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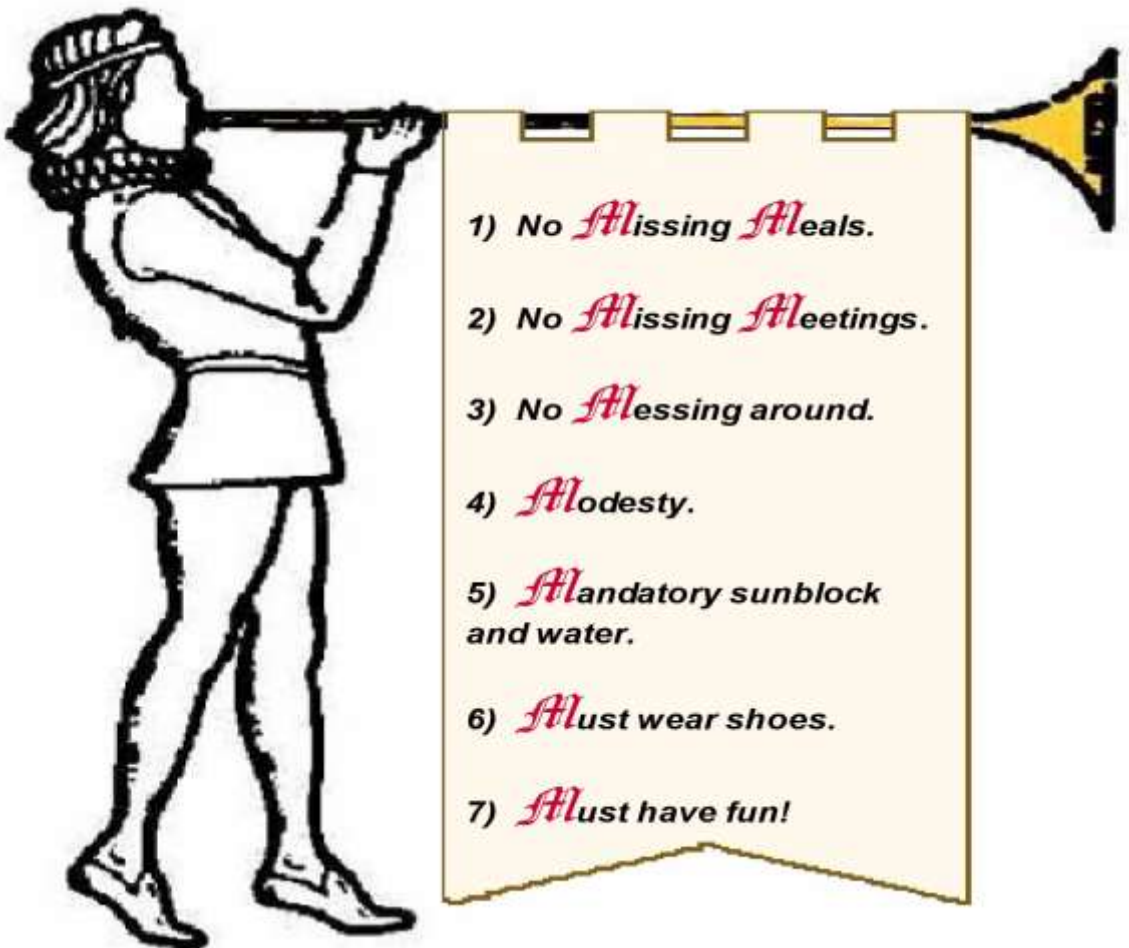
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Ye Old 7 M's

(or how to have a great week at Cowboy's Rest!)



- 1) No *M*issing *M*eals.
- 2) No *M*issing *M*eetings.
- 3) No *M*essing around.
- 4) *M*odesty.
- 5) *M*andatory sunblock and water.
- 6) *M*ust wear shoes.
- 7) *M*ust have fun!

The Geography of Regnum Dei Geography Challenge

So, what's the deal with the map? Obviously it includes this week's recreation teams, but what's it really all about? We've told you that each imaginary township in Regnum Dei represents one of Jesus' parables; but which spiritual story goes with which geographic label? Well, your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to figure all that out. As the week goes by, you should be able to fill in more and more of the blanks below. And, naturally, the first three people to do so correctly and show their results to Steve will each receive ten (10) bonus spirit points for their team. Godspeed!



The Province of Agnus

The Isle of PRETIOS

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

The Fiefdom of NOVISSIMI

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

The Abbey of FERMENTAUI

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

The Realm of VETERA

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

Castle ABSCONDITO

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____



The Province of Leo

The Highlands of McOUIV

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

The Coast of SAGENA

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

The Forest of ARBORES

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

The Duchy of NUPTIALI

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

The Deserts of OLEUM

Key Parable: _____

Scripture Reference: _____

Meaning of Parable: _____

Scripture Memory Challenge

COLOSSIANS 1:9-23

Tip: Counselors get credit for scripture memory, too! You and the campers may opt to memorize these verses in a different translation.

MONDAY

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

TUESDAY

10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of

light. **13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

WEDNESDAY

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

THURSDAY

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. **21** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. **22** But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--

FRIDAY

23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.



Monday Evening Chapel: The King of the Kingdom

Key Parables: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Points: _____

Tips: Please sit with your cabin group during all chapel times. Help them to remain focused and not a distraction to others.

Some campers will never have used a Bible. Please assist them in looking up verses. During cabin devotions, you will have more time to teach them how to find Bible passages for themselves.



Monday Evening Cabin Devotions: The Armor of the Kingdom – part 1

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-13

Help them find this passage in their Bibles. (They could bookmark it, since we'll be back here all week.) You could have one volunteer read aloud each verse, or they may want you to read.

Why do knights wear armor?

... for protection. You could point out that armor is not a weapon but a source of safety.

Is the Bible telling us that we should be wearing real metal armor?

What sort of enemies do we need protection from? (see verse 12)

Not people (“flesh and blood”) but spiritual enemies. Remember, that the enemy of the King is fallen angel Satan. If we follow the King, then Satan is also our enemy. Satan’s servants are demons, who are also our enemies. They can tempt us to do wrong things and distract us from following the King.

... so what sort of armor do we need? *spiritual armor*

Who do we get armor from? *God (the King) ... remind the campers from our scripture that we are to be strong in the Lord and put on the armor of God*

Is the King able to protect us? *yes, He is the maker of the universe and stronger than anything!*

Let’s read these verses all together...

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

Wrap up the discussion by saying that we will study the armor more as the week goes on. You can say the closing prayer or have a volunteer do so.

Closing prayer: Dear King, thank You for giving us your protection. Help us to be strong in You and trust in your armor.



Tuesday Morning Cabin Devotions:

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Scripture: ***“The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*** (Mark 1:15)

What does the word “gospel” mean? *“good news”*

What is the good news Jesus gave in the verse above? *specifically, the Kingdom of God is at hand*

Why is it good news that the kingdom of God has come? (each of the following verses is a clue)

- Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?... thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57) *Jesus has defeated death!!*
- He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. (Ephesians 1:7) *our sins can be forgiven*
- I am going to prepare a place for you... When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. (John 14:2-3) *Jesus is preparing heaven for us, and we can join Him there*
- He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. (Revelation 21:3b-4) *in the kingdom of heaven, God will rule, we will see Him and enjoy His unmarred goodness forever!*

Activity: HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Imagine you are in charge of your village newspaper, the "Regnum Dei Daily". There has been a long war, but you've just received word that your King has gloriously won the ultimate victory! He is on His way home from the battle, and He has promised to throw a huge party for all of His subjects! Anyone who wants to come is invited to the royal castle tonight. The King has even promised to forgive the traitors who fought for the enemy if they will just come to Him.

Your job is to write a front page article that will tell everyone the fantastic news and invite them to the party!

Assign the campers particular jobs, such as...

- *making up a headline and forming it with stickers on their newspaper*
- *writing a short article or invitation from the King on the newspaper*
- *adding an illustration to the newspaper*

Discussion:

How is your newspaper article similar to the Kingdom of God? *Christ the King has won the victory. He is willing to forgive traitors. He is soon returning, and all His subjects will get to celebrate with Him!*

Should we be excited about the Kingdom of God and wanting to invite others? *Yes!!!*

Who is one person you would like to share this good news with? *Have each camper take some quiet time to pray and consider this. If possible, they should each write down one name.*

Prayer Topics:

- help me to be excited about Your gospel and share it with others+
- give us safety, fun, and open hearts today

This may be an opportunity for group prayer, having volunteers pray for the different topics. Or you may decide to give the campers private prayer time. These are just some ideas to get them started.



Tuesday Morning Chapel:

The Mysteries of the Kingdom

Key Parables: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Points: _____



Tuesday Evening Chapel:

The Children of the Kingdom

Key Parables: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Points: _____



Tuesday Evening Cabin Devotions:

The Armor of the Kingdom – part 2

Scripture: Ephesians 6:14-15

Review: why do knights wear armor?

Find the picture of the knight at the back of the notebook and label the 3 pieces of his armor that we just read about.



The Belt of Truth:

How does truth protect us? *Satan's favorite tactic is lies. He is called the "Father of Lies". Lies can make us afraid or unsure of God's directions. Knowing the truth will protect us from the attacks of lies.*

Where do we get truth? *studying God's word*

Let's read this verse all together...

Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.
(John 17:17)



The Breastplate of Righteousness:

What does the breastplate protect? *the heart*

What does it mean to have a "righteous" heart? *"free from sin or guilt".*

How do I become righteous? *Since all of us have done wrong things, we know that we cannot be righteous on our own. Jesus was the only perfect, or righteous person, and He gives His righteousness to us when we believe in Him. His righteousness will protect our hearts from sin and give us the desire to do what is right.*

Let's read this verse all together...

...being found in him not having a righteousness of my own...but that which comes from faith in Christ. (Philippians 3:9)

The Preparation of the Gospel of Peace:

What part of the body does this piece of armor cover?



When you wear good shoes, you are prepared to walk on any kind of ground. What prepares us to face anything in life? *the gospel (remember from this morning... the good news that the King is victorious! He has defeated death! He is our God and He is preparing a place for us!) When we remember the good news, we can have peace no matter what is going on.*

Let's read this verse all together...

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...
(Isaiah 52:7a)

Closing prayer: Dear King, thank You for your armor. Help us to know your truth and be protected from lies. Protect our hearts with your righteousness. And help us to be prepared to share your good news with everyone. We love You. Amen.



Wednesday Morning Cabin Devotions:

The Forgiveness of the Kingdom

Activity: *I'm Supposed to Forgive Who??!*

Counselor should secretly give the following instructions to each camper...

- 1) Have the campers sit in a line with the counselor at the end.
- 2) The camper at the front of the line sticks out his tongue at the next camper.
- 3) The 2nd camper sticks out his tongue calls the 3rd camper "booger face".
- 4) The 3rd repeats steps 2-3 and messes up the 4th camper's hair.
- 5) The 4th repeats steps 2-4 and squeezes the 5th camper's knee.
- 6) The 5th repeats steps 2-5 and says "BOO!" to the 6th camper.
- 7) The 6th repeats steps 2-6 and points at the 7th camper's shirt saying "what's that?" then flicks his nose.
- 8) The 7th repeats steps 2-7 and gives the counselor a wet willy!!!
- 9) The counselor says "I forgive you" to the 7th camper.
- 10) The 7th camper says "I forgive you" to the 6th and so on down the line.

Discussion:

Who received the most annoyances? *the counselor :P*

Who was the first person to forgive? *the counselor*

The person whom the counselor forgave then had to forgive the person next to him. Was that harder or easier than the counselor forgiving? Why? *it should be easier since less that camper received fewer annoyances that he gave to the counselor*

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-22

What is 70 x 7? *490 (some of them should be able to solve that one!)*

Could you ever keep track of forgiving someone that many times? *no way!*

What is Jesus' point? *always keep forgiving*

Scripture: Matthew 18:23-35

At the end of the story, why was the master so angry with the first slave? *the master had already forgiven the slave a huge debt, yet the slave could not forgive the other slave a small debt*

How should the first slave have treated the second slave? Why? *with forgiveness, because the master had forgiven him of so much more*

Has our King had to forgive us? Why? *yes! We committed treason because, whenever we sin, we fight on the side of the Enemy. (In our country, even today, the crime of treason is punishable by death.)*

What did it cost Him to forgive us? *He had to give His own life in exchange for ours*

If the King can forgive us, can we forgive others? *with His help, we can and we should*

Prayer Topics: help us to forgive, help us to remember Your forgiveness, safety, fun, and open hearts today



Wednesday Morning Chapel:

The Humility of the Kingdom

Key Parable: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Point: _____



Wednesday Evening Chapel:

The Growth of the Kingdom

Key Parable: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Point: _____



Wednesday Evening Cabin Devotions:

The Armor of the Kingdom – part 3

Scripture: Ephesians 6:16-17

Find the picture of the knight at the back of the notebook and label the 3 pieces of his armor that we just read about.



The Shield of Faith:

What is faith? *believing what we can't see. It's more than knowing something is true; it's also living like it's true (acting on it).*

What should we have faith in? *our King and His word, including His promises to take care of us and protect us when we obey Him.*

What does the Shield of Faith protect us from? (think about what the opposite of faith is) *doubt... this is one of the Enemy's favorite tricks: getting us to fear or not believe the King can help us*

Let's read this verse all together...

Who through faith are shielded by God's power... (1 Peter 1: 5a)



The Helmet of Salvation:

What does the helmet protect? *our heads, and ultimately our minds and thoughts.*

Once we have salvation, the King works to change our thoughts to be like His. What are examples of thoughts from the King? *kind, loving, brave thoughts. Thoughts about how to obey the King and help others.*

What are examples of thoughts from the Enemy? *fearful, angry, jealous thoughts that put ourselves ahead of the King or others. Thoughts that make us doubt the King.*

How often should we put on the helmet to protect our thoughts? *every day!*

Let's read this verse all together...

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. (Romans 12:2a, NLT)



The Sword of Spirit:

Finally, we get a weapon! What is the "sword"? *the Bible, the Word of God*

So, should we hit people with our Bibles? ☺ *no... remember, our battle is not against flesh and blood (verse 12)*

Some ways the Enemy attacks is through fear and lies. How could we use the word to fight him? *the Word reminds of God's greatness and His promises. It tells us what is true. We can destroy the Enemy's lies with the truth.*

Let's read this verse all together...

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...
(Hebrews 4:12a)

Closing prayer: Dear King, thank You for Your armor and Your word. Always give us faith in you. Help us to think thoughts that please You. Help us to know and love Your word. Please use it to win the battles in our lives. We love You. Amen.



Thursday Morning Cabin Devotions: **The Equality of the Kingdom**

Activity: Jumping Jack Jubilee

- 1) *Hold up a prize and announce that you will be giving it away for jumping jacks.*
- 2) *Tell the campers they can't start or stop doing jumping jacks until you say.*
- 3) *Tell one camper to start.*

- 4) *Wait a few moments and then tell another camper to start, etc. until all have started.*
- 5) *Almost immediately, tell the whole group to stop.*
- 6) *Give the last camper to start a prize.*
- 7) *Wait for a reaction.*
- 8) *Hand out prizes to remaining campers in reverse order that they started.*

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

How did you feel when your counselor handed out the prizes? Why?

How you think the men who worked all day in the vineyard feel? What made them feel this way? *They felt angry because they were paid the same as the late workers. Because they had worked more hours, they felt they deserved more pay.*

Could this same situation happen in the kingdom of God? *yes, it can be easy for those who have been careful to live a good life to feel that they deserve more of God's favor and blessings than others*

Was the landowner fair? Was it wrong that he gave all the workers the same pay? *Yes, he was fair. The first workers agreed to the amount they received. It was his money, so he could give away as much as he wanted to the later workers.*

What is the reward of Christians for serving our King? **1 Peter 1:3-5**
salvation, resurrection, heaven! Wow!

What was the cost of this reward? Do any of us deserve it? **Romans 3:23**
Our reward cost Jesus His life. None of us could ever deserve that!

Since none of us deserve the reward, should we be angry when the King gives the same reward to everyone who follows Him, no matter how long they served? *No. We should be overjoyed and grateful to have the reward we could never earn, and we should be happy for everyone else who also received it!*

This can be a difficult idea in real life. Read the examples below of people who haven't fully understood it...

Example 1: Sam goes to a church that claims to follow Jesus and depend on Him for salvation. However, Sam's church also teaches that, besides receiving forgiveness from Jesus, there are many other good deeds that a person needs to do in order to go to heaven. Sam works very hard to perform all of these deeds. One day, Sam saw a pastor on television talking about his meeting with a convicted serial killer just days before the killer's execution. The killer told the pastor that he had asked Jesus for forgiveness and had given his heart to Him. The pastor stated that the killer was now in heaven with Jesus. Sam angrily turned off the TV, knowing that the killer never could have gone to heaven with all the sins in his past. Besides, he never had the chance to do any good deeds for God.

How is Sam's understanding of salvation different from what Jesus taught in Matthew 20? *Sam is like the early workers. He can't comprehend that a killer would have the same reward as himself. Sam does not recognize that none of us could deserve salvation. We all need God's grace and forgiveness just as much as that serial killer.*

Compared to God's righteousness, how do even our best deeds look? *small, insignificant, dirty rags (Isaiah 64:6)*

Where do we get true righteousness? Could even a serial killer locked away on death row get this righteousness? **Philippians 3:9** *True righteousness comes only through faith in Christ and total dependence on Him. Yes, even a locked-away felon could receive this righteousness.*

Example 2: Sally has been a Christian for as long as she can remember. She goes to church every Sunday, prays every day, and she tries very hard to obey God in everything she does. She doesn't swear, doesn't cheat, and doesn't get in trouble. But Sally is starting to wonder if it's worth all the trouble. Sally's family has been praying for months that her dad will get a job, but he still hasn't found one. Sally and her brothers couldn't buy new clothes for school because her dad wasn't working. Sally is embarrassed of her old clothes and angry that everyone else in her class has new ones. She knows most of her classmates are not Christians. They don't pray or try to obey God. It seems unfair that God gives their parents jobs and money but not Sally's dad.

Should we be angry if God gives others blessings that He doesn't give us? *No, rather we should be thankful to have a God who is generous and loving toward everyone (Matthew 5:45). We were once His enemies, yet He loved us and called us to Himself. Even now, there are plenty of times we need His mercy and forgiveness.*

Just because we are followers of God, does it mean that we deserve more blessings than other people? *No. We need to keep in mind that we don't even deserve to be saved and following Him. He has already given us the ultimate blessing of eternal life!*

What is one blessing God has given to you? *have campers each share some blessing (family, home, pets, food etc.). Stress that we all have blessings we should be thankful for.*

What should we remember when we are tempted to feel that God hasn't been fair with us? **Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11** *God has good plans for our lives. If He has denied us a blessing or has allowed us to go through hardships, it is because it is part of His ultimate plan. He is always at work to conform us to his image (Romans 8:29), and He will use hard times to accomplish that purpose. Ultimately, any hardships we face will be nothing compared with the wonderful, undeserved reward we will receive (2 Corinthians 4:17).*

Prayer Topics:

- help us to remember that You have given us an awesome reward we could never

deserve

- help us not to be jealous of the blessings you give other people
- thank You for giving Your eternal life and blessings to us!



Thursday Morning Chapel: The Value of the Kingdom

Key Parable: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Point: _____



Thursday Evening Chapel: Preparing for the Kingdom

Key Parable: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Point: _____



Thursday Evening Cabin Devotions: The Armor of the Kingdom – part 4

Review: What are the six pieces of the armor of God?



Scripture: Ephesians 6:18-19

Now that you have all the armor on, it's time to enter the battle. According to what we just read, what are you supposed to do in the battle? *pray*

Battle 1: The kids at school is constantly teasing and bothering you. How can prayer help you win the battle? *God can help you to forgive and show love. He can remind you that people are not the real enemies. He can help you overcome fear. He can give you words to say in return.*

Battle 2: Your parents don't seem to treat you fairly. How can prayer help you win this battle? *God can help you love and obey your parents even when it's hard. He can you pray for your parents and work in their hearts, too. He can help you know how to talk to your parents in a loving, respectful way.*

Let's read this verse all together...

Pray constantly. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

How often should we pray? *all the time! We don't have to wait until mealtime or bedtime or church. God wants to talk with us and help us anytime!*

Closing prayer: Dear King, thank You for always hearing our prayers. Thank you that You want to talk with us and help us any time. Please help us to remember to pray whenever we face a battle. We love You. Amen.



Friday Morning Cabin Devotions: **Praying for the Kingdom**

Review:

After we put on our armor, what is our job?

How often should we pray?

Scripture: Jesus' closest friends asked Him how to pray. Here is the example He gave them (let's read it together)...

⁹"This, then, is how you should pray:

***" 'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,***

***¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done***

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

¹²Forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

(Matthew 6:9-13, NIV)

What does Jesus tell us to ask for in verse 11? *our daily needs... a reminder that we must rely on God for all things*

What does He remind us to do in verse 12? *forgive others because He forgave us*

What does verse 13 tell us to ask the King for? *protection from evil (like His armor provides)*

Let's look back at verse 10. What does Jesus tell us we should be asking for? *the kingdom to come*

Is the Kingdom of God coming? *the Kingdom is already here, but it will come in finality when Jesus comes back*

Is there anything anyone can do to stop it from coming? *nope!*

So why does Jesus tell us to pray for it to come? *For one thing, He wants us to keep in mind that He's returning and to look forward to that day. But He also wants us to live for the kingdom every day. He wants the kingdom to become more of a reality in our own hearts. He wants us to share the kingdom with the people around us. In our attitudes and lives, His kingdom should be coming closer every day.*

We've learned a lot about the kingdom of God this week, and our goal should be to allow Him to spread that kingdom, in our own hearts and in the lives of the people around us.

Each day we need to put on God's armor, allowing Him to protect us from the lies and distractions of the enemy. We also need to remember that way we fight is through prayer.

The best part of all is that King Jesus has already won the victory! He is coming back soon, and we should be joyfully sharing His good news with others and inviting them to join in the celebration!!

Before we go home today, let's take some time to pray for each other...

For the sake of time, it will probably be best to figure out a structured way for your group to pray together. For example, sit in a circle and have each camper share one prayer request. After all have shared, each camper will pray for the camper on his right. (Assure the campers that this doesn't have to be a long prayer. Something short, simple, and honest is great.) Pray around the circle, each camper praying for the next, and the counselor can pray last and close the prayer time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Friday Morning Chapel:
The Return of the King

Key Parable: _____

Key Passages: _____

Key Point: _____
