

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

3K - 4K

DATE: 9/6/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13

LESSON: Kingdom Parables



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Do you know what a parable is? It's like a story! Today we are going to learn about how Jesus' taught people through parables, or stories.

**Praise King Jesus**- Announce the rules of this game regally, as if an ambassador of a king. Explain that when a king wants to send a message to a faraway kingdom, he sends a messenger called an ambassador. Once the people hear the message, they praise the king who sent it. Proclaim that you are an ambassador of King Jesus with many important messages to share! Open your Bible to Colossians 1:13 and read the key passage. When you finish, invite children to cheer, "Praise King Jesus!" Give kids a chance to be ambassadors.

**Parents say** - *Jesus taught about God's kingdom. While we wait for Jesus to come back and set up His kingdom, we obey Him and tell others about King Jesus! We are like ambassadors for King Jesus, sharing the good news of His growing kingdom!*



## LESSON - KINGDOM PARABLES

Watch the Bible story video: [Kingdom Parables](#)

### Story Point! (Kids repeat!)

#### God's kingdom is growing! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus talked about his Kingdom being like a very small mustard seed. (*Parents - pull up a picture of a mustard seed if possible*) It may be the smallest seed, but it grows very tall!

God's kingdom is growing, too! When we share the good news of Jesus with people around us, we welcome more people into God's Kingdom.

### Christ Connection! (Kids Repeat!)

#### God's Kingdom is like a treasure! Kids Repeat!

Jesus taught about His Kingdom being a treasure! I'm sure if we could have any treasure in the world, we'd sell everything we had to get it. That's what Jesus said we should do with His Kingdom - if we know how special and valuable it is, we'd do anything to have it. There's no greater treasure than being with Jesus.

## RESPONSE



**Sing:** [Colossians 1:13-14](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[Healed By His Wounds](#)

**Discuss:**

- Who used stories to teach people about God's kingdom? (Jesus)
- What were these stories called? (Parables)
- Can you remember one thing Jesus said His Kingdom was like? (*Mustard seed, treasure...*)

*If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com).*

**Key Passage:** "God made us free from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his great Son." - Colossians 1:13

**Pray** - God, your kingdom is the most valuable thing we could ever have! Thank you that our greatest gift is to be with you, Jesus!

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## BONUS ACTIVITIES



**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

**Find Treasure**- Take a few toy jewels or coins and hide them around a room. You could also hide or "bury" them in sand outside if you have access to it easily! (Whatever works best for your family!) Have children find the coins/jewels. Celebrate every time a child finds a treasure. Repeat if you have time!

**Parents say** - Jesus taught about God's kingdom. He said it is like a treasure buried in a field. A man found the treasure and buried it again. Then he joyfully sold everything he had and bought that field. God's kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. When you discover the treasure of following Jesus, you happily give up everything else for it!