

GRADE 5  
CHAPTER Eight  
Proclaim the Kingdom

Objectives

- To understand the meaning and role of parables
- To learn the meaning of “kingdom of God”
- To recognize the miracles of Jesus and how they helped him proclaim the kingdom
- To understand the word conversion

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Complete the activity on p. 101
- Select a section from your favorite story and share it with others
- Take today’s newspaper and cut out stories that show evidence of God’s activity in the world. Put the photo or article on your kitchen bulletin board and talk about how members of your family have revealed God this week.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God’s Word

- Read Words of Faith on p. 103 and 105
- In your Bible, find one story that demonstrates each of the four words of faith.
- Decide on an “image” for each of the bible stories you selected and draw it on a sheet of paper.
- Read Luke 8:5-8 p. 103 and answer the questions that follow it.
- Talk about ways in which Jesus helped God’s word and God’s kingdom to bear fruit.
- Read p. 105 and tell a story of when you have experienced conversion. What sacrament helps you to live your conversion experience and draws you closer to God.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Write a parable of a situation in the world today that needs Jesus’ saving power.
- Read your parable and then pray the psalm on p. 101

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked “Activity.”
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter’s activity to take its place.