

# Day 1 Discovery Center: Kingdom Cards

## DIRECTIONS

Students put the cards either on the “Good Kingdom” side or the “Bad Kingdom” side. When done, flip over each card to see if they are in the right spots using the smiley or frowney faces for self checking.

## TEACHING TIE-IN

There are two kingdoms, aren't there? But of the two, only one is true. God is the ruler of the true, good kingdom. If we're part of God's family, we're part of that kingdom.

# Day 1 Touch Table Wet: Make It Clean!

## DIRECTIONS

Wash the toys and dishes to make them clean.

## TEACHING TIE-IN

We don't want anything dirty or bad on our dishes or toys, so we clean them. The enemy's kingdom is full of bad things like lying and being mean. But God's kingdom is clean and pure; it doesn't have anything bad in it.

# **Day 1 Touch Table Dry: Two Kingdoms Sandcastles**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Help the children copy some of the picture ideas to build their own sandcastle. Or you could direct two groups to each build one.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

The Bible says there are two kingdoms—a good kingdom of light and truth and a bad kingdom of darkness and lies. Who's the leader of the good kingdom? God. Who's the leader of the bad kingdom? The enemy, Satan.

# **Day 1 Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be knights, servants, kings, and queens using the play items.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

It's fun to play kings and queens, isn't it? Did you know Jesus, who is God, is called the King of kings? He's by far the greatest King ever. There's no other king like him!

Note: You may want to put out only part of the supplies today and add new ones each day.

# **Day 2 Discovery Center: Strength Exercises**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Children have fun exercising. Lead them in doing various exercises, such as jumping jacks, bending and stretching, and running in place. Use the child-safe equipment if you have it.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Exercising makes us strong, doesn't it? But did you know the Bible tells us about another way to be strong? God wants us to be strong in the Lord. To help us grow strong in the Lord, we pray, learn the Bible, sing praises to God, and obey him. That's the way God wants us to be strong in the Lord!

# **Day 2 Touch Table Wet: Snakes and Fruit**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Free play with the snakes and fruit.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

In the garden of Eden, God told Adam and Eve not to eat fruit from a certain tree. The enemy wanted to trick Eve so she would disobey God. Does anyone know what kind of animal the enemy used to trick Eve? He used a snake to trick her into eating that fruit.

## **Day 2 Touch Table Dry: Nativity**

### **DIRECTIONS**

Search in the touch table to find the nativity pieces.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Jesus came to earth as a baby. That's what we celebrate at Christmas! Then he lived on earth and never did anything wrong. Then he died and rose again. Jesus loves us!

## **Day 2 Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle**

### **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be knights, servants, kings, and queens. (Monitor to make sure they play safely with the ties and belts.)

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Remember what the name of that belt is we're talking about today? It's the belt of truth. It reminds us that God's Word is true—every word of it! We can always trust the Bible!

# Day 3 Discovery Center: Obedience Drawing

## DIRECTIONS

Begin with the teaching tie-in. Give each child a piece of paper. Tell them to draw what you tell them. For example, say, “Draw a blue circle up here,” as you point to the upper left section of a blank piece of paper. Then, “Draw a red 3 here,” as you point to the upper right section. When you are done, show them yours and see how they did in comparison.

## TEACHING TIE-IN

The Bible is great for so many reasons! One wonderful thing about the Bible is God gives us helpful rules to obey. Do you know what it means to obey? It’s like following the directions! Let’s try to follow the directions as we make a special picture. I’m going to give you directions to obey, and then we’ll see whose came out looking like mine. Make sure you follow the directions!

# Day 3 Touch Table Wet: Icy Treasure

## DIRECTIONS

Free play with the ice and treasures.

## TEACHING TIE-IN

Some things in our table look like jewels and treasures, don’t they? Today, we’ll hear about a king who found a special hidden treasure that was better than jewels. This treasure was God’s Word! Do you know what book is God’s Word? Yes, the Bible!

# **Day 3 Touch Table Dry: Find the Treasure**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Search for the treasure—the Bible cutouts. See how many each child can find and place on their paper plate.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Josiah found God's Word in the temple, didn't he? What a treasure! Do you love God's Word like a treasure?

Note: If they haven't had the teaching about King Josiah yet, explain more about him.

# **Day 3 Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be knights, kings, queens, etc.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

When you put on the shoes of peace, you're ready to tell others about Jesus. Do you know anybody who needs to hear that God loves them? Put on your shoes of peace and tell them!

# **Day 4 Discovery Center: Glitter Play Dough**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Make hearts and circles (shields) with the play dough.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

**Look how glittery and sparkly this play dough is! Can you make a heart to remind you that Jesus loves you? Can you make a circle to remind you of the shield of faith that protects your heart?**

Note: The glittery play dough will be a big hit, so you may want to use it other days with other thematic cookie cutters, such as crowns (for King Jesus, King Josiah, King Solomon), animals (for the Creator King), or crosses. You can also roll it into a belt (like a “snake”) or a sword for armor pieces.

# **Day 4 Touch Table Wet: Keep Out!**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Begin with the teaching tie-in. Try to get all the sins (rocks and balls) out of the good kingdom (water) and into the buckets.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

**Let’s pretend the rocks are sins, and the water is the good kingdom. See if you can take all the sins out of the kingdom and put them in the buckets. Remember, God wants us to keep sin out of our lives. He gave us his armor to help us do that.**

# **Day 4 Touch Table Dry: Solomon's Robe**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Give each child a robe. Have them decorate their robe (on a paper plate if available), using the scraps and the extras.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Today, we're learning about another real king named Solomon. At first, Solomon obeyed God, and God promised him some good things. You can pretend you're decorating a robe for King Solomon to wear.

# **Day 4 Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be knights, kings, and queens.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

What is the name of the shield we're talking about today? The shield of faith. It reminds us that God will protect us from the enemy's attacks. And how about the helmet? It's called the helmet of salvation. It reminds us to protect our minds.



# Day 5 Discovery Center: Smart Heart Bookmarks

## DIRECTIONS

Children sticker and color the bookmark, putting the ribbon at the top if provided.

## TEACHING TIE-IN

The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. Do you love God's Word? Put this heart bookmark in your Bible and give your Bible a hug every time you use it to remind you of how precious it is!

# Day 5 Touch Table Wet: Bible Truth Colors

## DIRECTIONS

Help children find the correct colors of balls or blocks as you direct them with the teaching tie-in. Monitor water play carefully.

## TEACHING TIE-IN

The Bible tells us the truth about Jesus, God's Son. He's the only one who can save us from our

sins. Which color (balls or blocks) reminds us of our sins? Dark one. Which color reminds us of Jesus' blood when he died on the cross for our sins? Red. When we put our trust in Jesus, he washes our sins away. Which color looks nice and clean? White. When we believe in Jesus, we become part of his kingdom! Which color reminds us of God's bright and beautiful kingdom? Yellow.

# **Day 5 Touch Table Dry: People Play**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Play in the sand with the people.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Jesus wants us to share Bible truths with others. What do you think these little people would say if they could tell each other about the Bible and Jesus?

# **Day 5 Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle**

## **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be knights, kings, and queens.

## **TEACHING TIE-IN**

It's fun to pretend we live in a kingdom from long ago. But those who believe in Jesus are part of his real kingdom that lasts forever!