



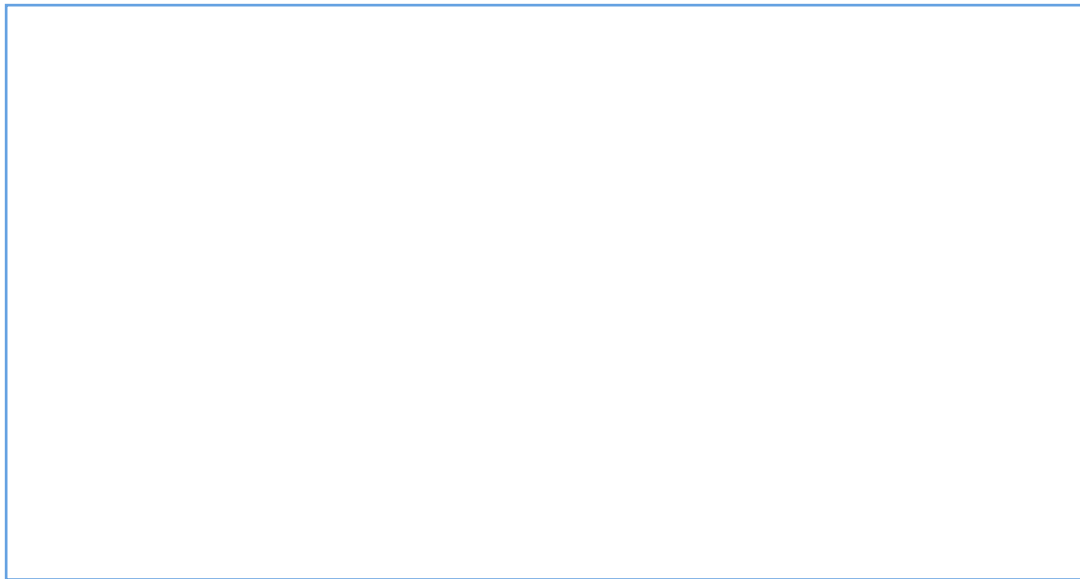
Did'ja Know?

The kingdom of heaven is also referred to as the "reign of God" or "God's reign." But it means the same thing: it's where God's rule of love comes first.



Color That Stuff

The man has discovered a precious pearl and that's what God's reign is like. Color the picture and then draw something below it that is precious to you.



Crowds of people followed Jesus everywhere he went. They wanted to know more about how they could know and love God.

Jesus taught people about "the kingdom of heaven." That's where everyone would let God be in charge. It's where all lived the way that God wanted them to live.

He told them stories, called parables, to help them understand. Lots of his parables started like this: "The kingdom of heaven is like. . ."

Then Jesus said the kingdom of heaven was like something they saw every day: like a mustard seed, or a woman adding yeast to bread, or a man buying a valuable pearl.

When the people heard these things, they learned amazing things about how big God's love really is.

Great Big Word

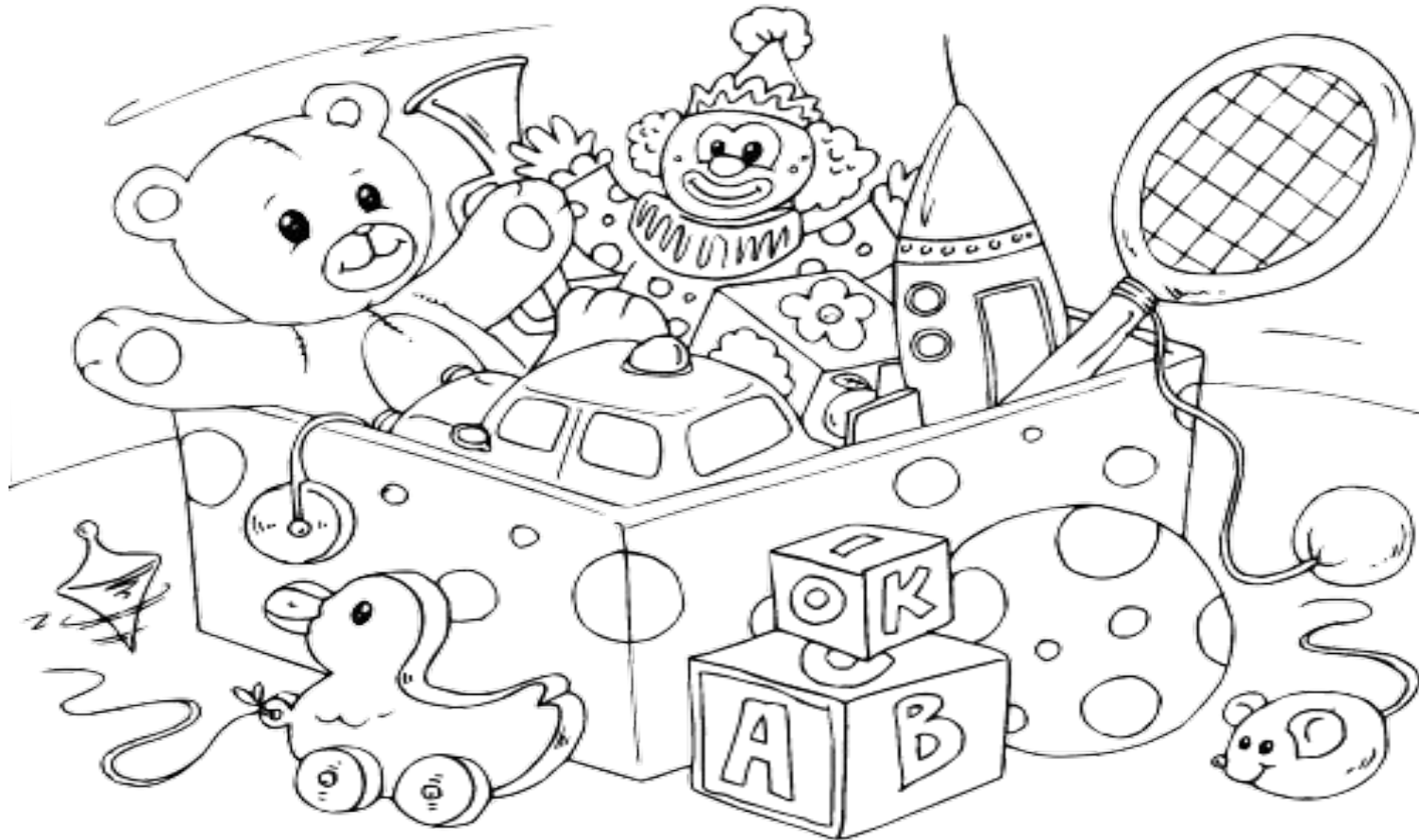
Parable

A short story Jesus told the people to help them understand God and God's ways.

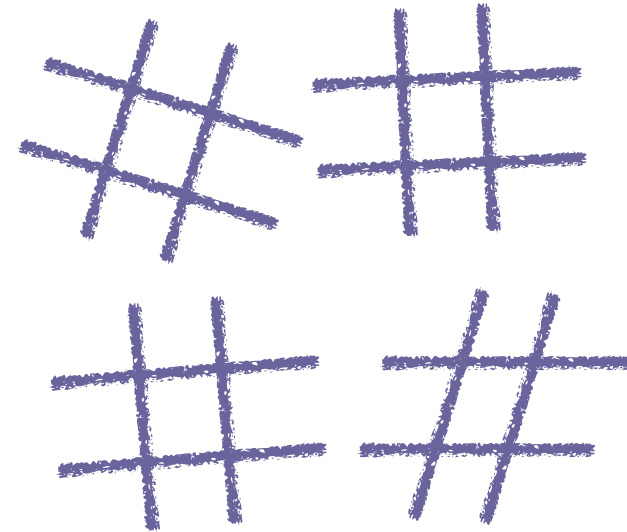


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Another parable might go like this: "The kingdom of heaven is like a special toy you got from your grandma three years ago, and you thought you had lost it, but found it again in the pile!" Color the picture of the toys.



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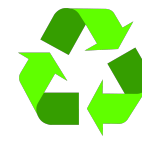


Nice Quote!

**The Kingdom of Heaven
wants to rest in our hearts.**

**– Jared Brock, A Year of Living
Prayerfully: How a Curious Traveler
Met the Pope, Walked on Coals,
Danced with Rabbis, and Revived
His Prayer Life**

Special Task Force



Of course, the Kingdom of heaven isn't exactly a thing or a place, but instead a way of thinking about something. This week, pay attention to something that bothers you in the world, maybe something that isn't fair and think about how you might like it to be. Then, ask yourself what you can do about it.