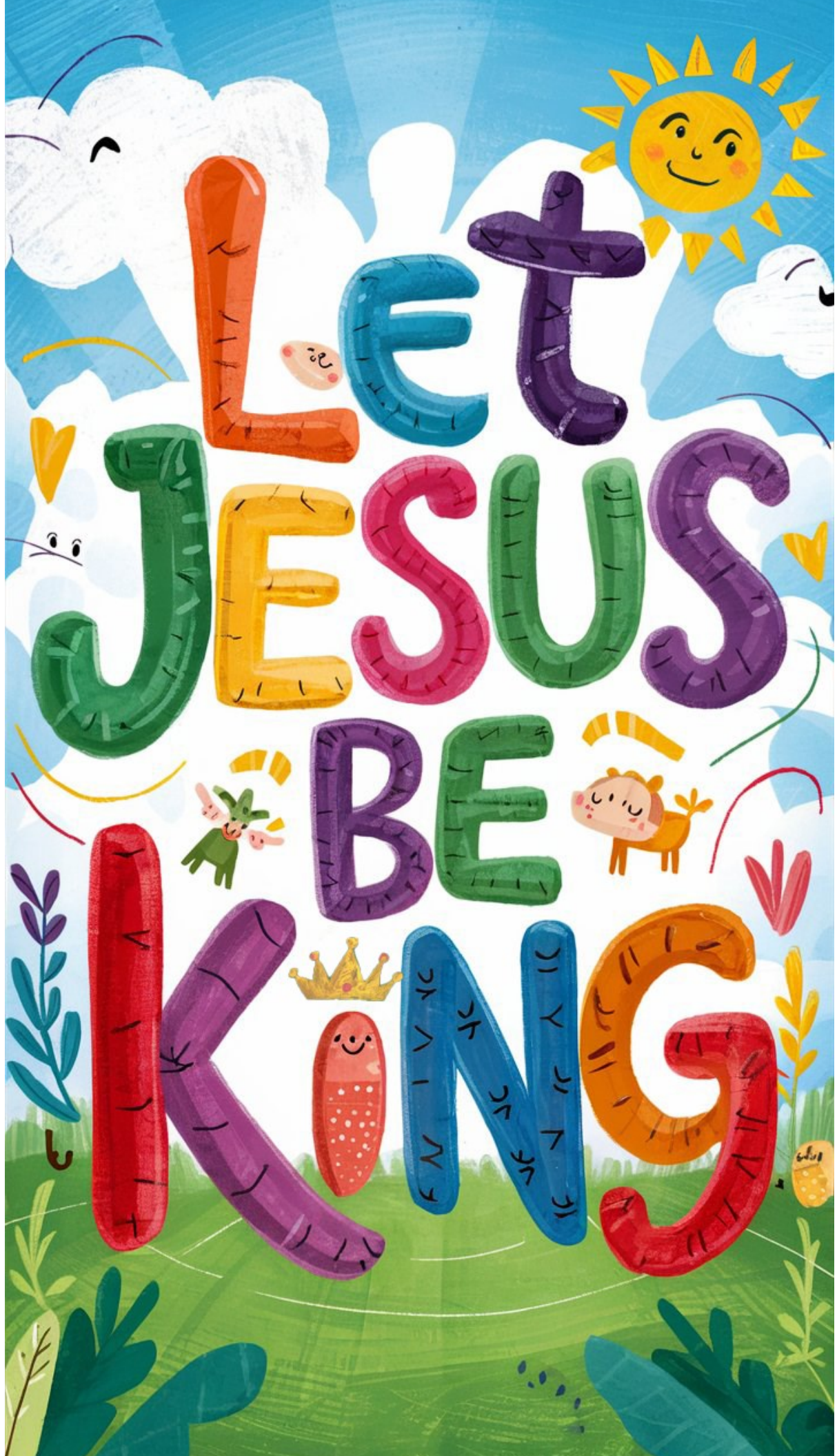






Year 2—Quarter 2 God's Big Plan

Let Jesus Be King

Jesus' Kingdom

If Jesus is a King, did He ever talk about His Kingdom?

Yes, Jesus told stories to teach everyone about His Kingdom. He said it was like a **treasure hidden in a field**—so valuable that you'd sell everything just to have it.

He also said His Kingdom was like a **tiny mustard seed** that grows into a huge tree. It starts small when we do little acts of kindness, like sharing our toys or helping a friend, but it grows into something big and beautiful that makes everyone happy.

Jesus said that to be part of His kingdom, we need to become **like little children**—humble and trusting. He told this to His friends when they asked who would be the greatest in heaven.

When some children wanted to see Jesus, His friends thought they were too busy for that. But Jesus said, **"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for the king-**

dom of heaven belongs to such as these."

This means Jesus loves it when children want to be with Him.

One time, Jesus **placed a child** among all the grown-ups and said that we should welcome children because when we welcome them, we welcome Him too. This shows that everyone is important in Jesus' kingdom.

Jesus also said that whoever is **humble like a child** is the greatest in heaven. He wants us to be kind and to put others first, just like how children do.

These stories teach us that Jesus knew that He was born to be King and His kingdom is full of love, kindness, and people who care for each other just like a big, happy family!

So, will you let Jesus be your King? Imagine having Jesus Who is always kind, brave, and super wise as the King of your life, guiding you to be the best you can be every day!

Power Point

Let Jesus be
your king.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Why Should I Let Jesus be King?

1. Always Having a Friend: Just like having a best friend in school, Jesus is a king who's always there to listen and help. He's someone who can be talked to anytime, and He's always ready to lend an ear and a helping hand.

2. Learning to Love: Jesus is known for teaching people how to love and care for others. By following His example, you can learn to be kind, share with others, and make the world a happier place.

3. Guidance on Right and Wrong: Sometimes it's hard to know the right thing to do, but Jesus gives guidance like a king who wants the best for his people. He teaches how to make good choices that make not just your parents proud, but Him too!

4. Bravery and Peace: Knowing Jesus is like having a brave king who protects his kingdom. He helps you to not be afraid when things get scary and brings peace, like a gentle whisper that says everything will be okay.

How can I pray to let Jesus be my King?

Praying is having a special chat with Jesus, and it is super easy! Here is a simple prayer you could say:

Dear Jesus,

I want to invite you to be the King of my life.

Help me to be kind, brave, and make good choices. Thank you for being my friend and guiding me every day. Amen.

Remember, you can talk to Jesus anytime, just like talking to your best friend!

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Object Lesson: Pearl in Dirt

Kingdom of Heaven

Supplies Needed: a shoebox decorated to look like a treasure box, change or paper money, a shallow tub of dirt, fake pearl.

Prepare: Scatter the dirt in the tub and hide the pearl in the soil. Place the tub at your teaching station. Put the coins or money inside the box and hide the box in your room.

Say: "Let's read the verse together. (Matthew 13:44-46) Let's read it normal first, then let's read it "under water style." (That's just rubbing your fingers over your lips, up and down while you read.)

After you read the passage say, "Wow! Jesus is teaching us about the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first part he's telling us about the attitude we should have about finding his kingdom. We should be willing to give everything to have it.

Let's pretend that I gave all my money, all my treasure just to buy a deed to this room. That means everything in the room is mine! Guess what? There is a treasure here!" (Bring out the treasure box and show it to the kids.) "Look inside guys. We've got all kinds

of treasures here. Thank goodness I bought this room or I wouldn't have this box of goodies."

(Show the dirt.) "This looks like plain old dirt, doesn't it? Grimy, dirty dirt. But there is more here than meets the eye. Who wants to volunteer to get a little dirty?" Pick a volunteer. "Okay roll up your sleeves and find the treasure." (Wait for the child to find the pearl.) "Good job! See how easy that was? Finding the kingdom of heaven is just as easy."



Object Lesson: Silver Dollar

Item Needed: Silver dollar (or any US money with "In God We Trust" on it)

In America we put the words, "In God we Trust" on our currency. This is the object in our object lesson.

Leader: Let your children see these words and have them read them out loud. Ask them to name ways to trust in money and ways to trust in God.

In the Lord's prayer we are taught to pray, "*Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*" The very words of this prayer suggest to us that there are two opposing kingdoms. The one where God is recognized as king and the one where He is opposed.

No better image conjures up these two kingdoms like money. Timothy warns us, "*Now godliness combined with contentment brings great profit. For we have brought nothing into this world and so we cannot take a single thing out either. But if we have food and shelter, we will be satisfied with that. Those who long to be rich, however, stumble into temptation and a trap and many senseless and*

harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils..." 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

There are two ways to live: (1) We are the king of our life. And (2) Jesus is the King of our life.



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