Visual Arts)	Creating	AC9AVA2C01 : Use materials, techniques and technologies to explore art making, and represent ideas and experiences.

Queensland Curriculum (QCAA)

Subject	Syllabus	Content Description
Health and Physical Education	Year 2	Identify and practise strategies to promote their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing.
HASS	Year 2	The significance of a local historic site or place of cultural importance.
The Arts (Visual Arts)	Year 2	Use materials, techniques and technologies to make artworks that represent ideas.



Resources Required

- A decorated box to be the class "Treasure Chest of Time."
- A picture book about memories or making the most of time (e.g., Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox).
- A worksheet for each student with a large, blank "golden coin" outline.
- Gold and yellow craft supplies: glitter, crayons, markers, gold paper.
- Scissors and glue sticks.

Skills

- Empathy
- Valuing time
- Future thinking
- Communication
- Self-reflection

Teacher Preparation

- Prepare the "Treasure Chest of Time" box.
- Have the "Golden Moment Coin" worksheets ready.
- The core of this lesson is the "Treasure Chest of Time" metaphor. The chest represents our life. The golden coins represent our precious moments (past, present, and future). This provides a strong emotional connection to the idea that the gift of donation is about giving someone the chance to fill their life with more treasure, which is a very powerful and positive concept for this age group.

Additional Information

This lesson has been created as part of [Donate Buddies](https://www.donatebuddies.com.au), a program designed to help young children explore kindness, sharing, and the importance of helping others. By introducing these concepts in a fun, age-appropriate, and engaging way, children begin to understand the power of kindness and how their actions can make a big difference.

Organ, eye, and tissue donation is a real-life example of this kindness, where one person can help save the lives of many others. While most people can donate tissue, only a small number of people who pass away in hospitals can become organ donors. One organ donor alone can save up to seven lives and help many more people through eye and tissue donation.

