



BIG IDEA

The good news is Jesus sets up God's kingdom.

GOD STORY

The Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13)

KEY VERSE

"Tell the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15b, ICB)

MUSIC

"J-E-S-U-S" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Coloured paper
- Scissors
- Blocks (e.g., wooden, interlocking plastic, etc.)

TIP

- You could also look for "treasures" from around your home.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Direct the children to cut shapes out of the paper to make pretend treasures.
- Work together to build a treasure box with the blocks.
- Place the paper treasures in the box.
- Lead the children to pretend to dig in a field where they discover the treasure.
- To wrap up, explain that today's Bible story is about the greatest treasure ever!

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Writing and drawing supplies

TIP

- Unlike most Early Years series, there are new Big Ideas each week in Good News! Children will discover that Jesus shows us God's love, saves us from sin, sets up God's kingdom, and does it all so we can be with God forever.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Big Idea: **The good news is Jesus sets up God's kingdom.**
- Encourage the children to write a poem, draw a picture, or choose another creative way to express this good news.
- As they create, chat about who they could share this good news with.
- To wrap, pray and thank God that Jesus sets up his kingdom. Ask for help sharing the good news with other people this week.
- Save whatever the children make each week of this series and compile a booklet that will help them remember what they learned.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Kingdom activity pages
- Jewel and sparkly stickers
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page.
- b. Encourage them to use the other supplies to decorate the treasure box on their pages.
- c. As they work on their crafts, read aloud the text on the page and review today's story. Remind the children that Jesus said God is the greatest treasure!
- d. Reinforce the Big Idea: **The good news is Jesus sets up God's kingdom.**

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse card
- Box with a lid
- Media player
- "J-E-S-U-S" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Put the card inside the box.

TIP

- Re-use the supplies from Week 1.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather your family together.
- b. Give the box to a child.
- c. Direct them to open the lid and take out the card.
- d. Read aloud the Key Verse. Point out that Jesus is speaking in the verse.
- e. Explain that you will pass around the box while the music plays. When the music stops, whoever has the box will open it and hold up the card. Then everyone will say the verse.
- f. Play the music and guide your family as needed.
- g. Pause the music.
- h. Prompt whoever is holding the box to open it and hold up the card.
- i. Say the verse together.
- j. Continue playing as long as everyone is interested.