

The King and the Kingdom

The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 4:23-7:29; John 18:36-37





Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- **≯ Who is the King?** (Jesus)
- ★ What people are part of His kingdom? (Those who choose to follow, obey and trust God above all else.)
- ➡ In the story Jesus told, what happened to the house built on the sand?

 (It fell down with a crash.)

Read the following final thought aloud to your child to help increase his or her understanding:

Jesus said that we can be like the man who built his house on the rock by putting Jesus' words into action. God wants to make our hearts like His. This happens when we trust Jesus and let His words guide our own hearts, choices and actions.



Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

While on earth, Jesus taught people how to love God and love each other. He taught us that we can trust God to take care of us.



Anyone who listens (cup hand around your ear)

to my teaching and follows it is wise (tap your head with your finger)

like a person who builds a house (bring your fingers together above head to form the roof

of a house)

on solid rock.

Matthew 7:24



Dear God,

Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my hope and help. Worry and fears will come. Help me to remember to choose to trust in You when they do. Amen.

