



Stepping into the
kingdom
4KIDS

EXTRA FUN

**THE FOLLOWING ARE FUN, HANDS-ON IDEAS TO ADD TO
YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY
THROUGH **STEPPING INTO THE KINGDOM 4 KIDS!****

LESSON 1: WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM (PART 1)

Activity: A King and His Followers

Supplies:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Crayons
- Stickers (if you have them)

Instructions: Make a crown and/or royal scepter using paper, scissors, tape, crayons and stickers if you have them. Take turns with your sibling, a friend or other family member pretending to be a king and the king's follower(s). What was it like to give the kingly commands? What was it like to follow the king's commands? Were you a loving and kind king like King Jesus? Did you have the good of your follower(s) in mind as you gave the royal commands?

Remember: The Bible says being in the kingdom of God brings the light and life of King Jesus into our lives. Aren't you glad to have a faithful, true and loving king in King Jesus?

LESSON 2: WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM (PART 2)

Activity: No-Knead Bread

Ingredients:

- 3 cups of all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp of yeast*
- 1 ½ cups of warm water
- 1 tsp salt

Instructions: Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and stir until a sticky dough forms. Cover dough with towel and allow to rise for 6-8 hours. Toss the dough with enough flour to decrease the stickiness. Shape into a round ball and bake at 450 F in a Dutch oven** lined with parchment paper for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, remove the lid of the Dutch oven and bake for an additional 10-15 minutes or until golden brown.

*If using fast-rising yeast, the bread dough only has to rise for 3-4 hours before baking.

**If you don't own a Dutch oven, place in a regular loaf pan or cast iron skillet and cover dough with tented foil for the first 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake for an additional 10 minutes.

Remember: While you don't have to knead this bread for success, you do need to add a small amount of yeast for it to rise. Remember how Jesus compared the small amount of yeast added to bread to how the kingdom of God grows!

While it may start out small, it expands and grows as more and more people make Jesus their King.

Activity: The Mustard Seed

Supplies: whole mustard seed spice, computer

Instructions: Go to the grocery store with your parents and purchase whole mustard seeds in the spice aisle. When you get home, pour the tiny seeds into your hands. Next, with the help of your parents, locate pictures of full-grown mustard trees on a computer. Can you believe that small seed produces the grand and fruitful mustard tree? It's pretty miraculous, isn't it?

Remember: Jesus used the example of the mustard seed when talking with his followers about the kingdom of God to illustrate this miraculous effect.

LESSON 3: WELCOME TO KINGDOM FULLNESS (PART 1) - STEPPING INTO NEW BIRTH

Activity: New Birth Drawings

Supplies: Pictures of the process of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly. You can find these online or in a book you already have or one you can find at the library.

Instructions: Draw your own pictures of this process of something changing from one thing into another. This is a beautiful way for you to recognize that as a caterpillar changes completely from one thing into another, so you have been changed from someone without new life in Christ into someone who has been born again as a brand-new person in Christ.

Remember: Stepping into new birth means that you receive a new life, a new identity and a new destiny through repentance from sin and faith in Jesus, Savior, Lord and King. This message must be shared with everyone, everywhere.

LESSON 4: WELCOME TO KINGDOM FULLNESS (PART 2) - STEPPING INTO WATER BAPTISM

Activity: Cookies + Milk

Supplies: A glass of milk and your favorite cookie

Instructions: Take your favorite cookie and dunk it all the way into a glass of milk. Take the cookie out of the milk and eat it with a big smile on your face! Notice that when you dunk your cookie into the milk, the milk and the cookie become one: milk gets into the cookie and part of the cookie gets into the milk. When we put our faith in Jesus, He becomes part of us, and we become part of Him. We are in King Jesus and King Jesus is in us. During water baptism, when we are fully dunked into water, we are showing that we have fully given our lives to Jesus and His has fully given His life to us.

Remember: When you step into water baptism, you say to the whole world that even as Jesus died, was buried and resurrected from the dead, you have died to your old life and have been raised by the Holy Spirit to live a new life in King Jesus.

LESSON 5: WELCOME TO KINGDOM FULLNESS (PART 3) - STEPPING INTO THE BAPTISM AND FILLING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Activity: Fresh Filling Challenge

Supplies:

- Two buckets (or bowls)
- A sponge
- Water

Instructions: Take one bucket and fill it with water and leave the other bucket empty. Using only your sponge, fill the empty bucket with water by dunking the sponge in the full bucket and squeezing the water out of the sponge into the empty bucket. How fast can you move all the water? Time yourself and see if you're faster than your sibling or friend.

Remember: There is one baptism with the Holy Spirit but there are daily fillings. The great news is that God's bucket of Holy Spirit power never runs out! We can be freshly filled and freely share that power with everyone every day!

LESSON 6: WELCOME TO KINGDOM FELLOWSHIP

Activity: Body of Christ

Supplies:

- Butcher paper
- Markers
- Scissors

Instructions: Lay down on the butcher paper and have someone trace your body. Have someone cut around the outline of your body. Think of all the gifts, skills, talents and tasks that are performed by the Body of Christ. Then write each one on a different part of the paper outline of your body. Put this up somewhere in your home to remind yourself and others of how much we need kingdom fellowship as the Body of Christ to do God's work.

Remember: We are one family, one body and one army with many members. Each person is specially gifted by God and is needed and necessary for God's plan to succeed. We have all been called into a life of deep friendship and fellowship with other followers of Jesus as God's family, Christ's body and the Lord's army.

LESSON 7: WELCOME TO KINGDOM FREEDOM

Activity: Free the Captives!

Supplies: No supplies needed. Just you, your parents, siblings or friends!

Instructions: One player will start as the king! All other players will play hidden captives. The king will search for the captives and as each captive is set free, they join the king side-by-side in his search until every captive is found and released. Take turns being the king and don't stop searching until every captive is found!

Remember: King Jesus sought us out to free us from captivity! Once we enter into the freedom of His kingdom, we can free others by the King's authority and power!