

Two Kingdoms

The Two Kingdoms illustration outlines a simple explanation of the gospel ("good news") that Jesus preached during His earthly ministry. It is imperative that we understand both the message of the gospel of the kingdom, as well as our responsibility to proclaim the gospel.

*"for he has rescued us from the **dominion of darkness** and brought us into the **kingdom of the Son** he loves"*
- Colossians 1:13 -

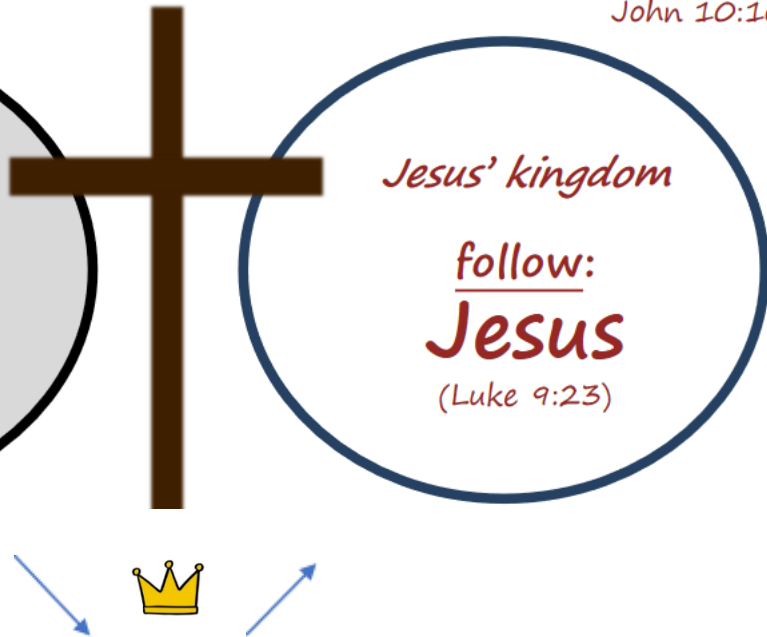
Death

John 10:10a



Life

John 10:10b



How to Share the Two Kingdoms Story

- Begin by drawing the circle on the left. We are all born into a world that has been broken. In the beginning, God created everything on the earth and he even created Adam and Eve to live in a perfect world of his love. Adam and Eve were supposed to live in the Kingdom of Light with God. But, because of their choice to disobey God, they were kicked out of the Kingdom of Light and forced into another kingdom called the Kingdom of Darkness.
- Describe the Kingdom of Darkness. It is a place that is ruled by Satan and in this kingdom, you are encouraged to follow the world, or Satan, or yourself. It is a place of problems and pain and many people try to escape their situation through money, success, family, religion, etc. But, none of these things can remove you from the Kingdom of Darkness.
- Now draw the circle on the right. God's plan from the beginning was for humanity to live in the Kingdom of Light. In this kingdom, Jesus is Lord and ruler. It is a kingdom of peace and freedom from the slavery of sin. The citizens of this kingdom follow Jesus as king and they try to live like him.
- Now compare the two kingdoms. In the Kingdom of Light, you experience love, but in the Kingdom of Darkness there is only hate. In the Kingdom of Light, there is freedom, but in the Kingdom of Darkness you live in slavery. In the Kingdom of Light, you are filled with peace, but in the Kingdom of Darkness you feel anger. In the Kingdom of Light, you know the power of God, but in the Kingdom of Darkness, fear is everywhere. Lastly, in the Kingdom of Light there is life, and in the Kingdom of Darkness there is death.

- Now make the presentation personal. Ask the person, “Which kingdom do you think you are in right now?” “Which kingdom would you like to live in?” No matter what the answer to the first question, if they answer to the second question “I want to be in the Kingdom of Light,” then you tell them the good news.
- Draw the cross between the two circles. The good news is God had a rescue plan all along. He sent his only son, Jesus, to bring us back into the Kingdom of Light. Jesus came to Earth and lived a life without sin (draw the arrow coming down). He lived an obedient life, never falling for the lies that come from the Kingdom of Darkness. He told people that he was God. This made some happy, but others very mad. The religious rulers of the day were upset by the things Jesus was saying, so they had Jesus beaten and crucified. They buried him, but he rose on the third day showing his victory over sin, death, and hell (draw the arrow going up). He could have stopped the punishment because he truly was God, but he willingly went to die on the cross for each of our sins. If we repent of our sin and trust only in him, he will become our king (draw the crown). We will be forgiven and can once again be a part of the Kingdom of Light.
- Close with this: “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’” (John 14:6). If we desire to be a part of the Kingdom of Light, it must be through faith in Jesus Christ only. When we place our faith and trust in Jesus only, the Bible says we are rescued from darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of Light. We traded our hatred for love, our slavery for freedom, our anger for peace, our fear for the power of God, and our death for life. Would you like to receive Jesus today and move from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of Light?
- Let them respond. If they are ready, then let them pray a prayer of repentance and faith to be born again. If they are not ready, then pray for them and look for another time to talk more with them and help them understand the gospel.