



Who Teaches You About God's Kingdom?

Jesus Teaches Me About God's Kingdom

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide

Week 1 • July 4/5/6

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

At The Movies is a great time for kids to invite others to church. Spend time talking about who they would like to invite to experience the rest of the month. Pray for their potential guests by name and support them as they think about how they will invite them.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- What is your favorite movie?
- Who is your favorite movie character?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Let's explore the Bible and search for animals we can find on a farm.

Read:

- Pg 33 (sheep), Pg 41 (horses), Pg 82 (cow), Pg 303 (bees), Pg 427 (donkey)
- When you find the animal, ask kids to make the noise of the animal.

Review:

- If you had a farm, what kinds of animal would you want on your farm?
- Would you name your animals? What names would you give them?

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Pray: Dear God, thank you for teaching us about your Kingdom in the Bible. Please help us have hearts like good soil. Please help my friends to grow big and strong for you this week, just like the seeds in the good soil. We love you, God. Amen.



Take out the Movie Character Hide & Seek Card Set. Place each Card around the room, leaning against the wall.

- Name one of the movie characters from a Card and instruct kids to find that character.
 - Who can find Lightning McQueen and Mater?
 - Who can find Buzz and Woody?
 - Who can find Moana and Maui?
 - Who can find Lilo and Stitch?
 - Who can find Ana and Elsa?
 - Who can find Nemo and Dory?
- Make it harder by laying the Cards on the floor instead of leaning them against the wall.
- Another way to play: Have everyone sit in a circle and close their eyes. Give one kid a Card to put behind their back. Place the rest of the Cards face up in the middle of the circle. Have everyone open their eyes and let the Group guess who they think has the Card, and which character is on it.



Share with kids that they can still invite their friends to church for At The Movies! There is so much fun happening at LCBC this month we don't want anyone to miss it. Hand out invites to anyone who wants to invite someone.

Ask:

- How can we show God we are listening?
- Is it easy or hard to listen sometimes?
- What part of the story did you like best?

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How To Train Your Dragon Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)
At The Movies Invites (a few per kid, in Small Group)

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PRO TIP

Our atriiums are full of excitement and fun for At The Movies! Because of this, we can anticipate that kids may have a difficult time transitioning into the environment. Be ready to engage with kids in big and fun ways during kZones, so they know that their environment is a great place to be, too!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- If you could be in a movie, what character would you want to be?
- Would you rather watch a funny movie or a movie that has a lot of action?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Together we are going to look through the Bible and find all the gold coins.

- Place a pile of Gold Coins in the center of your Group.
- Instruct the kids that every time they find a gold coin in the Bible, they will each take one Gold Coin from the pile.

Read:

- Pg 311, Pg 383, Pg 433, Pg 434, Pg 435

Review: Today, we are going to watch video where Jesus teaches us how to use what we have to grow his Kingdom.

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PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank You for giving us hands to help, feet to go, and mouths to speak kind words. Help us use what You have given us to grow Your kingdom. Show us how to love others the way You love us. Thank You for Jesus, who teaches us about Your kingdom. We love You, God. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Bucket with Items inside.

Say: The story Jesus told about the bags of gold teaches us to use what God has given us. I have a bucket full of things that you can't see yet. One at a time, I want you to pull out an item, and think of a way you could use that item to grow God's Kingdom.

- Let kids take turns pulling out items. After each item, discuss with your Group how that item can be used to help God's kingdom grow.
 - Ex: if a kid pulls out a toy car, they can ask their grownups if they can drive their friends to church. If they pull out toy food, they can give special treats to community helpers like fire fighters.
- Another way to play: Invite kids to find one thing in the room to bring back to the Group to put in the Bucket that could help grow God's kingdom.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- What did the first helpers do with their bags?
- Did they use what they were given or hide it?
- How would you feel if someone gave you something very special to take care of?
- God gives us special things too. What are some special things God gives us?

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TAKE HOME

Goat Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)

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PRO TIP

There are many first time guests during At The Movies. Look out for new kids who may be alone, hesitant to participate, or just unsure of the environment. Get on their level, call them by name, and let them know what they can expect. Doing these things helps kids to feel seen and known.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- What snack would you like to eat at the movies?
- Would you rather watch a movie at home or at the movie theater?

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: One day, Jesus was teaching his friends about how to treat people. Jesus' friend asked him: How many times do I have to forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Do I have to forgive him seven times? (hold up seven fingers) Jesus said not 7 times, but 77 times. Wow! Who can count to 77? That's a really big number.



BIBLE

Read:

- Explain to kids that this month's Memory Verse is in the Bible.
- Practice the Memory Verse a couple times as a Group.
- Have kids hold the Bible while doing different motions and practicing the Verse. (Ex: put the Bible on their head, behind their back, spin in a circle)

Review:

- Should we forgive others? (Yes!)
- Who forgives us? (God / Jesus)
- Can we forgive even when it's hard? (Yes)

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PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you so much for being so good and loving and giving us Jesus. I am so glad Jesus teaches us about your kingdom. Amen



ACTIVITY

Sing this song as a Group to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

Sing: When someone hurts my feelings, oops,
I take a breath and make a choice.
I can be kind, I can be brave,
I can forgive like Jesus says.
When someone hurts my feelings, oops,
I choose forgiveness with my voice.

Help kids memorize certain words, like "breath" and "choice" and "brave". After kids have learned the song, have them stand and start dancing while singing. Then, freeze in their dance pose when the song stops.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- Who was in the story? (A king and his servant)
- What did the servant owe the king? (A lot of money)
- What did the king do? (He forgave him)
- What can you say when someone hurts your feelings? (Forgive them)

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Lilo & Stitch Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)

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PRO TIP

Use At The Movies to get to know more about the kids in your Small Group. Learn their favorite shows, movies, and streaming services. Share with them what you enjoyed watching as a kid or even ask for recommendations of things they think you should watch! This is a great way to build relationships with kids.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather be a camera man recording a movie or be the star in a movie?
- Who would you like to be in your movie? (Mom, dad, siblings, friends, pets)

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Today we are going to be learning our Memory Verse. Every word of the Verse we will pass the Bible around the circle to our friends.

For the first few rounds, say the word and have the kids repeat it back, until they begin to remember it.

Say: Put (pass) God's (pass) kingdom (pass) first (pass) Matthew (pass) 6 (pass) 33 (pass)



BIBLE

Review:

- What does it mean to "not give up"?
- When something is hard, do we quit or keep trying?
- In our video today, Jesus shares with us that if we pray and never give up we can grow God's Kingdom.

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PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you that you are good and that you always love us. Help us pray and never give up. Amen



ACTIVITY

Say: Let's play a game together. It's called Keepy Uppy and we need to work as a team! The number one rule is: don't let the ball touch the floor. Don't give up!

- Take out the Inflatable Ball and ask your Group to stand.
- Toss the Ball into the air.
- Explain that your Group's job is to work together to keep the Ball from touching the floor. Emphasize teamwork and not giving up.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- When we feel like giving up, what can we remember? (Jesus can help us be strong)
- Who teaches you about God's kingdom? (Jesus teaches me about God's Kingdom)

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TAKE HOME

Out Of My Mind Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)

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