

The Kingdom Is Like

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the item that comes next in each pattern.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus taught about God’s kingdom.
- Jesus said God’s kingdom grows and spreads like a mustard seed.
- Jesus said God’s kingdom is like a treasure so valuable it is worth giving everything for.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:13

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did Jesus use parables, or stories, to teach people?
- How is God’s kingdom like a mustard seed?
- How is God’s kingdom like buried treasure?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Plant seeds together as a family. Care for the seeds and watch them grow. Talk about how the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.
- Hide “treasure” in your home. Make a treasure map and hunt for the treasure as a family. Talk about how God’s kingdom is a treasure.



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Growing Up

INSTRUCTIONS: Mark each picture with a letter and number to indicate the group and order in which it belongs.
Hint: The stages of the plant are group *A*, the person group *B*, the duck group *C*, and the butterfly group *D*.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus used stories to help people understand what the kingdom of God is like.
- God's kingdom is like a mustard seed, which starts small but grows.
- God's kingdom is like a buried treasure, more valuable than anything else.
- God's growing kingdom is more valuable than anything.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:13-14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What might we have to give up to gain God's kingdom?
- How can we help God's kingdom grow?
- Whom can we tell about God's kingdom?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your family to plant an indoor herb garden. Assign your kids daily tending tasks. Discuss how God's kingdom is like a seed.



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STORY POINT: **GOD'S GROWING KINGDOM IS MORE VALUABLE THAN ANYTHING.**

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