

SUPPLIES: Story Page, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page and a crayon.**
 - *“Let’s make a picture that reminds us of the story Jesus told! It starts with something tiny and grows into something big.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to locate the dot labeled “1” (it also looks like a seed). Help the children connect the dots, either by following the numbers or by modeling for them which dot to move to (for kids who can’t identify numbers yet). Once the full outline is done, invite the children to color in their tree.**
 - *“Find the number one on your paper. It’s a tiny dot, just like the tiny seed in our story! Now, let’s draw a line from one to two. (Assist as needed.) And now, two to three! Look! Our seed is starting to grow. Let’s keep connecting the dots to see how big it gets. (Continue until the tree is formed.) You did it! Your tiny seed grew into a big tree! That’s just like the story Jesus told. Jesus said God’s kingdom starts small but grows big enough for everyone.”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“Your pictures look amazing! The tiny seed grew into a big tree with room for everyone, just like God’s kingdom. God’s kingdom may start small, like a seed, but it grows and grows and grows! God is growing a kingdom that will have a place for all of His people, just like a tree has a place for all the birds. And God loves us so much that He wants all of us to be part of His kingdom. Every single person! That’s a really big kingdom!*
 - **“Who can be part of God’s Kingdom?”**
 - **“I can be part of God’s Kingdom!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Seed to Tree

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to spread out so they have room to move.**
 - *“Hello, friends! I’m so glad you’re here. Come find a spot with lots of space around you. We’re going to play a moving game!”*

- ⇒ **Lead the children to move their body to look like a seed, a sprout, and a tree. Play a game like Simon Says where the children have to get in the position you call out.**
 - *“First, let’s be a tiny seed. Curl up in a little ball on the floor! Be so, so small. (Demonstrate.) Good job, tiny seeds! Now, the seed starts to grow. Stand up a little bit. You’re a little sprout! (Crouch down.) Now grow into a big tree! Stand up tall and stretch your arms out like branches! (Stand tall with arms out.) Great job! Now let’s grow to an even bigger tree—stretch, stretch, stretch! Wow! You grew from a tiny seed into a big tree! That’s just like in Jesus’ story. A tiny seed grew so big, birds could live in it!”*
 - *“Let’s turn it into a game. When I say, ‘Seed,’ I want you to curl up in a tiny ball, just like this. (Demonstrate.) And when I say, ‘Tree,’ I want you to jump up and stretch your arms way up high and out to the side with big branches, just like this. (Demonstrate.) Are you ready? Okay ... Seed! Curl up really tiny into a ball. (Pause.) Wow! Great job! You’re so tiny! Now ... Tree! Stand up tall and spread your arms really wide like a big, tall tree! (Pause.) You’ve got it! Let’s try it faster. Seed! (Pause.) Tree! (Pause.) Seed! (Repeat as time and interest allow.) Wow, you are great at being a tiny seed and a big tree!”*

- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Jesus told stories to help people know that God loves them and that God wants good things for them. The story that Jesus told about the mustard seed shows us how God’s kingdom grows. It can start small, but it grows big enough for everyone. And you know what? You can be part of God’s kingdom and **I can be part of God’s kingdom!**”*
 - **“Who can be part of God’s Kingdom?”**
 - **“I can be part of God’s Kingdom!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Go to the Kingdom

SUPPLIES: Kingdom page, wall & floor tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Make a tape line on the floor and encourage the children to line up on the starting line. Tape the kingdom page to the opposite wall.**
 - *“Hello, friends! I’m so happy to see you. Come stand on this line with me. Look what’s all the way across the room! (Point to the castle.) It’s a castle! Let’s pretend it’s God’s special kingdom. Let’s play a game and travel to the kingdom!”*

- ⇒ **Call out a way to travel (skip, fly like a bird, drive a car). Lead the children in moving from the starting line to the castle in that way. When you arrive at the castle, celebrate, and then lead them back to the start to travel in a new way. Review the question each time you get to the “Kingdom.”**
 - *“First, let’s DRIVE our cars to the kingdom! Get your steering wheel! Vroom, vroom! (Pretend to drive a car.) Let’s go! Vroom, vroom! (Lead children to the castle.) We made it! Yay! Now tell me, **Who can be part of God’s Kingdom? I can be part of God’s Kingdom!** Okay, let’s go back to the start. (Lead children back.)*
 - *“Now, let’s FLY like a bird! Get your wings out! Whoosh! (Stretch arms out.) Let’s fly to the kingdom! (Lead children, flapping your wings up and down.) We made it! Yay! Let’s go back to the start.*
 - *“This time let’s SKIP to the kingdom! Ready, set, go! (Skip with the children to the castle.) We made it! Hooray!”*

- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Wow, that was so much fun pretending to travel in different ways to God’s kingdom! Our Bible Story today taught us something amazing. God’s kingdom isn’t a place we have to drive a car or fly like a bird to get to. God’s kingdom is right here with us, because God is with us! And God wants YOU to be part of His special kingdom.*
 - **“Who can be part of God’s Kingdom?”**
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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!”*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“First, let’s say it once together. ‘Your kingdom come (point up), your will be done (hold hands out, palms up), on earth (point down) as it is in heaven’ (point up). Matthew 6:10 (open hands like a book). Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who can be part of God’s Kingdom?***
 - ***I can be part of God’s Kingdom!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JUNE WEEK 1

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 323 "The Lord's Prayer"

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who can be part of God's Kingdom?***
 - ***I can be part of God's Kingdom!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Jesus told a story about a seed that starts out small but then grows into a big tree. Let's make a list of small things that grow big. When I say your name, tell me **one small thing that can grow big!**
 - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, thank You for showing us that You can take small things and make them grow into something big like (read each child's answer). Thank You that Your kingdom is growing, and that it has a place for each of us. Help us to remember that we can be part of Your kingdom. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."*