

# LEARNER SHEET: THE KINGDOM

Luke 1:46-55



## THE BIG IDEA

Praying for God's kingdom reminds us it's already here!

## BIG FUN IDEA

"Bring in the kingdom" to your stomach! Purchase refrigerated bread sticks and shape them into Christian symbols on cookie sheets—crosses and fish are easy to shape. Share the treats with younger members of the church!

## BIG SERVING IDEA

Plant seeds at church and watch the kingdom grow. Depending on your congregation, you might plant grass seed, seeds in pots for Sunday school learners, gift plants for visitors, or a summer garden. Purchase a clay animal planter for your classroom, a reminder of the kingdom seed that grows and grows.

## PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

## DISCUSSION TIME

- Write a work requisition for God entitled "Repairs Needed for the Kingdom." List for God the problems that need fixing. Mark the list with symbols for "new problem" and "ongoing problem."
- Write a want ad from God entitled "Help Wanted to Repair the Kingdom." Include specific examples of necessary skills for building up the kingdom.
- It's easy to talk about God's inverted plan for the world, also known as "the kingdom." It's so much harder to imagine. Which of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) or verses in the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) make you the most nervous? What do you have to lose when the kingdom comes?

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE KINGDOM

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Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

## PRAYER TIME

**God of creation, thank you for all the ways your followers are building up your kingdom. Help us to join their efforts to live your vision of peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

## TALK TIME

- The next time you are in a crowded place full of strangers (such as an airport), remind another family member, "God's kingdom is certainly amazing, isn't it!" Think about it: every person in that mass of humanity is God's child. Will you look at people differently as you remember that?
- Jesus was a rebel: he rebelled against the law as he ushered in a new way of being. When someone rebels in your family, make Jesus' actions part of your discussions. What rule is the one rebelling challenging? How does thinking about the rule change your understanding of it?
- Who brings in the mail? Who brings in the newspaper? Who brings in...the kingdom? That sounds so abstract! But Jesus gave specific instructions for this kingdom. It resides in small things and turns big things upside down. Sounds like what babies do! Parents, share stories with your children about what parenting has taught you about God.

## WEB TIME

Gather around the family computer and use an Internet search engine to search for the key words for this week. Write down the most interesting site you find that pops up for each term. Then do a search for "kingdom." What do you find? Explore five sites that mention the term, and discuss the various opinions and perspectives you find. What are they trying to say? What kind of organizations do you think built the sites? Discuss.



## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**COCREATOR  
NOW AND NOT YET  
UPSIDE DOWN**



## RITUAL TIME

This week set the table with plates, glasses, and silverware upside down. When someone asks, say, "We're reminding ourselves of God's kingdom."