

QUESTIONS

Remember this is a dialogue, not a quiz. The questions are a good start to draw out observations about the story, and the “answers” are just there to help you guide kids toward some key ideas.

SCENE 1

- 1. What do we learn about the Kingdom of God from this scene?**
- 2. What does the Kingdom look like? Where is it?**
- 3. In your own words, what is Jesus teaching His followers in this scene?**
 - The Pharisees had created a way for humans to be accepted by God by their actions.
 - Jesus took the commands and laws God gave Moses and revealed the inner attitudes behind the actions, showing outward actions are not enough. To God, our heart is more important than our actions.
- 4. In this story, Jesus shows people how to live in God’s ways. Where in the other stories have we seen God do the same thing?**
 - Adam and Eve - God walked with them teaching them how to live closely to Him.
 - Cain - “If you do what is right.”
 - Noah - “Life is in the blood.”
 - Moses - Laws and commands.
 - Prophets - God spoke through them to remind people of how to live in His ways.
- 5. How are Jesus’ Kingdom teachings similar to what God taught them in the past stories?**
 - Since the beginning of creation God has been showing people
 - how to live closely with Him and live in His ways—the ways of His Kingdom. Jesus continues to show us how to live in these ways through His teaching and through living out the Kingdom perfectly with His life.

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- 6. What do you think Jesus meant by saying, “I have come to fulfill the laws of Moses and the writings of the prophets”?**
- 7. What do we learn about Jesus from this scene?**

SCENE 2

- 8. Why do you think Jesus taught in parables?**
- 9. What do you think the Kingdom of God is? Why is it hard to describe?**
- 10. What kind of king/kingdom do you think the Jewish people were hoping for?**
- 11. What did they want to conquer (win)?**
- 12. What kind of kingdom was Jesus setting up?**
- 13. What do you think He was looking to conquer?**
- 14. Why do you think Jesus chose twelve to be His apostles? What did He send them to do?**

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SCENE 3

- 15. Why do you think what Jesus was teaching was hard for Nicodemus (or anyone) to understand?**
- 16. How does someone “enter the Kingdom” according to this scene? According to all three scenes?**
- 17. What do we learn about Jesus from this story?**
- 18. What do you think is the connection between living in God’s ways and believing in Jesus?**