

The Bible as

ONE BOOK

THE PRESENT KINGDOM

This weekend we learned that Jesus ushered in the Present Kingdom! After centuries of waiting and 700 years after the prophecy given through Isaiah, Jesus finally steps on to the scene and is ready to tell the world about the reality of the Present Kingdom. Parents, your goal this week in family conversations is to help your children understand what a big deal this was for Jesus to come!

1. God's people waited a long time for Jesus to arrive. Talk as a family about an experience when you had to wait for a long time. What were you waiting for? What did you do to help you wait? Do we generally like waiting in our lives? Why or why not?

2. We learned this weekend that the Present Kingdom meant that God's Kingdom had come to earth in part. Jesus came to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. List some things you can't do alone and need help with (ex. Making lunch, doing laundry, car maintenance, house repairs, stitching your battle wounds from Kingdom 4 acting scenes). How do you feel when you get the help you need and accomplish the task?

3. In our first point this weekend, we learned how Jesus is the True Adam and Israel. What does this mean? What was wrong with the "first" Adam and God's people Israel? What do we learn about Jesus from Romans 5:19?

4. In our second point this weekend, we learned how Jesus is the True Temple. What was the point of the sacrificial system in the temple within the Old Covenant? How did Jesus' life, death, and resurrection make a new way for us to have access to God? In the Old Covenant, God's people proved they were His people through their obedience to the law. What does Jesus require from us to be His people in the New Covenant? Why is this better (Hebrews 8-11)?

5. In our third point this weekend, we learned how Jesus is the New Covenant. What is a covenant (see the "Promised Kingdom" Questions)? What was the Old Covenant? Read Luke 22:20. What is the New Covenant? Unlike the Old Covenant, who gets to be part of this covenant?

6. In our fourth point this weekend, we learned how Jesus is the New King. Who, or what is a king? Ask your children what responsibilities a king should have? (Perhaps you want to make a crown and take turns being "King." What rules or jobs will you have when you are king?) If Jesus is the "New King", who was He replacing? What do you think are Jesus' responsibilities as the New King? What does it mean for you, if you are part of the Kingdom of God? How is your life different from others who are not in the Kingdom of God?

7. Spend time as a family thanking God for keeping His promise to send Jesus to the world for the "Present Kingdom." Thank God that He is King and that He invites us to be part of His kingdom through Jesus' life and death for us.