

# The Kingdom

## Scene 1: Kingdom Message

1. What do we learn about the Kingdom of God from this scene?
2. What does the Kingdom look like? Where is it?
3. In your own words what is Jesus teaching His followers in this scene?
  - a. The Pharisees had created a way for humans to be accepted by God by their actions.
  - b. Jesus took the commands and laws God gave Moses and revealed the inner attitudes behind the actions, showing outward actions are not enough. To God, our heart is more important than our actions.
4. In this story, Jesus shows people how to live in God's ways. Where in the other stories have we seen God do the same thing?
  - a. Adam and Eve - God walked with them teaching them how to live closely to Him.
  - b. Cain - "If you do what is right."
  - c. Noah - "Life is in the blood."
  - d. Moses - Laws and commands.
  - e. Prophets - God spoke through them to remind people of how to live in His ways.
5. How are Jesus' Kingdom teachings similar to what God taught them in the past stories?
  - a. Since the beginning of creation God has been showing people how to live closely with him and live in His ways - the ways of His Kingdom. Jesus continues to show us how to live in these ways through His teaching and through living out the Kingdom perfectly with His life.
6. What do you think Jesus meant by saying, "I have come to fulfill the laws of Moses and the writings of the prophets"?
7. What do we learn about Jesus from this scene?

COLOR THE NEXT PAGE AND HANG IT UP IN YOUR  
ROOM TO REMIND YOU OF JESUS' TRUTH.

I am  
THE WAY  
the TRUTH.

and the  
LIFE.

No one comes to  
the FATHER  
except through  
ME.

John 14:6

## Scene 2: Parables Of The Kingdom

1. Why do you think Jesus taught in parables?
2. What do you think the Kingdom of God is? Why is it hard to describe?
3. What kind of King/Kingdom do you think the Jewish people were hoping for?
4. What did they want to conquer (win)?
5. What kind of kingdom was Jesus setting up?
6. What do you think He was looking to conquer?
7. Why do you think Jesus chose twelve to be His apostles? What did He send them to do?

## Scene 3: Jesus & Nicodemus

1. Why do you think what Jesus was teaching was hard for Nicodemus (or anyone) to understand?
2. How does someone “enter the Kingdom” according to this scene?
3. What do we learn about Jesus from this story?
4. What do you think is the connection between living in God’s ways and believing in Jesus?

## Application:

- What do you like best about the story, and why?
- What questions do you have about the story?

## Scripture Memory Verses:

*And He said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 20:26*

*But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:35-36*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*



## Jesus Taught Nicodemus About God's Love

# The Miracles

## Scene 1: Calming the Storm

1. Which of our other stories talk about the wind and the waves? What happened in those stories?
  - a. When Israel crossed the Red Sea and God brought a strong east wind to open the sea and returned it by bringing a strong west wind to kill the army of Pharaoh.
  - b. Noah and the Ark.
2. If you were in the boat, what would you have said or done after Jesus calmed the winds and waves?
3. What do we learn about the disciples from this scene?
4. Why do you think they woke Jesus up? Why do you think they waited so long?
5. Why do you think Jesus waited to calm the storm until the boat was full of water? Maybe He was just a really hard sleeper!
6. What do we learn about Jesus from this scene?

## Scene 2: Recognized by Demons

1. What do we find out about the man who met up with Jesus in this scene? (Describe everything that comes to mind.)
2. What are demons? Where did they come from?
  - a. Fallen angels, created by God.
3. How did God treat the demons in our first story?
  - a. God judged them and cast them out of His presence.
4. How do you think the demons knew who Jesus was? Why were they afraid of Him?
5. How did people who saw what happened respond? What did they do and say?
6. What do you think the crowd begged Jesus to go away?
7. How did the man who was set free from the demons respond?
8. Why did Jesus tell him he couldn't go on the boat?
9. What do we learn about Jesus from this scene?

## Scene 3: Power Over Death

1. How do you think the girl's parents were feeling during this scene?
2. Why do you think people didn't believe Jesus in this scene?
3. Why do you think Jesus sometimes asked people not to say anything about His miracles?
4. How did people usually respond to Jesus' miracles?

*Questions from all three of the scenes we just looked at...*

5. What are some of the reasons Jesus performed miracles?
6. Did people always believe in Jesus after seeing Him perform miracles? Why or why not?
7. From the stories, what has Jesus shown He has power over? Where have we seen power like this in the stories before?
8. Is anything or anyone more powerful than Jesus?
9. What are we learning about Jesus from our stories so far?

## Application:

- What questions do you have about the story? What do you wonder about?
- What will you remember most about this story?
- How does this story make a difference in your life?
- What do you see for the first time in this story?
- What amazes you the most about Jesus?
- What miracle do you think would have amazed you the most?
- How should we respond to Jesus today?

## Scripture Memory Verses:

*Do Not fear, only believe. Mark 5:36*

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1*

Tell about a time that you think God may have done a miracle in your life...

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# Death & Resurrection

1. Why was Jesus going to Jerusalem? What do we know about this celebration?
2. Do you think Jesus had a choice in how He died?
3. How does the Passover story we heard earlier remind you of Jesus' death?
4. Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Take this and eat it; this is my body given for you," and, "...drink this. It is my blood given for you - a new covenant between God and His people"?
6. What was God's covenant with His people? What do you think the "new covenant" is ?
7. Why do you think the curtain in the Temple torn in half? What did the curtain separate?
8. How did Jesus fulfill the prophet's predictions about the coming Messiah?
  - a. He will be beaten, whipped and wounded.
  - b. He will be put on trial and thrown in prison.
  - c. His hands and feet would be pierced.
  - d. He will be killed like a criminal, then buried in a rich man's tomb.
  - e. God will lay the punishment and guilt for all of our sins on Him.
  - f. His life will be made an offering for us.
  - g. Because of Him, many will be made right with God.
9. How is Jesus being raised from the dead significant: What does it show us about Him?

## Application:

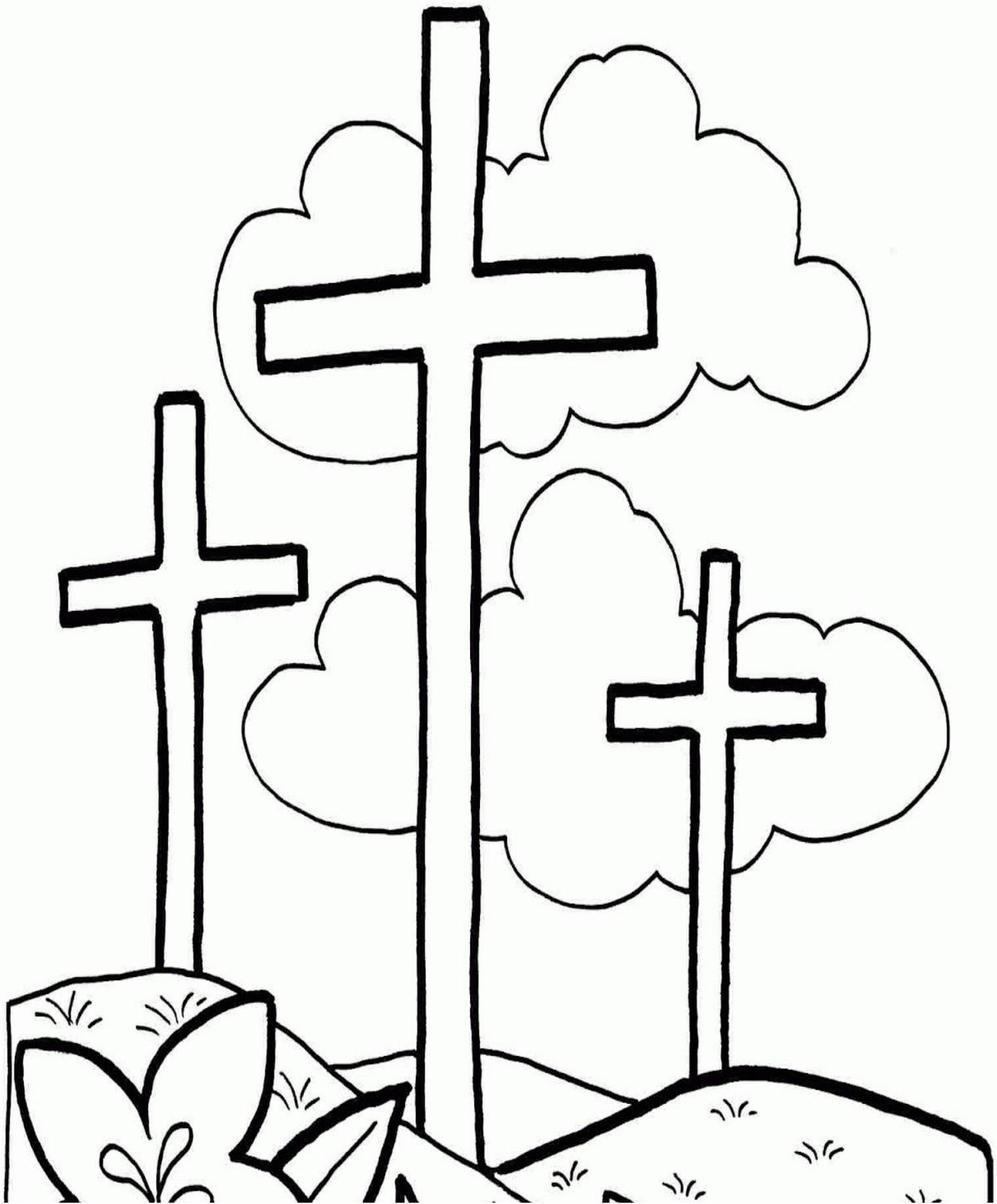
- What questions do you have about the story? What do you wonder about?
- What will you remember most about this story?
- How does this story make a difference in our life?
- What do you see for the first time in this story/
- What amazes you the most about Jesus?
- How was Jesus' death part of God's plan?

## Scripture Memory Verses:

*The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.*  
*Luke 24:7*

*Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.*

*John 13:1*



# The Church

1. Do you think Jesus was really raised from the dead?
2. What do you hear in this story that makes you believe Jesus rose from the dead?
3. What was Jesus' command right before leaving His disciples?
4. What is a disciple?
5. How do you make a disciple?
6. What did Jesus say about God's Spirit?
  - a. God's Spirit will come and live inside of you, giving you peace and leading you in all the ways of truth.
7. What was the covenant God made with Abraham and His people ? What did it require?
8. How did God make a new covenant with His people? What is the new covenant?

## REVIEW ALL THE STORIES:

1. What have you learned from these stories? What amazes you?
2. What common themes run through all of the stories?
  - a. God wants us to live closely with Him, listening and obeying.
  - b. He provides the best possible way of life for us to live
  - c. God desires to rescue His creation and bring them back to Himself.
  - d. He will go to amazing lengths to accomplish this.
  - e. Our sins require sacrifice - a life for a life.
3. How do all of these stories connect as one big story?
4. If you had to tell the entire story - the whole story - what would you tell us/
5. What have we learned about what God is like? Where have we seen that?

*(make a list of these things)*

- a. He does what is good, right, and perfect. He is holy.
  - b. He is powerful, is creative, knows all things, has control over the elements, punishes rebellion, keeps His promises, does not allow evil to remain with Him, provides a way of forgiveness, loves His creation, provides us with the best way to live, wants to protect us and bless us, wants us to continue His blessings, and much more!
6. How does this story continue (with us)?

## Application:

- What questions do you have about the story? What do you wonder about?
- What will you remember most about the story?
- How does this story make a difference in your life?
- Where does your story fit into this entire Story of God?
- If you were to draw a symbol (an icon) for our life story, what would it look like?
- What does it mean for you to live in God's ways right now?

## **Scripture Memory Verses:**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

*Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*

*John 20:21*

*But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

*Acts 1:8*