

The Bible as

ONE BOOK

THE PROCLAIMED KINGDOM

This weekend we learned that the Proclaimed Kingdom covers the book of Acts through Revelation chapter 20. That includes most of the New Testament, up until the present day! Week seven also means that we are almost done the Kingdom series, with next week being the last week. Parents, the goal this week is to help your children understand the current times we are experiencing, and to help them believe that the most important thing to trust in life, is Jesus Christ!

1. To summarize the stories and books of the New Testament from our passage this week, attempt as a family to build/write/talk about the Biblical storyline from Jesus' ascension to heaven (in Acts) through Revelation 20 (ex. Use the people and/or events of each book to build your timeline).

2. The first point in our sermon this weekend, calls followers of Jesus to "proclaim light over darkness" What is the light we have in our lives, who is the light? What is the darkness we see in our world? What does mean to proclaim light? (see Matthew 5)

(If you didn't get the chance in week 5 to grab a flashlight at night around bedtime, help your children understand what light does what it shines into the darkness.)

3. The second point in our sermon calls followers of Jesus to “proclaim life over death.” What is the life that is found in Jesus? (Parents, if you have photos or videos of when your children were born, share with them what that experience was like. How is new life in a child like the new life found in Jesus?) As a practice of sharing this good news, explain to your children why Jesus is a big deal and how he gives life to those who trust him.

4. The third point in our sermon calls followers of Jesus to “proclaim faith over unbelief.” What is faith? What does the Bible call us all to believe in? Parents, share with your children how you came to saving faith in Jesus. What are some examples of things in our world that we can put our faith in rather than Jesus? (Parents, this week’s sermon and this point, in particular, could be a powerful and excellent time to help your children understand that they cannot be saved just by being part of your family as your child. Help them understand that faith is not something they can inherit from their parents. Faith is personal trust in Jesus, “proclaiming” that Jesus has saved them from death and forgiven them of their sins!)

5. The final point in our sermon calls followers of Jesus to “proclaim glory over gloom.” What is the hope and future that awaits every single believer and follower of Jesus? (Parents, this could also be a profitable conversation with your children. Help them understand that every life awaits future glory OR gloom. In age-appropriate ways, help them see what awaits those who do not put their faith in Jesus.) What are some things in our lives that are wasting away? (ex. Take a look, as a family, in the trash you will throw out this week for examples of things that waste away). How are we wasting away each day? When we know that our best days are ahead and our decay, death, and destruction will be no more, how should that change the way we live right now?

Hold on for Week 8, THE PERFECTED KINGDOM IS COMING!