

## God's word

### Designed for the Kingdom

There is something powerful in the story of a great king. What a joy to teach our family that we serve the living King – His name is Jesus! We can fight to defend His kingdom, waging war against the forces of darkness. One way we do battle is through prayer. In prayer, we help deliver souls out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of His marvelous light (Colossians 1:13–14).



### Revelation 17:14 (NKJV)

*"... for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."*

## Study it

Elijah's encounter with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel displays light triumphing over darkness. As a family, read 1 Kings 18:16–39. How did God respond to Elijah's prayer? What was God displaying to the prophets of Baal? To the people of Israel?

## Experience it

► At mealtime, begin the tradition of making this toast: "To our King ... and to His kingdom!" This will be an ongoing reminder of God's rule in your family and of your desire to serve Him. Make the toast wholeheartedly and with gusto!

► Think of some people you know that may not be following Jesus. Write their names on slips of paper and place them in a jar. Each day, take a name from the jar and pray earnestly that they would follow and serve Jesus as King.

## Discuss it

- 1 How did Jesus come to earth the first time? (Luke 2:7) How will He return? (Revelation 19:11–16)
- 2 Is God's kingdom a physical place, like a castle? What is His kingdom?
- 3 How can we fight battles "on our knees"? (Colossians 1:13–14)

## Map it

Create a timeline to hang under your map. Mark on the timeline when Jesus was on earth, today's date and, at the end of the timeline, when Jesus will come again as King. Show that we are living in a time that Jesus is waiting for as many people as possible to follow Him as King (2 Peter 3:9). Pray for people who do not yet know Jesus as King.