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November 16-17, 2013

Kingdom Come Journey Week 6: KINGDOM COME

LESSON TITLE

Revelation 21 (Pg.1400-1401)

God wants his Kingdom to come on earth.

WHERE TO FIND IT

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Last week, kids got a Seek Experiment. As they enter the room, ask them if they started to see the Kingdom the way God sees it. This will help them begin to come up with ideas for Connect Time.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to share their Kingdom Come experiment card. Tell them to invite their families and/or friends to join!

large group heads up

God wants to see his perfect kingdom come on earth. One day, Jesus will re-create the world, and it will be perfect. Until then, we can see pockets of God's Kingdom. They might be hard to see at first, but his Kingdom really is here if we know what to look for.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

- Give each group a **large piece of cityscape paper**.
- Give them **two invisible markers** to share.
- Have them brainstorm ways they saw God's Kingdom at work when they were seeking it (you can help them come up with ideas, but let them take it in any direction they choose)
 - Maybe a classmate was kind to a bully.
 - Maybe somebody encouraged you
 - Maybe you heard something from God.
 - Maybe somebody in your family prayed for someone in need.
 - Maybe you sent somebody a birthday card.
- Have them write down as many ideas as they can.

This is also a time for you to connect with kids: 5 minutes before large group, talk to kids about the best part of their week or even remind them of the expectations you have for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) Understand that God's Kingdom is here now and (2) recognize that they can make it bigger by both obeying individually and working as a team

Why? Fighting for God's Kingdom and daily seeking it can feel overwhelming. That's why God gives us community!

Tip: Encourage kids to think about other people in their home or school who may want to make God's Kingdom bigger. They can work together!

small group

***Coordinate ahead of time how you'd like to complete the walkabout activity. You may want to have one volunteer prepared to keep time (give kids no more than 1 minute per table) while they shine the *black light*. That volunteer should also plan to yell "switch."**

REACT / DIG DEEPER

1. What is God's perfect Kingdom going to be like?
2. What are some examples of ways you see God's Kingdom on earth right now? Anything you want to add with invisible marker? (Let kids add. Give them more hints from Connect Time if they need to hear ideas again. And tell them we want God wants to FILL our city with his Kingdom!)
3. How can we make God's Kingdom bigger? (obeying him, working with others, etc.)

ACTIVITY #1: FIND GOD'S KINGDOM WALKABOUT

Let's see how God's Kingdom is at work in our city! Shine the *black light* and celebrate ways God's Kingdom is at work. Then, walk around the room, switching tables so that you can see the other group's ideas. * Before you begin the walkabout, ask kids to look for their favorite and the most surprising.

Then sit back down and discuss:

- Which was your favorite way God's Kingdom is at work? Which was the most surprising? Why?
- Could you be a part of any of these? If so, which ones? And how?
- Where would you like to see more of God's Kingdom revealed?

***Pray for more of God's Kingdom to come on earth and fill our city!**

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ACTIVITY #2: KINGDOM COME EXPERIMENT CARDS

Remember, one way we can make God's Kingdom bigger in our city is by praying and asking God to come and set it up. This week, we're all going to pray for God's Kingdom to come and pray that we—and others—obey Jesus. Their experiment is to pray this prayer *every single day* this week.

Extra time? Let's practice our verse! Add some motions to help kids remember it.

- **Matthew 6:9-10: Our Father in heaven** (prayer hands)
- **Help us to honor your name** (cup hands around mouth).
- **Come and set up your kingdom** (act like you're setting an object on the table),
- **So that everyone on earth will obey you** (point to the floor)
- **As you are obeyed in heaven** (point to the sky).
- **Give us our daily bread.** (Pretend to eat.)
- **Forgive us** (point to self)
- **For doing wrong** (make a sad face),
- **As we forgive others** (motion outwards).
- **Keep us from being tempted** (cover arms over chest)
- **And protect us from evil** (finish with prayer hands).

special notes

Today, we're going to pray the Lord's Prayer. Make sure kids know they *can* pray it in their own words (we'll explore that more next week)...but praying Scripture as a community can be powerful. So try that out today!

presenter tips

Watch "God's Story: Re-Creation" ahead of time in order to prepare to guide kids toward coming up with ways they see parts of God's future Kingdom playing out in his Kingdom now (because his Kingdom is both coming *and* here!).

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here today. We just got done writing down all the amazing ways we've seen God's Kingdom at work. But it was kind of hard to see what we wrote, wasn't it? Why? (Let kids say: invisible markers.) Yeah, we used invisible markers.

And sometimes it really is hard to see God's Kingdom, isn't it? We notice all the bad things happening around us...and not the good. But when we accept Jesus' love, enter his kingdom through obedience, and begin to seek Jesus every day, we start to see how he's working.

GOD'S KINGDOM IS COMING IN THE FUTURE

One day, Jesus will re-create the world, and it will be a perfect place where God's whole family lives together with God. Everyone will treat Jesus as king, because everyone will be a part of God's Kingdom. And there will be no kingdom of the world to fight against God's kingdom.

Let's watch a video to imagine what it'll be like. As you watch, imagine you are living with your family and friends in the *perfect* Kingdom. Think about what parts you are most excited for.

Video: God's Story / Re-Creation

So what are your favorite parts? (Get 3-5 kids to share; then share *your* favorite and continue.)

But remember, Jesus brought God's Kingdom to us here and NOW. Even though *this* world has lots of sad things, like sickness and sadness and meanness and death... we can still see God's Kingdom, right in the middle of all the wrong things! You guys saw it at work in your own lives—and wrote ways you saw it on posters before you came in here.



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GOD'S KINGDOM IS HERE NOW

And we can find where God's kingdom is at work on earth by seeking him—and we can join where he is at work by obeying him. Let's think about how we can see our favorite parts of God's Kingdom...in our own lives right NOW.

(Show picture of a sunny day.) For example, one thing that will be God's perfect world is Jesus shining like the sun. We don't know what that will look like, but God DOES give us bright and sunny days, so we can picture what it will be like in a world where it's ALWAYS sunny!

And _____ (ie... No more crying) is one of *my* favorite parts. One way I see that part of God's Kingdom at work now is when I see _____ (ie... Somebody comfort a person who feels sad) happening (try to give an example of how you personally engage in God's Kingdom).

You guys said _____ is one of *your* favorite parts. How do you think we could help _____ come *right now*? (Let kids come up with an example.) Awesome!

One of the other great parts is that none of us will ever be hungry. But now, sometimes, people *are* hungry, aren't they? So one way we can bring God's Kingdom to earth is by giving food to people who are hungry. A lot of people around here are doing that with the Thanksgiving Box Food Drive.

And you know what? When we are acting as a part of God's Kingdom, we show it to others. I mean, think about it. When a hungry person is fed, he or she sees the same kind of love that God has for him/her. He/she gets a glimpse of God's Kingdom!

IT GAINS MOMENTUM THROUGH COMMUNITY

And as a *team* of Jesus-followers, God's family can band together to make God's Kingdom WAY bigger by showing LOTS of others what God's love is like. And that can be pretty exciting. Let's watch a video that shows how exciting it can be to band together and bring the kingdom:

Video: TFD Intro Video

Wow, so this is one example of how we can join with others to make God's Kingdom bigger. Imagine if just your family filled a box. One other family in our city would see God's Kingdom. But when 4,500 families fill a box, 4,500 families in our city see God's Kingdom! Even more people see God's Kingdom when we send boxes to South Africa!

PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME

So we can get excited for the amazingly perfect world that he'll re-create. *And* we can make God's Kingdom bigger by obeying him and walking in it. We can even join together with other people to build God's Kingdom together! Pretty cool, huh?

Today, for our prayer, we're going to pray together as a team and ask God to make his Kingdom bigger. We're going to pray the words that Jesus taught us to pray. You don't have to use these exact words all the time, but today, we're going to. Ready? (Lead the kids:)



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SLIDE: Matthew 9:9-13: Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.

WORSHIP

Alright, let's enjoy praising our king together! Everybody stand up (let kids stand).

Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (brand new music video)

Music Video: Come With Me (even though this is a music video, lead the kids in hand motions. Go to <http://vimeo.com/49923933> to learn them ahead of time)

(Remember, we already prayed today. Go ahead and dismiss kids to small groups.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

1. 1 piece of cityscape paper per group (use the skyline outline to trace a skyline across large pieces of tear-off paper)
2. 2 invisible ink markers per group (can use something like this:

http://www.lazerpoint.com/p-2-in-1-invisible-ink-pen-uv-black-light-torch-combo-purple_5206000?utm_source=CS&utm_medium=GM_US&utm_campaign=CS_GM_US_5206000&gclid=ClasqOLjjLkCFZOk4AodRh0A3A

small group supplies

1. 2 invisible ink markers per group (same ones they use in connect time)
2. 1 Kingdom Come Experiment Card per kid
3. 1 black light per group: can use something like this:

http://www.windycitynovelties.com/6838p/battery-operated-portable-black-light.html?utm_medium=shoppingengine&utm_source=googlebase&gclid=CP_U-7zjjLkCFUyi4Aod2G4AjQ

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (pg. 1400-1401)

a/v needs

1. Video: God's Story / Re-Creation
2. *Image: sunny day
3. Video: Crossroads' Thanksgiving Food Drive Video
4. SLIDE: Matthew 9:9-13: Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey

you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.

5. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (non-animated video; one-shot)
6. Song: Come With Me (musicians video)

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connect questions

Tell me about how God's Kingdom is coming.
Tell me about how God's Kingdom is here.

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