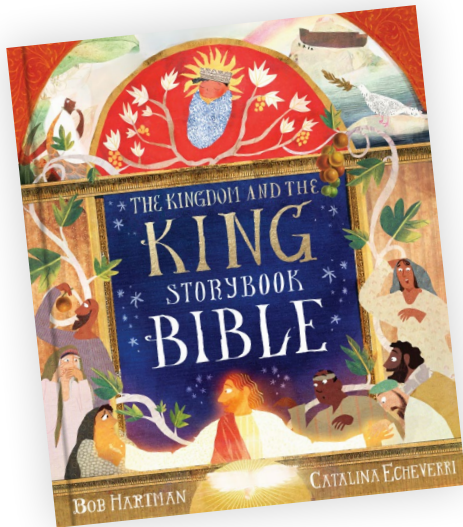


DIY CURRICULUM FOR VBS: THE KINGDOM AND THE KING



This exciting and manageable DIY curriculum gives you a simple framework for structuring your VBS or Holiday Club around the theme of the kingdom and the king...and also offers plenty of inspiration for you to get creative to suit your ministry's capacity, resources, and demographics.

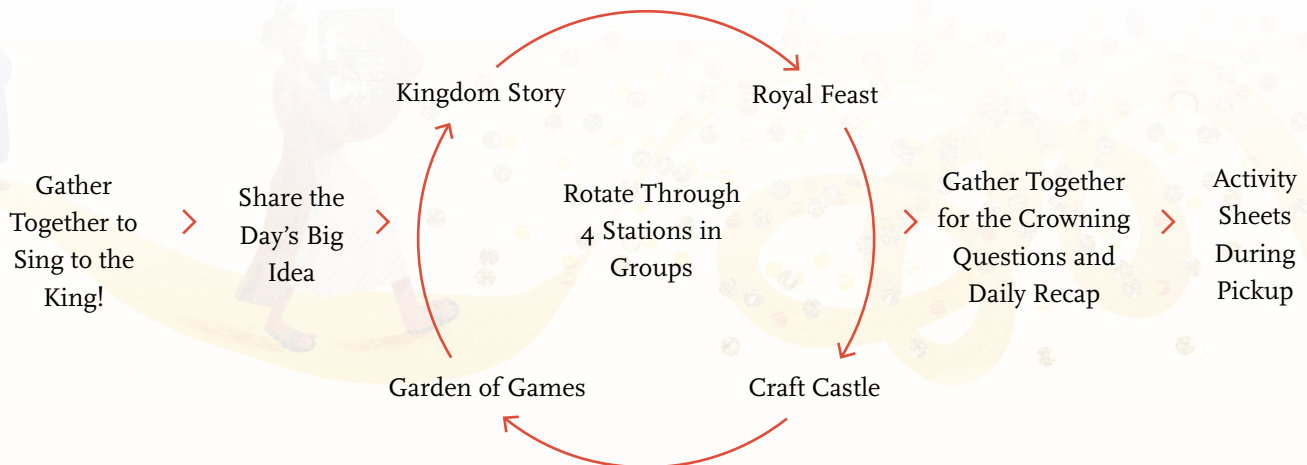


To follow this curriculum, you'll need a copy of *The Kingdom and the King* by Bob Hartman for the story read-aloud station. This storybook is also a wonderful source of inspiration for decorating.

Get a copy for each group—or as a gift for each family that participates—for less! **SAVE 30%** when you buy 10 from The Good Book Company.

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DAILY FLOW



DAY 1



BIG IDEA

The King Made Everything AND Especially Made Us to be With Him!

KINGDOM STORY STATION

Read Story 1. *The Creator King*
Memorize Genesis 1:27

ROYAL FEAST STATION

Fruit and Simple Grains

CRAFT CASTLE STATION

Creation Diorama

- Boxes
- String
- Glue
- Tape
- Craft paper
- Scissors
- Foam, pipecleaners, stickers, etc,
for elements of nature and creatures



GARDEN OF GAMES STATION

Multicolor Flashlight Freeze Tag
(Instead of Counting to 20, recite "And God said, let there be light!")

CROWNING QUESTIONS

- What sorts of things did God make?
- What's special about how God made people?



DAY 2

BIG IDEA

People Rebelled BUT the King Promised to Rescue Us!

KINGDOM STORY STATION

Read Story 2. *The First Rebellion*

Memorize Genesis 3:15

ROYAL FEAST STATION

Garden Veggies and Fig Bars

CRAFT CASTLE STATION

Accordion Snakes

- Colorful paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pens or Markers
- Googly eyes

GARDEN OF GAMES STATION

Hide and Go-Seek

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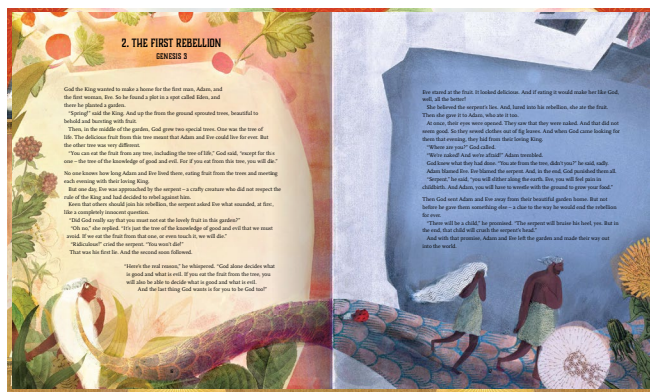
“Hot Potato” using fruit

or

“Keep the Balloon in the Air” and draw fruit on each balloon

CROWNING QUESTIONS

- Why did Adam and Eve rebel against God?
- What consequences did they face?
- What did God promise?



DAY 3

BIG IDEA

The King Came AND Lived With Us!

KINGDOM STORY STATION

Read Story 33 and 38.

A Sudden Angel Surprise and

The King Who Heals

Memorize Luke 2:10

ROYAL FEAST STATION

Animal Crackers and Pretzel Sticks

CRAFT CASTLE STATION

Nativity Scene (with sliding track for paper shepherds)

- Cardstock with a nativity scene to color in
- Cardstock with shepherds to color and cut out
- Scissors for cutting out shepherds and a track along the nativity picture to insert sliding shepherds into
- Glue
- Popsicle stick to glue sliding shepherds onto

GARDEN OF GAMES STATION

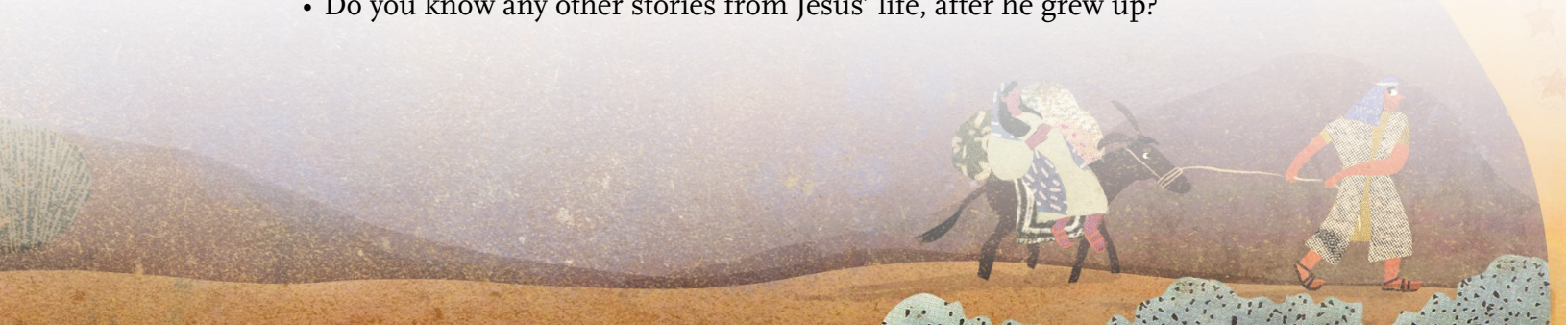
Simon Says (Include action prompts from story)

or

Shepherd and Sheep Tag

CROWNING QUESTIONS

- How did people know Jesus was the promised king?
- Do you know any other stories from Jesus' life, after he grew up?



DAY 4

BIG IDEA

The King Died BUT Rose Again!

KINGDOM STORY STATION

Read Stories 57 and 58. *The King Is Dead* and *Long Live The King! A Mysterious Shock*
Memorize Luke 24:6-7

ROYAL FEAST STATION

Juice and Crackers

CRAFT CASTLE STATION

Empty Tomb

There are lots of options for this out there, but a simple version can be made with:

- Scissors
- Two different colors of paper (one for the stone to roll away, one for the tomb)
- Markers

GARDEN OF GAMES STATION

Four Corners (Labelled with word and pictures for: "garden, cross, tomb, road")

CROWNING QUESTIONS

- Why did Jesus need to die and rise again?
- How do you think people felt when he died?
- How do you think they felt when he came back to life?



DAY 5

BIG IDEA

He is the Forever King, SO Go Tell Everyone about Jesus!

KINGDOM STORY STATION

Read Stories 61. *The King Ascends* and “*What Next?*” on page 164-165
Memorize Matthew 28:18-20

ROYAL FEAST STATION

Goldfish Crackers and Fruit

CRAFT CASTLE STATION

Paper Airplanes and Megaphones

- Paper for airplanes that say “Go”
- Paper for megaphones that say “Tell”
- Tape for megaphones
- Markers and stickers to decorate with

GARDEN OF GAMES STATION

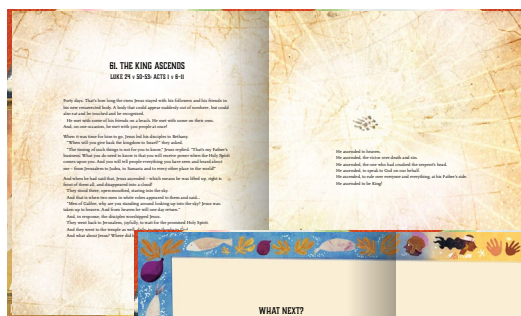
“Go” variety races (Race backwards, crab-walking, hopping, etc.)

and

“Tell” contest (The game of telephone, or divide into groups and see which can shout loudest)

CROWNING QUESTIONS

- Why did Jesus ascend to heaven and why will he come back again?
- What is the good news of Jesus that we go and tell others?
- Why is it such good news?





DAILY RECAP

We recommend that you incorporate the following during the “crowning questions” large group recap each day.

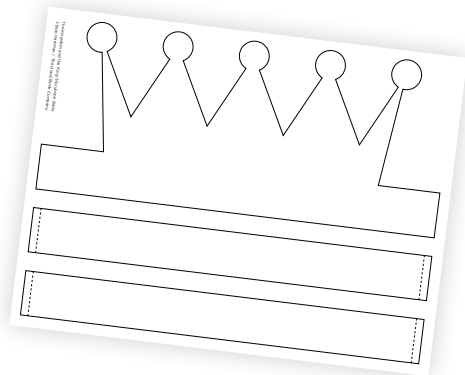
- Repeat the day’s big idea.
- Summarize the day’s kingdom story as a refresher, and add any additional context needed. (For example, during Day 3, share some quick examples of what Jesus’ life was like after he grew up).
- Invite kids to share their answers to the provided questions either with the small group they are seated in or with the large group.
- Pass a crown to whoever’s turn it is to answer the question.
- Ask for volunteers to recite the memory verse.

SING TO THE KING SONG IDEAS

KING OF KINGS

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

WE ARE KINGDOM KIDS



IDEAS FOR DECORATION

- Download and print a free full-size [5-poster pack](#). Each poster corresponds with a day’s theme.
- Go for a royal garden theme, like...
 - Flowers and greenery
 - Pillars or castles backdrops
 - Items like crowns and shields
 - Colors: gold plus deep greens, blues, purples, and reds
 - Free [create-your-own-crown](#) craft - perfect for coloring and decorating during downtime and dangling from the ceiling as decorations throughout the week before kids take them home

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY SHEETS TO DO DURING PICKUP

ACTIVITY SHEETS

FINAL DAY PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

If your week ends with an event parents are invited to attend, you might consider:

GOSPEL TABLEAUS:

- Divide kids into five groups to create “tableaus.”
- Each group poses in a re-enactment of a scene based on the 5 themes and stories they’ve learned that week.
- A leader can read a short summary of the related Bible story.
- The kids in the group can conclude by reciting the corresponding “big idea.”
- A child from each group could also be selected to recite the corresponding memory verse.

CONCERT AND RECITATION:

- Divide kids into five groups, and select one child from each group who is confident in public speaking.
- Begin with that child reciting the memory verse from the first day’s theme.
- The first group recites the first day’s theme together.
- Everyone sings a worship song.
- Repeat for each day’s theme, giving each group their turn to shine.



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