



Kingdom of Heaven

There is some mystery about what the kingdom of heaven is like. However, Jesus provides us with hints, ideas, and examples about it.

Big Idea: God's kingdom is so much more than we can see.

Key Verse: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field." | Matthew 13:44 (NLT)

1. HANGOUT

Supplies:

- None

Instructions:

- Discuss:
 - What would be the coolest thing to find on a beach or in a scavenger hunt? Why?
 - Have you ever found something cool that you got to keep? What was it?

2. HEAR

Supplies:

- Bibles

Instructions:

- Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Guide the students to look up and read Matthew 13:44-46.
- Discuss:
 - How do these two parables capture ideas about the kingdom of heaven?
 - What do they mean to you?
 - Why do you think Jesus described the kingdom

of heaven in these ways?

- Do these parables make you interested in what it's like?
- In super-simple terms, how would you describe the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom of God? (Is there even a simple way to describe them?)

3. HUDDLE

Supplies:

- None

Instructions:

- Discuss: What does all that we've talked about so far mean for our lives? Why does it matter?
- Explain that when we talk about the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven, we're talking about a place where God's way rules. He is the king! In God's kingdom, things are done his way.
- Discuss:
 - How do you do things God's way in your life?
 - In what way(s) are you helping point others to God's kingdom?
 - There is goodness in God's kingdom! How are you showing others his goodness or joy?
- Pray that your small group would consider how God's kingdom could come here on earth as it is in heaven.