

# Jesus Is King

## *(Triumphal Entry: baby-preschool lesson)*

Bible Passage: Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11;  
Luke 19:28–38

### PARENT DEVO:

Hey parents - check out this timely encouragement that was intended to go along with our curriculum's weekly lesson! We hope it reminds you to trust in and respond to Jesus as your King, then teach your children to do the same.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, the people shouted "Hosanna," which means "save now." They wanted Jesus to save them politically, economically, and militarily. It's no wonder that as the week progressed and they realized what kind of a king Jesus came to be, they turned against Him.

I must admit that there are times when I'm not so different from the people of Jesus' day. When things don't go the way I feel they should, I'm disappointed in my King, and there's a tendency in my heart to call it quits. The definition of a king is "a male ruler of a kingdom." The truth is, at times I want Jesus to be the ruler of *my* kingdom! I want Him to follow *my* agenda and make things happen in my life the way I want.

When the Jewish people realized Jesus' agenda wasn't political, national, or material, but was instead eternal, their cry changed from "Hosanna" to "Crucify Him." I may not be yelling, "Crucify Him," but do I make time for my King each day? Do I pray for His kingdom to come, for His will to be done? I'm often uncomfortable relinquishing the control of my life to Jesus. I lose perspective and forget that my king is King Jesus. He loves me and will work all things together for good.

Jesus Christ came to die for my sins. If His salvation were a solitary act, it would be more than enough to merit my loyalty, affection, and devotion for all eternity. If He never does another thing for me, if He never gives another blessing to me, He has already done enough for me to recognize and honor Him as my King!

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### EXPLORE

*During Explore, your kids engage in fun, creative activities designed to pique their curiosity about the day's portion of The Big God Story*

### Where Are the Jewels?

Sometimes kings wear crowns with jewels on them. As kids learn that Jesus is King, they search for items

in a sensory bin.

### SUPPLIES

- Sensory bin full of rice, beans or anything else fun to “dig” through
- Jewels, coins, rocks, buttons, or other “jewels/treasures”
- Your imagination!

### SET UP

Place the bin on the table or floor.

### RELATE

Have kids search in the bin. **Who wears a crown?** Interact with answers. **Sometimes there are jewels on crowns. Use your imagination - Inside this bin there are jewels (or other treasures) hidden in the rice. Let’s go on a treasure hunt together and find the jewels.**

## OR

### SUPPLIES

- Jewels, coins, rocks, buttons, or other small household items

### SET UP

Hide the jewels, coins, rocks, buttons, or other small household items around the room.

### RELATE

**Who wears a crown?** Interact answers. **Sometimes there are jewels on crowns. Inside this room there are jewels (coins, rocks, buttons, or other small household items) hidden. Let’s go on a treasure hunt together and find the jewels.**

## Connect Question:

As a family, answer this question together: Who is your king?

## THE BIG GOD STORY

This week’s Big God Story is available on our Facebook page - check out the video and watch it together!

Remember Verse:

*“I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.” Psalms 89:1*

Practice this verse together - say it quietly, then loudly! Use hand motions! Talk about what the words mean. Make it fun!

## RESPOND

**Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through worship, creative activities, and games.**

# Wonder Questions

**For babies/toddlers (lead them in asking and answering the question... repeat a few times and they may begin answering the question by themselves! When finished, clap and cheer for your child!**

- I wonder... Who is King? (palms out/shrug shoulders) Jesus is King! (point upwards "to Jesus")
- I wonder... Who can praise Jesus? (palms out/shrug shoulders) I can praise Jesus! (point to self)

**For preschoolers**

- I wonder... Who is the King who can save all people?
- I wonder... What did the people shout to Jesus?
- I wonder... Why did they praise Jesus?
- I wonder... What are some ways that YOU can praise Jesus?

## Jesus Is King

Kids decorate a crown to help them remember that Jesus is King.

### SUPPLIES

- Decorate Your Own Crowns (print a crown template or draw one on a sheet of paper)
- Paper
- Scissors (optional)
- Markers/crayons/art supplies

### RELATE

**Today we learned that Jesus is King. Even though Jesus didn't wear a crown in this part of The Big God Story, we're going to decorate one to help us remember that Jesus is King.** Have each kid decorate a crown.

## Where Is the Crown?

As kids remember that Jesus is King, have them take turns hiding and searching for a crown.

### SUPPLIES

- Decorated paper crown or toy crown, tiara, wand, hat, etc. from home

### SET UP

Hide the crown (or any "royal" item somewhere in the room.

### RELATE

**I've hidden a crown (or royal item) somewhere in this room. We're all going to work together to try to find it. Whoever finds it first will get to hide it again while everyone else closes his eyes. Are you ready to find the crown? Let's start looking.** Have kids find the crown, helping if needed. For more fun, have the kids hide the item in the room!

## Pass the Crown

Kids play a game where they pass a crown/royal item around in a circle (or just pass it back and forth!) until the music stops and whoever is holding the crown/royal item shouts, "Jesus is King!"

### **SUPPLIES**

- Decorated paper crown or toy crown, tiara, wand, hat, etc. from home
- Music

### **RELATE**

Sit in a circle. **When Jesus came riding into town on a donkey, He didn't look like a king. Jesus didn't wear a fancy robe or a fancy crown. But Jesus is a very special King because He is God and He is always with us.**

**We're going to play a game where we pass the crown/royal item around. When the music stops, whoever is holding the crown will shout, "Jesus is King!"** Start and stop the music at various times while they pass around the crown.

## **BLESS**

*Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.*

Gather your family around you and pray this blessing over them:

**Children, may you always know that Jesus is King every day and every night.**

Open a Bible and read Psalm 10:16a:

The LORD is King forever and ever.