

Ready God's Kingdom



What is a kingdom?

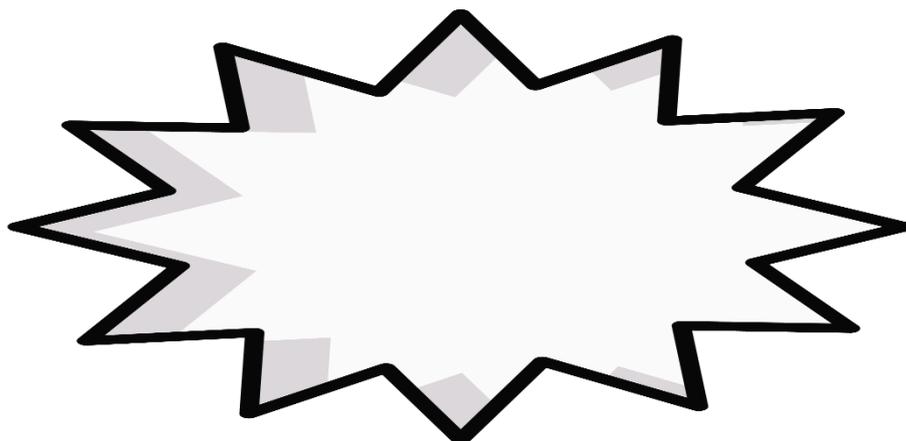
It's a place a King or Queen rules over. We have a Queen who rules over our country.

God's kingdom is a little bit different.

It is ANYWHERE or ANYONE where God has been put in charge and His plans are followed



If you were King or Queen for a day, what choices would you make? What rules would you make? Write them in the starburst

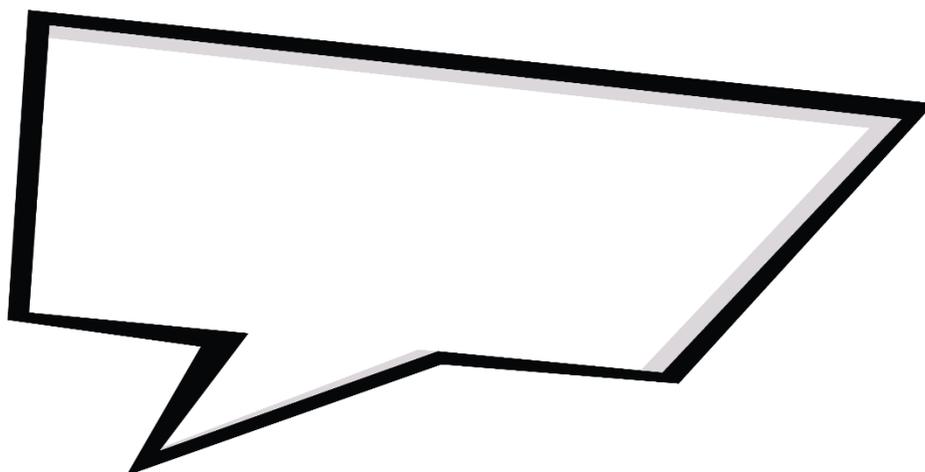


Use your Bible to find this verse:

Matthew 6: 9-10



What did Jesus teach us to pray for? Write or draw it in the bubble here:

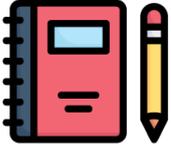


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God wants His Kingdom to be in the heart of every person on the earth. Our choices should be His choices. Our words should be His words. His Kingdom on earth should look like His Kingdom in heaven. That means that deciding who is in charge of our lives is important.



Circle the things in this list that someone with God ruling in their hearts would do and put a cross on the things that God would not choose for them to do.

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| Share things | Be unkind to brothers and sisters | Tell people that Jesus loves them |
| Moan and complain | Pray | Read their Bible |
| Help someone who is lonely or hurt | Be grumpy | Always tell the truth |
| Do what Mum and Dad say | Talk about other people behind their backs | Work hard |

The things you crossed out are called **sins** because they are against God's way of doing things, they are not part of His kingdom.

Think for a minute...

Is God's Kingdom ruling in your life?



Have you chosen to put Him in charge of your life or are you making all the choices and are you in charge?



If you're not sure, chat to God now about it and tell him you are sorry for the sins you have done, the wrong things you have done and said. Thank Him for sending Jesus to die for you and rise again so you can be close to God again. Ask God to forgive you and to help you live with Jesus as your king, so

He is in charge of your life now and always.

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If you have already prayed for Jesus to be king of your life, then you are a Christian and that means He makes the choices, and you follow what He wants you to do.

That's fantastic!! He loves you and His instructions for us are to only do us good and live our life the best way we can for Him



When Jesus rules our hearts, our minds, and our actions then we will be different. It's like having a new body that does things a different way. We now only want to do what God wants and what is good for us. We call it "being born again". That does not mean you go back into your Mum and get born as a baby! No more nappies and mashed up food for you!

Your spirit is what is reborn. **You are a new creation.** You have been crafted into a new person!!

2 Corinthians 5: 17 says

*anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*



You are given a new heart inside. Not a real heart like in an operation but a heart that cares for people like God does, that wants to do what He wants and that is kind and thoughtful and puts other people before yourself.

God has a better way for us to live:

Close to Him and where we always want to do things, He has planned for us to do.

Let's pray together now and ask Jesus to be in charge of our hearts, minds, and actions:



Jesus, thank you that you love me and have fantastic plans for my life. Please be in charge of my choices and what I do. I want to make you the most important part of my life. Please make me more like you. Amen

Now ask Him this question: Jesus, please show me how much you love me? Please show me what my life looks like with you being number 1. Then sit and listen for about 30 seconds. What did He tell you?

