

SUPPLIES: Story Page, heart stickers, crown stickers, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page and crayons.**
 - *“Come to the table, friends! We are making some story art to help us remember today’s Bible Story.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to color the story page. Give each child a crown sticker to put on the king’s head and heart stickers to put around the king.**
 - *“Look! It’s the king from today’s story. He was kind and forgave the man who owed him a lot of money. Color your picture, then we’ll add to it! (Pause.) Great! Now, what does a king wear on his head? (Pause for responses.) That’s right! A king wears a crown on his head! Look at this fun crown sticker! Let’s make the king’s crown super special and place this sticker on the king’s head. (Pause.) Now let’s add some hearts all around the king. Hearts make us think of love and remind us that the king forgave the man. Jesus teaches us that when we forgive others, God’s kingdom grows. If someone breaks your toy, you can forgive. If someone won’t share, you can forgive. God’s kingdom grows when you forgive.”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“Look at your kind king! He has so many hearts around him! When we forgive others, we are helping God’s kingdom grow. We are helping others see how good God is. Thank You, Jesus, for teaching me about God’s kingdom.*
 - **“Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?”**
 - **“Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Mending Broken Hearts

SUPPLIES: Heart halves (set per 2-5 kids)

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to sit in groups of 2-5 and give each group a set of heart halves.**
 - *“Oh no! Look at all these broken hearts! Let’s play a game to help put them back together.”*
- ⇒ **Show the children how two halves can be put together to make a whole heart. Encourage the children to work together to put matching heart pieces together.**
 - *“Forgiving is like putting a broken heart back together. Let’s find the matching pieces. Here’s a red piece ... can you find the other red piece? (Child finds the match.) Great! Now, let’s put the two pieces together to make a whole heart. (Demonstrate.) Look! You fixed the broken heart! Work together with your group to fix all the broken hearts!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Jesus told Peter the story about the forgiving king because he wanted Peter to know that God is kind and forgiving. And God’s forgiveness can heal our broken hearts. And since God forgives us, then we should always forgive other people. We can choose not to be angry with people, even if they’ve done something that upset us. We can forgive others when they knock over our block tower. We can forgive others when they won’t share. And when we forgive others, we are helping God’s kingdom grow. We are helping people see how good God is and that God will forgive us. Jesus teaches us to forgive again and again because God forgives us again and again.*
 - **“Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?”**
 - **“Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: EC Worship CD, CD Player

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“Friends, it is so amazing that we get to be part of God’s kingdom. That’s a reason to celebrate! So today we’re going to celebrate by playing freeze dance and dancing to tell Jesus how amazing He is! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!”*
 - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!”*

- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
 - *“FREEZE!”*
 - *“Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?”*
 - *“Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!”*
 - *Let’s dance!”*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
 - *“Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?”*
 - *“Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Verse Hop Scotch

SUPPLIES: Hula Hoops

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Line up 4 hula hoops on the floor for children to jump from hoop to hoop.**
 - *“Friends, come line up over here! We’ve got hula hoops on the floor and we’re going to use them to review our memory verse. Let’s practice it together first. ‘**Put God’s** (point up with two hands) **kingdom** (make crown on head with hands) **first.**’ (Hold up one finger.) **Matthew 6:33** (open hands like a book).*

- ⇒ **Invite children to carefully jump from hoop to hoop as they say the words of the Memory Verse.**
 - *“We are going to take turns jumping from hoop to hoop and as you go, you’re going to say one word for each hoop. You’ll say (demonstrate) Put... God’s.... kingdom... first...! Are we ready? [Child’s name] is first, let’s go! (Repeat with all children, helping them say the Memory Verse as they jump/step)*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?***
 - ***Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JULY WEEK 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Good Good Father* by Chris Tomlin & Pat Barrett

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who teaches you about God's kingdom?***
 - ***Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - ***"Put God's kingdom first." Matthew 6:33***

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "God is kind and God is forgiving so we can be kind and forgive too. Let's make a list of things we might have to forgive people for. When I say your name, tell me **one thing you can forgive someone for.** (Bumps us, takes something from us, won't share, says mean words, etc)
 - *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 that You are kind and forgiving. Thank You for loving us so much. Help us forgive when someone (use the list the children made.) Help us put Your kingdom first. Thank You for Jesus, who teaches us about Your kingdom. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*