



The King and the Kingdom

As told in Matthew 5 - 7

Key Verse:

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Matthew 7:24 NLT

So Far...

What have you learned from the previous story (or stories)?

What do you remember about God's bigger story?

Encourage your child to remember previous stories by going through the app together.

Turn the sound off, and have your child tell the story aloud using the pictures as prompts.

Exploring This Story...

Have your child retell the story to you.

Encourage them to remember by asking the following questions:

- **What did Jesus teach about, everywhere He went?**
(The kingdom of God)
- **What did Jesus say God wants to do with your heart?**
(He wants to make it good like His own)
- **How can we be like the wise man who built his house on a rock?**
(We can be like the wise man by hearing and obeying the words of Jesus)

More to the Story...

In this story, Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God. He explained that this means having a heart like God's. Jesus said that we can have a heart like God's if we strengthen our relationship with God through prayer. God is a loving Father who loves when we talk to Him in prayer. He loves it when we thank Him for all the things He does for us and He wants us to come to Him for help.

If we follow Jesus and develop our relationship with God through prayer and obedience, our lives will be like a house built on a firm foundation. If we don't do these things, we will be like a house built on shaky ground.

Tough times and hardships may come, but if our lives are based around Jesus' teachings, God's Word, then we can know that we will be safe like the wise man who built his house on a solid rock instead of soft, shifting sand.

God's Bigger Story...

This story shows us how to live. But God tells us that no one has followed His way perfectly because of our sin. Only Jesus has lived a perfect life. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the penalty for our sin so our relationship with God would be restored.

My Story...

- Jesus said, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask." (*Matthew 6:8b*)
What does this say about God and how He feels about you?
- Jesus told us to put His words into action. What is one way that you can put Jesus' words into action?
- How will your life look different when you believe that Jesus is the King and you are a member of His kingdom?

Talk to God...

Dear God,

Thank You for knowing all my needs before I even ask.

Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my Teacher and example.

Help me to have a heart like Yours.

Amen

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.
Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

