

Thy Kingdom Come

Here's a Memory Game to help your children think about God's kingdom.

Set out the CROWN from the purple bag. Kids are familiar with kingdoms—places that are ruled by a King or a Queen — and if you are their son, you are a prince and if you are their daughter, you are a princess. Disney and fairy tales have also given them some familiarity with “good” rulers and “bad” rulers.

Get some dialogue going about what “good Kings/Queens” do in their Kingdoms and what “bad Kings/Queens” do. This will be helpful background for thinking about God's kingdom.

Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of Heaven often -- 32 times in the book of Matthew (sometimes called the Kingdom of God by others). In fact, in the various parables he told, he provided some concrete examples of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like.

When we pray the phrase “thy kingdom come”, what are we praying will come?



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Directions:

- Print 2 sets of the cards on the next page and cut them apart. You will have 12 cards.
- Mix them up and turn them all face down, making 4 rows of 3 cards.
- Player #1 turns a card over and then chooses a 2nd card to turn over, hoping to find the match.
 - ◇ If it matches, the player reads the card out loud (or someone reads it for everyone) and then names a quality of the kingdom.
 - ◇ If it doesn't match, turn the cards back over, and Player #2 takes a turn.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like:

A mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds on earth, and grows into the largest of shrubs. On its large branches, birds from the north, the south, the east, and the west come to the tree and make their nests in its shade.

Matthew 13:31



The Kingdom of Heaven is like:

Yeast that a woman works into the dough and she waits while the dough rises.

Matthew 13:33



The Kingdom of Heaven is like:

A treasure hidden in a field for years and then is accidentally found by a person. The finder is ecstatic and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



The Kingdom of Heaven is like:

A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

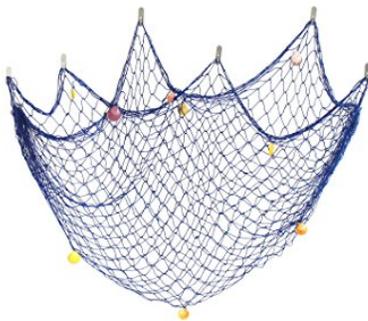
Matthew 13:45



The Kingdom of Heaven is like:

A fishnet cast into the sea, catching all kinds of fish.

Matthew 13:47



The Kingdom of God is as if

Someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, and he does not know how.

Mark 4:26

