

(Read Book 1) CREATION

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

THE THANK YOU GAME!

Objectives to be Understood: For children to practice thinking about how much heavenly Father has blessed them and to express why they are thankful to Him.

Materials: None

Rules: The game can be played with as few as two persons or as many people that want to play. Each person has a turn one at a time naming:

- *One thing or person for which they are thankful to heavenly Father, and why they are thankful for it.*

As the game progresses and the child/ren think of many things they are thankful for and why they are thankful:

- *Increase the second round to naming two things per person;*
- *During the third round, name three things for which they are thankful to heavenly Father, etc.*

The children can name the same thing that someone else has named since they also have to tell why they are thankful.

When a player can't think of something or someone, they forfeit their turn, and it's the next person's turn.

Continue playing until players lose interest or until the time frame determined to end the game arrives.

Scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Luke 6:12; Luke 11:1; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2

(Read Book 2) THE FALL OF MAN

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY

PRAYING TO FATHER

Objectives to be Understood:

1. For children to know why it is important to choose to listen and obey God;
2. To pray in their own words to Father, and;
3. That God has told us to pray for certain things.

Materials: None

Parent/Teacher Script:

Your Father in heaven loves you! God's kingdom is full of love. In God's kingdom He thinks about you and has made good plans for you. The devil's kingdom is full of hate. The devil wants to hurt you.

Father told Jesus to tell you to pray for certain things. One thing Father told you to pray and ask Him is for His kingdom to come to earth. Why do you think Father wants His kingdom on earth, instead of the devil's kingdom? (Listen to Answers) Father wants everyone to have His love. Father does not want anyone to be hurt by listening to the devil. So God, your heavenly Father wants you to pray and ask Him for His Kingdom to come to earth. When you choose to obey Father and pray for what He told you, then He can show you His good Kingdom of love.

The good angels in heaven chose to believe and obey Father because they knew God is good and He loves them. Everything that God tells you to do is always for your good. Father also asked you to pray that His will be done on earth, just like it is in heaven. Can you think of any good thing that God may want you to do on earth, like it is in heaven? (*Listen to Answers*)

In heaven, God's Kingdom is full of love! Everyone loves heavenly Father and all the other people in heaven. Your Father wants you to also love Him and other people on earth. But sometimes a person might act mean and NOT show love like in God's Kingdom. That's why Father told you to pray. God wants you to pray and ask Him to help the person to know His love.

When you pray and ask Father for His kingdom to come and for His will to be done on earth just like it is in heaven, **YOU ARE OBEYING HIM!**

Why do you think it is important to listen and obey God? (*Listen to Answers*) When you listen and obey God, it shows Him that you love Him.

Think of someone who needs God's Kingdom of love and let's pray for them. You can use your own words and pray it your own way. Father will hear you and understand you no matter how you say it. You can talk to Father about everything. You can pray now and anytime you choose. Remember to always thank Him! God loves you and will hear your prayer. Let's pray softly.

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 29:11-13; Matthew 6:10; Matthew 5:43-45; John 14:15; I Thessalonians 5:16-18; I John 5:14-15

(Read Book 3) JESUS

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

I'M A CHILD OF GOD! LET'S CELEBRATE!

Objectives to be Understood: For children to understand the day they were "Born Again" is a special and important day to remember.

Activity: Plan a party to celebrate the day the child was Born Again as a child of Father.

Materials: Paper, markers, tape (or something to write on like a chalk board); Party items such as, streamers, Happy Birthday banner, balloons, party hats, snack items such as juice, cake, cookies, etc.

Parent/Teacher Script: If you believed Jesus and received Holy Spirit into your heart, you have two birthdays. Your first birthday was when you were born on earth from God in Adam through your parents. Your second birthday was when you were "Born Again" by the Spirit of God in Jesus as a child of God, your heavenly Father.

Tell children we will have a party to celebrate the day you were "Born Again" as a child of God.

What are some things you would like to do to thank your heavenly Father and Jesus and celebrate your "Born Again" second birthday?

(Listen to the responses and write down the things you agree upon)

Some ideas:

Plan fun games! Ask the children: What are some games you would like to play?

Plan time to praise, dance and thank God.

Plan to sing the Happy Birthday song.

Plan to make a birthday card to give to each other.

Give children their certificate of "The Day I Believed In Jesus!"

Party and have fun celebrating the child's new life in Christ Jesus!

Scriptures:

John 3:5-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17

(Read Book 4) FORGIVE

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

YOU ARE A KING AND AMBASSADOR

Objectives to be Understood: when you believed Jesus, you become one of Father's children, a king in Christ Jesus, and an ambassador on earth to show and tell others about Father's love for them.

Activity: Children will make crowns to remind them that as children of God, He has made them kings and ambassadors in their spirit.

Materials: crown pattern; tag board; markers; crayons; scissors; stapler; tape, yarn or ribbon, hole puncher, glue sticks; aluminum foil; jewel-like stickers; other glittery materials to put on a crown.

Parent/Teacher Script: Father is a Spirit. Holy Spirit is a Spirit. When Jesus rose from the dead, Father gave Jesus a new Spirit body. Your spirit lives inside of your body. When you believed Jesus, Father made you a totally new person in your spirit, and gave you Holy Spirit to live in you and be with you. Father is King of the universe and the highest King of all things. When you believed Jesus, Father made you His child and a king on the earth in your spirit. Jesus is the King over all of God's kings on the earth. Jesus has given you a mission and a job to do on earth for Father. Your work for God is to be His king and ambassador. Do you know what an ambassador does?

An ambassador is a person that is sent somewhere by their King to say and do what their King told them. Your mission and job as king and ambassador is to believe Jesus and show Father's love to all people. Raise your hand if you accept the mission to be God's king and ambassador on earth.

Let's say it together:

"YES! I AM A KING AND AMBASSADOR FOR JESUS!"

(Repeat several times with power!)

In the spirit, God has given His sons and daughters crowns. We don't know what your crown looks like but we know it is beautiful. We will make crowns to remind us that God has made His children that believe Jesus, kings and ambassadors in our brand new spirit. And we have a job to do for God on earth!

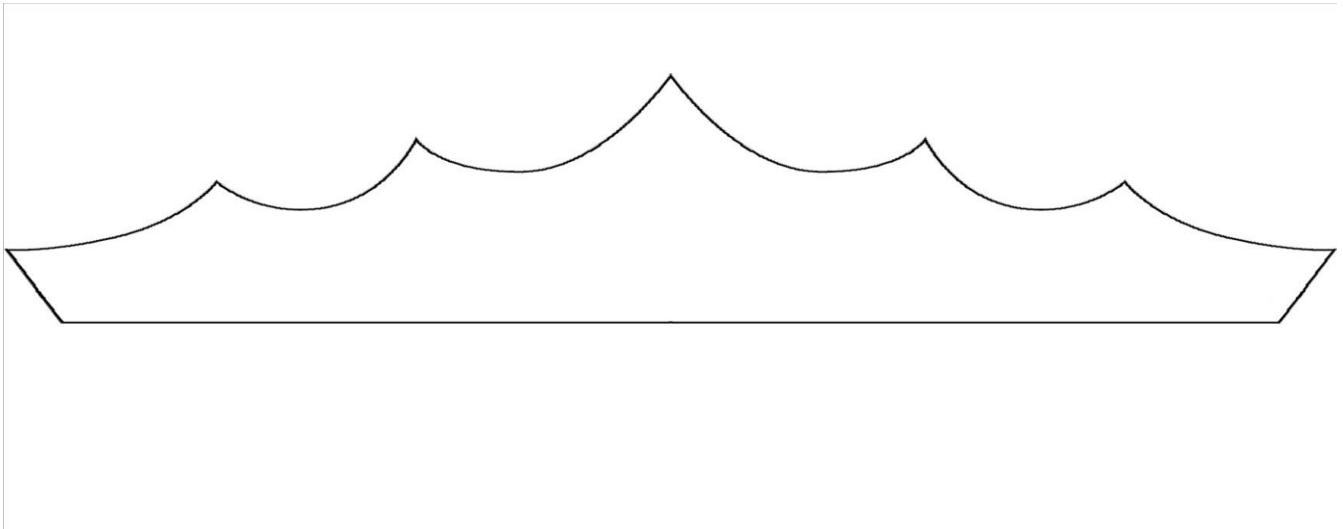
INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE A CROWN:

1. Cut out (from sturdy paper, i.e. tag board) a crown for each child. (*See crown pattern or make your own crown pattern*)
2. Provide materials for children to decorate their crowns.
3. As children make their crowns, tell them:
They have the job of showing others Father's Kingdom of love.
This is fun and makes Father and Jesus happy.
You get to tell others that Father and Jesus loves them.
You can tell them what Jesus did for all of us.
You can pray for others.
When people say or do mean things you can forgive them like Jesus.
Holy Spirit is your helper and together Holy Spirit and you have a great job to do!
4. Ask children: Since you are an ambassador for Jesus, what are some things that you can do to show love to others? (*Listen to responses*)

Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 5:18-21; I Timothy 6:15; Isaiah 33:22; Jeremiah 10:10; John 4:24; Revelation 1:5-6

CROWN PATTERN



- 1) Cut out crown.
- 2) Child to decorate crown.
- 3) To attach sides of crown to rest on child's head, either:
 - a. Punch a hole in each side of crown, tie yarn or ribbon through holes, and tie yarn or ribbon ends at back of child's head. Or,
 - b. tape or staple paper strips to sides of crown, measure tag board strips to size of child's head, and tape the strips together so that crown rests on child's head.

Crown Pattern used from internet site Pattern of child crown – Bing Images.htm

(Read Book 5) YOUR POWER IN JESUS

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

LEARNING GOD'S WORD

Objectives to be Understood:

- 1) Learn to think “new” like heavenly Father and Jesus by understanding God’s Word, and
- 2) have fun learning God’s Word.

Materials: Paper; Writing instrument, such as pencil, markers, pen; tape

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Choose a scripture weekly (or more often as your family masters it).
- 2) Write the scripture out, and post it where your child and family members can see and read it.
- 3) Choose a specific time for the family to read or recite it by memory, such as before a meal. (Keep the atmosphere light so everyone wants to learn)
- 4) Engage in conversation to talk about the scripture and what it means during the meal. Here are a few examples to get you started with their personalized meanings in parenthesis:
 - a. Galatians 3:26 - You are all children of God by believing in Christ Jesus. (I am God’s child because I believe Jesus!)
 - b. John 15:12- (Jesus said) Here is my command, Love each other, just as I have loved you. (Jesus loves me, and I love him, and others!)
 - c. John 15:14 - (Jesus said) You are my friends if you do what I command. (I am a friend of Jesus because I obey Jesus!)
 - d. I Corinthians 3:16 - Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple? God’s Spirit lives in you. (I am God’s temple, and God’s Holy Spirit lives in me!)
 - e. Hebrews 4:16- So let us boldly approach the throne of grace. Then we will receive mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it. (I can come boldly to God’s throne and obtain help when I need it!)
 - f. Colossians 2:10 - Because you belong to Christ, you have everything you need. He is the ruler over every power and authority. (I am complete in Christ Jesus!)

God bless you and your family! Continue to learn God’s Word, understand it, pray, and trust your heavenly Father and Jesus to perform it. (Isaiah 55:11)

(Read Book 6) THE KINGDOM OF GOD

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

SHOWING GOD'S KINGDOM

Objectives to be Understood: You can show God's Kingdom to others

Materials: Cell Phone Video Camera

Activity: To discuss and practice showing God's love and kindness

Parent/Teacher Script: A Kingdom is the entire place where a king has power to be in charge as the leader. When you were born again, Father put His Kingdom, His Holy Spirit, in you. In your spirit, Jesus made you a king and priest unto Him. Jesus made you His leader to show God's Kingdom of love to others. Since God our heavenly Father is love, the way you show His kingdom is to show others love like Father and Jesus. Love is an action of kindness. Many times you can see love and kindness. God, our Father showed His great love and kindness for us when He sent Jesus to die for us.

If _____ (*say a child's name*) asked for help and I said I would help *him/her*, am I being kind and showing love? (Listen to answers) But what if I did not do what I said? What if I never went to help *him/her*? Is that showing love or kindness?

(Listen to answers)

No, that is not showing love or kindness. How do you think _____ (*child's name*) would feel if I ignored *him/her* and did not do what I said?

(Listen to answers)

"S/he might feel bad." That is NOT showing God's kingdom and love.

What are some ways you can be kind and show love to another child or your sister or brother? (*Listen to answers*)

(*Suggestions: You could: be a friend and play nicely; no hitting, pushing, or yelling at them, you could listen when they talk to you, answer nicely, etc*)

How could you show love to your parents?

(Listen to answers)

(*Suggestions: You could: obey them; be respectful by not talking rude to them; help them; listen to them*)

Every time you show love and kindness, you are showing God's Kingdom. You are showing others how our Father does things in heaven. Holy Spirit can help you and remind you to show God's Kingdom. You can pray every day and ask our Father to help you show His Kingdom of love to others.

Let's pray.

Father,

Will you help me show your Kingdom of love and be kind to others?

Thank you Father!

In Jesus name. Amen.

ACTIVITY:

- 1) Script: We are going to pretend that one of you is a new child at school. All of the other children are playing. You see the new child who looks afraid. You decide to show kindness by being a friend to the new child. The Bible says in order to have friends, you must show yourself friendly. Think about what you would say to the new child. Don't tell us yet. You will get a chance to practice being friendly to say and do the kind things you are thinking about. We can record it on the cell phone. Afterwards we can watch it.
- 2) Choose someone to be the new child.
- 3) Choose someone to be the friend.
- 4) Record it on your cell phone as the children talk to each other.
- 5) Show the video recording to the children.
- 6) Repeat (numbers 2-4) until all children that want to participate have had a turn.

After everyone has had a turn, SAY:

"Good job! When you are kind, you show the Kingdom of God to others. Who remembers that the Bible said -- to have friends, you must show yourself to be what?"

(listen to answers)

Friendly! (Repeat)

To have friends, you must show yourself to be

(pause for children to answer)

Friendly!"

The bible says there is a friend who sticks closer to you than a brother.

Who do you think that is?

(Listen to answers)

It's Jesus!

Scriptures: Luke 17:21; Matthew 22:37-40; James 2:18-20; Revelation 1:6; Matthew 21:28-31; Proverbs 18:24

