

Lesson 8 – Proclaim the Kingdom

Grade 5 - Chapter 8 and Advent

KEY CONCEPT

God's Kingdom is present and grows in the Church and her Sacraments until God's Reign comes in fullness at the end of the time. Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God through his actions and parables.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Be Prepared

-Review the materials before class, mark the Scripture passages in your Bible, watch the videos, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you

-Being prepared send so many messages to these young people:

“You matter”

“This is important”

“I want to make this a great experience for you”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

- **Activity sheets attached**

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let Us Pray

Our Father, Hail Mary, Memorare

Chapter Story: A Good Story

- **Use this poem after the opening prayer, before explaining the Good News of God's Kingdom**

A Good Story

Jonathan walked into the living room to find KJ sprawled on the couch with a book. "Want to watch some TV?"

"Nah," KJ replied without looking up. "I'm reading."

Jonathan looked over at the book in his brother's hands. "Haven't you read that one before?"

"Yeah," KJ said, "but it's one of my favorites. It's a really good story with lots of action and some pretty cool characters."

"I don't get it," Jonathan said. "How can you read a book when you already know the ending?"

"You do the same thing with the movies you watch over and over," KJ explained. "It's kind of a bonus to know it has a good ending. But I get to enjoy the rest of the story all over again."

- **Have the children share with a partner some of their favorite types of stories and what makes a good book hard to put down. The group can discuss other ways to share a message besides a book or movie.**

Read the Scripture passage and ask the "What do you wonder" questions

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

The Power of Stories

- **Read and discuss the section**
 - **Use the Graphic Organizer to walk through the examples given in The Parable of the Sower**
- **Activity Master 8: The Kingdom of God**
- **Go through the “Share Your Faith” activity**

Signs and Wonders and The Grace to Change

- **Read and discuss the sections**
- **Apply the Bible Message Activity:**
 - **Have the kids ask these questions to help apply it to their lives:**
 - **What does this mean to me?**
 - **What are these words asking me to do?**
 - **How can I put this message into practice today?**
- **Connect Your Faith**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read through the section and have them go through the “My Chosen Parable”**

People of Faith

- **Read discuss about Saint Catherine of Siena**

Live Your Faith

- **Encourage the students to look at the people in their lives that have been a model of faith for them**

Advent Introduction

TIP

Share some of the information on Advent from the Catechist Background section on pg. 15A

The O Antiphons

Read the paragraphs on pg. 16.

Discuss how long Advent is. What are the Advent colors? What are we waiting for during Advent?

Look at the artwork and discuss what you see in the picture.

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray the Act of Contrition and Memorare

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith**
- **Chapter Review**

Chapter 8 Activity Master

Name _____

Date _____

The Kingdom of God

Below are two of Jesus' parables. Both use comparisons to describe the growth of God's Kingdom in the world. On the lines provided, write your understanding of what each parable says about the manner in which the Kingdom grows. Then, using colored pencils or markers, illustrate one of the parables.

[Jesus] said, "What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and 'the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches'" (Luke 13:18–19).

What does the parable mean?

[Jesus] said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed [in] with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened" (Luke 13:20–21).

What does the parable mean?

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St. Catherine of Siena





Quick Tip

Graphic Organizer

Seeds Fall on	What Happens
Path	The birds eat the seed.
Rocky Ground	The seeds are scorched and withered.
Thorns	Thorns choke the seed.
Rich Soil	The seeds bear fruit.

