

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

24 November 2024 - Year B

"You say that I am a king."

Something to Think About

Are there any kings and queens living in the world today? Where do they live? What do they do? Can you name a fairy tale about a king or queen? Describe the king or queen.

The Story

Today's gospel shows us what sort of a king Jesus is, although his kingdom is not of this world. As Jesus talks with Pontius Pilate, he shows himself to be peaceful, fair and honest. Jesus tells Pilate that he came into this world to tell people about the truth of God's kingdom.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

18:33-37

Pilate called Jesus over and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus answered,

"Are you asking this on your own or did someone tell you about me?"

"You know I'm not a Jew!" Pilate said.

"Your own people and the chief priests brought you to me.

What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom doesn't belong to this world. If it did, my followers would have fought to keep me from being handed over to you. No, my kingdom does not belong to this world."

"So you are a king," Pilate replied.

"You are saying that I am a king," Jesus told him.

"I was born into this world to tell about the truth.

And everyone who belongs to the truth knows my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch a video and sing along:

[Jesus is the King](#)



Group Discussion

Talk together about what the 'kingdom' of Jesus could or should look like today. Will it be a place of peace and harmony? Will there be poor, hungry and homeless people? Will each person have someone to love them?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will be people of compassion. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those feel like they don't belong. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will build up God's kingdom through our words and actions. Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for our families and friends and everyone we love. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will listen for the voice of Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



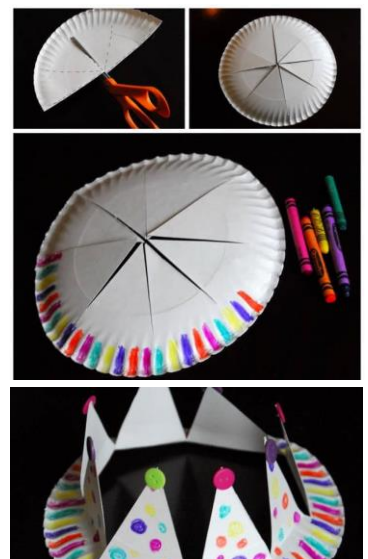
Jesus our King,
Help us to be like you,
to listen to your truth
and to build up your kingdom of
love and peace on earth.
Amen.

Group Activity

JESUS IS THE KING

You will need: a paper plate for each child (flimsy paper plates work best), coloured markers, scissors. Optional: decorative beads, mini pom-poms or coloured buttons, craft glue.

1. Fold the paper plate and divide each half into four triangles like a pizza. (see image)
2. Cut along the lines with the plate folded. Unfold the plate to make the final two cuts.
3. Children decorate the paper plate with markers and other decorative items. You may wish to glue a pom-pom or button at the tip of each triangular piece.
4. Fold the triangles up into place.
5. Children can wear the crowns on their heads as they sing "Jesus is the King" one more time!





Cut out the figure of Jesus and glue it on the cross.

Cut out and glue the crown on his head.

Now write the word “KING” on the sign above his head.

**JESUS
SAID:
I AM A
KING!**

