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| **THE KINGDOM****3-5 Year Old SS Class** |

**Introduction**

* Who would like to be in the Kingdom? Everyone does don’t they!
* Why do we want the Kingdom come? Peace, happiness, no more pain/sadness/fighting, everyone will know God and His ways
* We should pray for the Kingdom to come every day! Jesus prayed like this … “Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, THY KINGDOM COME ….”

**Where will the Kingdom be?**

* The Kingdom will fill the whole earth. It won’t be in heaven!
* The angels told the disciples in Acts 1v11 (just after Jesus went to heaven to be with God) that Jesus will COME BACK to the earth.
* The capital city will be Jerusalem … *"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great king" (Psalm 48:2).*

**The Earth in the Kingdom**

* The earth will be totally changed in the Kingdom.
* It will be a beautiful place … just like the Garden of Eden was.
* There will be peace everywhere … no more war and people hating and killing each other.
* Everyone will be healthy and well … no more sickness and death.
* Listen to these verses in Isaiah 35v5-6 … *”Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing."*
* There will be enough food for everyone … no more famines and droughts.
* People will want to learn about God and will want us to teach them.
* There will be happiness everywhere … very different to some places on the earth today!

**The King and His Helpers**

* Who is going to be King over all the earth? Jesus!
* Jesus will be a fair judge and will treat people the way they are to be treated … not mean and nasty.
* If we are found faithful, we will also help Jesus rule on the earth.
* We might do things like:
	+ Go to other countries to tell people about God.
	+ Help build the Temple.
	+ Take people to the Temple (once it is built!)
	+ Teach Sunday School to lots of children!
	+ Sing in a choir with lots of other people!
	+ Give food to those who are hungry.
	+ Help clean up the world.
	+ Play with the animals!

**Animals**

* What do we know about the animals in the Kingdom? What animal do you want to play with?
* The animals will be friendly and you will be able to play with them! Imagine patting a lion, or riding on a giraffe, or feeding a bear!
* Isaiah 11v6-8 … *“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.”*

**What do we need to do now?**

* If we want to be in God’s Kingdom, we have learn about God NOW and know what He wants us to do.
* Where do we learn about God? In the Bible.
* What can we do to be closer to God:
	+ Doing our readings with our family every day.
	+ Going to Sunday School and doing our homework.
	+ Praying to God and talking to Him.

**Additional Activities**

* Read … “Would YOU like to be in God’s Kingdom?” … by Sharon Abel.
* Do handout … “A Little Vision of the Kingdom”
* Glad wrap art for Matthew 6v33… “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”