

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter identifies the Kingdom of God as present now and yet to come and describes Jesus' proclamation in his teaching, signs, and wonders.

Scripture



Read **Matthew 4:23** to find out about Jesus proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Catholics Believe

- God's Kingdom is present and grows in the Church and her Sacraments until God's Reign comes in fullness at the end of time.
- Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God through his actions and parables.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #546–547, 567, 763–769 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Catherine of Siena, a spiritual counselor to two Popes.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Kingdom of God The Kingdom of God is an abstract concept that may be difficult for children at this age, who are just beginning to have the capacity to think more figuratively. This is particularly true of the paradoxes we traditionally hold by faith about the Kingdom—that the Kingdom is now and is also yet to be, that it is on Earth and also in Heaven. The parables of the Kingdom are useful for children this age in that they can continue to draw new meanings from these stories over time as they are ready.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Did your parents ever say to you, "Do as I say, not as I do"?

For Jesus, there was no difference between what he said and what he did. His words and actions were one, and both made God's Kingdom present. As Catholics, we understand that "the proclamation of the Kingdom of God was fundamental to Jesus' preaching. The Kingdom of God is his presence among human beings calling them to a new way of life as individuals and as a community. ... It is the Good News that results in love, justice, and mercy for the whole world. The Kingdom is realized partially on earth and permanently in heaven" (*USCCA, pp. 79-80*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain how Jesus made God's Kingdom present.
- Read together a favorite parable about the Kingdom of God.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Catherine, may we find our strength in Jesus like you did. Amen.



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