

# MD KIDS PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM:

## LUKE

Week 19: **The Coming of the Kingdom (from Luke 17:20-37)**

### **To the Teacher:**

This week you have the great task of explaining some of Jesus' most often misunderstood words to children. Please be in prayer. We pray with you that the Spirit will move and speak through you and open the children to understanding. Moreover, we pray this text will not just be informative, but will help us adults and children alike to open our eyes to the Kingdom of God.

**Big Idea and Missio Basic:** Jesus will return and bring God's Kingdom fully to earth... and he wants us to be part of it! Our Missio Basic for the week is that last down arrow in the True Story symbols. The Kingdom comes!

**Starter Ideas:** You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. **Lego Play:** 'Destruction for Reconstruction'  
Have the kids build any object with legos or other blocks. Once they have done that ask them to use those same blocks to build a new object. For example, you may have built a house out of the blocks, but you want them to reuse them to build a tower. Once they've finished, ask them what their first step was in building their second creation. They may talk about building the walls or sides or thinking about what they wanted to build next, but reveal to them their first step was actually to tear down the first object in order to reuse the bricks. In the same way, Jesus must tear down the structures of this world in order to rebuild the Kingdom of God. (Please feel free to use your own words or thoughts to explain this)
2. **Free Play:** Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. **Coloring Page:** Have the kids color a picture from this week's lesson.

**Circle Time:** When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

**Welcome Song:** (To the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)

**Welcome, [Name]**  
**Welcome, [Name]**  
**Hear God’s Word**  
**Hear God’s Word**  
**We can trust in Jesus.**  
**We can trust in Jesus.**  
**Welcome, friends.**  
**Welcome, friends.**

Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

**Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus’ special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, “Peace be with you.” We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, “Peace be with you.”**

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God’s peace by shaking their hand and saying, “Peace be with you.” Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let’s all say Jesus’ words of peace. “Peace be with you.”** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

**Prayer Time:**

**Praying for Others:** Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

**Praying Together:** (*touch your nose for ‘smell’, your ears for ‘hear’, etc.*)

*God, help us use our **ears** to **hear** you, our **eyes** to **see** you, and our **brains** to **understand** your word. Thank you Jesus that you live in a body like ours.*

**Prayer:**

**King Jesus, we want your kingdom to come! We want to live forever with you as our King! Please help our hearts to let go of the things that do not belong in your kingdom so that we can enter into your presence. Amen.**

**Story:** from Luke 17:20-21

*Today is a short story. Just two quick verses...*

*[READ]*

The Pharisees were asking Jesus when the kingdom of God would come, so he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with something you can see. No one will say, 'Here it is!' or 'Look over there!' Because you see, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

*[Things to Point Out]*

- *The Pharisees knew that things weren't all good in God's world. What bad things do you see?*
- *Have you ever had to wait a long time for something to happen? What?*
- *The Pharisees thought they were going to have to wait a long time for God to come fix things.*
- *But they didn't have to wait. Jesus was there!*

*Transition to snack time by saying, just like they didn't have to wait for God's kingdom to come because Jesus was there, we don't have to wait for snack time, because snack time is here!*

**Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch!** Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

**BLESS Activity:**

*\*For kids to do during the week\**

**SPEAK:**

Who do you know who needs to hear about the kingdom of God? Do you know someone searching for something to make them happy?

Speak to them this week about God's love and how good His kingdom is, and that Jesus wants to welcome them into it! Invite them to be around your friends and family who know Jesus, so they see the kingdom of God at work in our midst!

**Optional playground time:** If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that preschool class playground time does not start until 12PM.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for your word, The Bible.**

**Thank you for sending Jesus in a real body so we can know you.**

**Help us to trust that your word is true.**

**Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.**