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THIS SUNDAY

Kingdom Barriers
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Multimedia
# St Bart's Kids Sunday Worship

**SUNDAY February 28, 2021 • WEEK 5**

## Bible Focus
**Luke 18:18-30**

## Theme Focus
**Kingdom Barriers**

### All-in Teaching

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### Multimedia
- **Kids Talk (SBK Video)**

### Check In:
- Quiet play/ settling in time
  - Wooden jigsaw puzzles
  - Chalk board/chalk wall

### Session:
- **9:35am** Welcome and play
  - some train table items (or other choice)
- **9:50am** Sanitise hands and sit on mat
  - BYO m/tea. Say grace
  - Kids Talk video
  - Video
  - Scripture ebook
  - Pray
- **10:10am** Activities
  - Money play (C, Pr)
  - Buried Treasure (C, Pr)
  - Colouring - Jesus # 1 (C, Pr)
- **10:25am** Worship songs (on TV)
- **10:30am** Check-out then Clean and sanitise room and items used.

### Sunday School

#### Check In:
- Quiet play/ settling in time
  - UNO card game
  - Fly
  - Twister

#### Session:
- **9:35am** Worship Song
  (Explain new routines, procedures)
- **9:40am** 1. Welcome
  2. All in Introduction: Fun Facts
  3. Multimedia: Kids Talk, God's Kingdom: Your Kingdom Come
  4. All in Teaching: Summary and Key Questions
- **9:55am** **Game:** Limbo (Hall: 1-6)
  **Game:** Duck, Duck, Goose (Foyer/Outside: K-P)
- **10:10am** Small group Time
  - K-P = Threading Camel
  - 1-2 = Code Breaker - version 1
  - 3-4 = Code Breaker - version 2
  - 5-6 = Code Breaker - version 3
- **10:25am** Praise and Worship and Prayer
- **10:30am** Check-out then Clean and sanitise room and items used.
Main Point: We cannot get into God's kingdom without God.

Props:
King's cloak, crown, Bible.

Setting:
Indoors

Narration:

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And the man was happy with this, as he had obeyed these laws since he was a little boy.

But then Jesus went on to say that there was still one thing left to do.

“He told the man to sell everything he had give the money to the poor.”

This was extremely troublesome for the man, because he was VERY rich.

You see, in their short encounter with each other, Jesus quickly diagnosed that this man had made wealth his god. This man thought money was more important and worth holding onto more than his own relationship with God.

And this was his only thing stopping him from receiving eternal life.

You see, obeying the laws, following the rules, or being ‘good’ isn’t enough. We can’t earn our way into God’s Kingdom.

What is important is loving God with all our heart.

So is God your greatest love? Or is it something else?
Kingdom Barriers
Luke 18:18–30

➢ Gather

➢ Read
  • Early Childhood (1-3 years old)
  • Lower Primary (Kindy - Prep)
  • Middle Primary (Years 1-4)
  • Upper Primary (Years 5-6) - use the NIrV Adventure Bible

➢ Chat

➢ Do

➢ Pray
Rich people and the Kingdom of God

One day a man asked Jesus, “how do I receive eternal life?”

Jesus reminded the man about the commandments.

The man was happy. He had always obeyed these laws.

But Jesus said that he was still missing 1 thing.
Jesus told the man to sell everything and follow him.

The man was sad, as he was very rich.

Jesus said that it is hard for rich people to enter God’s kingdom.

As hard as a camel going through the top of a small needle!

If God is your King, it means putting him first.

Luke 18:18-27
A leader asked Jesus: “Good teacher, “what must I do to receive eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “you know commandments. ‘Be faithful. Do not murder. Do not steal. Do not tell lies. Obey your father and mother.’”

“I have obeyed all these since I was a boy,” the leader said.
When Jesus heard this, he said to the man, “You are still missing one thing. Sell **everything** you have. Give the money to the poor. You will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me.”

When the man heard this, he was very sad because he was very rich and didn’t want to give up all his things.

Jesus said, “How hard it is for rich people to enter God’s kingdom!
Is it hard for a camel to go through the eye of a needle? It is even harder for someone who is rich to enter God’s kingdom!"

The people who heard Jesus say this asked him, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus replied, “Things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”
Peter said to Jesus, “We have left everything to come and to follow you!”

“What I’m about to tell you is true,” Jesus said to them. “If anyone has left their home or family for God’s kingdom, they will be rewarded: in the world to come they will receive eternal life.”

Luke 18:18-30
A certain ruler asked Jesus a question. “Good teacher,” he said, “what must I do to receive eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus replied. “No one is good except God.”

“You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not commit murder. Do not steal. Do not be a false witness. Honour your father and mother.’”
21 “I have obeyed all those commandments since I was a boy,” the ruler said.

22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You are missing one thing. Sell everything you have and give the money to the poor. You will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me.”

23 When the ruler heard this, he became very sad because he was very rich.

24 Jesus looked at him. Then he said, “How hard it is for rich people to enter God’s kingdom!”
Is it hard for a camel to go through the eye of a needle? It is even harder for someone who is rich to enter God’s kingdom!”

Those who heard this asked, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus replied, “Things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

Peter said to him, “We have left everything we had in order to follow you!” Jesus replied, “Has anyone left home or wife or husband or brothers or sisters or parents or children for God’s kingdom?
They will receive many times as much in this world. In the world to come they will receive eternal life.”

Luke 18:18-30
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Luke 18:18–30

➢ Gather

➢ Read

➢ Chat
  • Lower Primary (Kindy - Prep)
    Small Group Questions
  • Primary (Years 1-6)
    Small Group Questions

➢ Do

➢ Pray
Date & Week | Bible Focus | Theme Focus
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**Main Point:** We cannot get into God's kingdom without putting God first in our lives.

## Discussion Questions

1. Do you know what a password is? What sort of things or places normally have passwords? *(Perhaps a security system for your house, a gate, a phone or iPad or computer, a safe, a credit card…...).*

2. What happens when you don’t have the right code or password? *(You cannot get into the place or thing you want to get into.)*

**Read Luke 18:18-23 from the Bible Story (pages 1-2)**

Today we learn that a young ruler/leader asked Jesus about what he needed to do to receive eternal life. He was sort of asking Jesus for the password for heaven!

3. What were the 2 things Jesus said needed to be done in order for the man to enter the Kingdom of God? *(Jesus reminds the man about following the commandments such as do not steal, do not be a false witness, honour your father and mother, etc; Jesus also tells the man that he must sell everything he has and give his money to the poor).*

4. Was the man happy or sad with being asked to do this? Why? *(He was sad because was a very rich man. Selling his possessions and giving away all his money meant giving up everything he had. Jesus was asking this man to put his trust in him and not his wealth, but this man found this too hard.)*
5. Which did this man love more - God or Money? (Money).

6. To be a follower of God, which should he love more? (God!)

**Read Luke 18:24-30 from the Bible Story (pages 2-4)**

7. What are some things, that people can make more important than God? (i.e., what are some things that people would find it terribly hard to give up for God?) (Money; possessions - cars, latest technology, collections of things; family; education; work/job/career; routine; sport; etc).

8. What sort of things can we do to make sure that we keep God at the centre of our lives? (We can make sure we spend time with God in prayer and read the Bible, that we join with other Christians for regular worship, that we encourage others in their Christian walk.)

**Prayer**

Dear God, You are creator of all things and deserve to be our #1. Thank you that you made a way for us to have eternal life, through Jesus. Help us to keep you at the centre of our lives. Amen.
Main Point: We cannot get into God's kingdom without God.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you have a device that requires a password to give you access? Or perhaps you have a security system in your house or on your gate with a keypad that needs a code to allow you to get inside? What happens when you don't have the right code or password?

Read Luke 18:18-23 from the Bible Story (pages 1-2)

2. Today we hear of a ruler who asked Jesus about what he needed to do to receive eternal life. Jesus begins with reminding this man of the commandments. Can you list some of the commandments he mentions? (Do not commit adultery, do not commit murder, do not steal, do not be a false witness, honour your father and mother).

3. The ruler in this story had kept all of God's laws. The ruler showed concern for other people. Was this enough? What else was required? (No. Jesus tells that man that he needed to sell everything he had and give the money to the poor.)

4. Why was the ruler upset by this? (He was a very rich man. Selling his possessions and giving away all his money meant giving up everything he had. Jesus was asking this man to put his trust in him and not his wealth, but this man found this terribly hard.)

5. Was it the money itself that was stopping the man entering God's Kingdom? (No. Money in itself is not evil or wrong. But when it becomes more important than God it is a problem. The ruler needed to love God with all his heart. Jesus knew that that ruler's riches were important to him. His riches were more important to him than God was.)
6. How is it even possible for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God? (Only by God's power. Even if the man sold everything, money or giving everything away won't get him eternal life. Only trusting Jesus completely is how God does the impossible, and gives us eternal life.)

7. What are some things, other than money/wealth, that people can make their god? (i.e., what are some things that people would find it terribly hard to give up for God?) (Money; possessions - cars, latest technology, collections of things; family; education; work/job; routine; sport; etc).

8. How can we ensure that we keep God at the centre of our life and make it a priority to follow him above all else? (We can make sure we spend time with God in prayer and read the Bible, that we join with other Christians for regular worship, that we encourage others in their Christian walk.)

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that all things are possible with you and that despite our sin, you have made a way for us to have eternal life. Thank you that the only thing that matters is our trust and faith in you. Help us to fix our eyes on you, making you the centre of our lives. Amen.
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- Early Childhood activities
- Primary aged activities
- Individual & group
- Active
- Craft
**Buried Treasure**

*Link:* What is our treasure? Who is our number 1? Is it God or is it money or something else?

**You will need:**
- Sandbox/sandpit
- Treasure items

**Task:**
1. Pre-hide items in the sandpit. Today we have large pictures of different things that are wonderful - different animals, creation, etc.
2. Invite the children to sift through the sandpit to find all the treasure.
3. Get them to name the items as they pull them out. Talk about how wonderful they all are, but how God is better and needs to be at the top of our list!

**Extension:**
Next, hide coins in the sandpit and get the children to try and find them all. Treasure!!
**Link:** We cannot enter God's kingdom without trusting in God. Jesus is how we can know God and put our trust in him. Jesus should be our Number 1.

**You will need:**
Colouring in sheets  
Crayons

**Instructions:**
1. Invite the children to trace the letters on the page.
2. Then get them to colour the number 1 and the bee.
3. Extension: older children might practise writing the number 1 around the page (or on the back of the page).
Jesus is number one!
Money money money

Link: It is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

You will need:
- Coins - play money
- Money boxes/piggy banks

Task:
1. Set up the coins on the tables. Show children how to count them, sort them, order them, stack them - be creative - the list is endless!
2. Bring out the piggy banks. Have the children take turns to put coins in the piggy bank until they are full.
Link: The rich ruler tried to work out the ‘secret code’ to receive eternal life. This is not something we can ever earn or work our ourselves. It is impossible for us to earn eternal salvation, but this is possible when we follow Jesus.

You will need:
- Code Breakers
- Clipboards
- Pencils

Task:
1. Each child to receive a ‘Code Breaker’ sheet, clipboard, and pencil. See if they can crack the code!
How to Inherit Eternal Life

Decode the secret code.

The secret message is written in symbols. In the code key at the bottom of the page you can find what each symbol means. Write the letter above the symbol and you can read the secret message.

Good luck!

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Code Key:

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Duck Duck Goose

Link: It is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. It is hard to predict or catch another person in the game duck duck goose.

Players: as many as you want

You will need:
• N/A

Instructions:
1. Have the children sit down in a large circle. Ensure there is enough room around the outside of the circle, for children to run around.

2. Chose one child to be ‘it’. They are to slowly walk around behind the other children (who are sitting in a circle) and gently tap each on the head, while saying ‘duck’.

3. The child continues to tap and say ‘duck’ until eventually they choose one child to be ‘goose’.

4. Upon the word ‘goose’, that child jumps up and proceeds to chase the original child who was up, trying to catch them before they make one entire lap of the circle and sit down in the goose’s place.

5. The goose then becomes the next child to be ‘up’ and the game continues.
**Game**

**Limbo**

**Link:** It is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Likewise, it can be very tricky to make it the whole way through a game of limbo.

**Players:** as many as you want

**You will need:**
- Broomstick (or similar long piece of dowel)
- 2 team members to hold up both ends of the broomstick

**Instructions:**
1. Have the children all line up.
2. 2 team members are to hold up the ends of a broomstick, while the first child tries to ‘limbo’ underneath without touching the stick with any part of their body.
3. This process continues for all children. Once all have had their turn, the broomstick is lowered slightly and steps 1-3 are repeated.
4. Continue this game until the children have been sufficiently challenged and there is a clear winner.

**Rules:**
1. *Players must not touch the stick with any part of their body.*
2. *Players must not touch the ground with any part of their body except their feet.*
3. *Players must tip their body backwards, not sideways or forwards to go under the pole.*

St Bart’s Kids
**Do**

**Focus**
We cannot get into God's kingdom without putting God first in our lives

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Gather
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Pray
  • Prayer for the group
  • Creative ways to pray
Focus
We cannot get into God's kingdom without putting God first in our lives.

Early Childhood:
Dear God, You are CREATOR of all things and deserve to be our number 1. THANK YOU that we can have eternal life by putting our trust in you. HELP us to keep you at the centre of our lives. Amen.

Sunday School:
Dear God, thank you that all things are possible with you and that despite our sin, you have made a way for us to have eternal life. Thank you that the only thing that matters is our trust and faith in you. Help us to fix our eyes on you, making you the centre of our lives. Amen.

Tips:
Talk about how the term ‘number 1’ means the best. Try and think of all the different ways of saying that God is the most important (i.e., God, you are the best; God you are tops; God you are my hero; etc).
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Amen.