



# Jesus is King!

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*Teaching children Jesus is King is powerful because they will learn about their legal right to have dominion over Satan. Combined with armour, swords and castles, it's irresistible! This lesson will arm the children with the knowledge and ability to conquer here on earth until King Jesus returns.*

## Set the Scene:

*A castle is great! Use large cardboard boxes like a fridge box from a white goods store. A drawbridge that lowers to reveal a story title, song or memory verse is fun. The castle can also be used for the Super Sunday: 'God's Kingdom'.*



## Fanfare!

As the children enter arrange for a trumpeting fanfare to be played. It creates an atmosphere of excitement. I used a You Tube clip.

## Town Crier:

*Ask a volunteer to become a Town Crier. Dress them in a tricorne hat and fancy coat or vest, or even a sash, and have them ring a bell before making any announcements. (You can make your own tricorne using an old floppy hat and spray glue. Rosettes, braid and plumes can hide any messy bits. ) Use the Town Crier character again and again to help with any instructions or announcements, or even to gather the children before Kid's Church begins. After the Fanfare and the children are seated the Town Crier opens a scroll and reads:*

## Proclamation:

O Yea

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All *(name of Kids Ministry)* draw near

And harken unto these words...

Ye are bid welcome

On this day of our Lord, *(fill in date)*

Be it known the rules of the Kingdom of *(Kids Ministry name)*

Rule 1 Respect God *(or put in your own rules)*

Rule 2 Respect Others

Rule 3 Respect Yourself

Be there any visitors? *(Town Crier ad lib)*

Be there any birthdays? *(Town Crier ad lib)*

Now it is time to pay your tribute to the King *(offering and more ad lib)*

God Save the Queen! *(Elizabeth II at time of writing)*

## Song Suggestions:

- Stand Together (Kingdom Rock VBS)
- Jesus is the King (Maranatha Kids)
- Jesus is Coming Back Soon (Little Songbirds)

## Visuals for Flashcards or PowerPoint:

**Visual 1:** A crown

**Visual 2:** Adam in the Garden of Eden

**Visual 3:** The temptation and Fall of Man/Banished

**Visual 4:** Jesus (on earth)

**Visual 5:** Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness (showing Jesus all the kingdoms)

**Visual 6:** Man lowered through the roof (Mark 2:1-12)

**Visual 7:** Demon possessed man delivered (Mark 5:1-20)

**Visual 8:** Jesus raises Lazarus (John 11:1.45)

**Visual 9:** Jesus on the cross.

**Visual 10:** Jesus risen from the dead

**Visual 11:** Christians praying for the sick (21<sup>st</sup> Century)

**Visual 12:** Jesus returning.

**Visual 13:** Child receiving Jesus

## Lesson:

**Visual 1:** Do you know what the word DOMINION means? It means sovereignty or control. In other words if you have dominion over something, you have control or supreme power and authority over it. Wow, that's a pretty powerful position to be in. And that's why sometimes there's a war over countries or people. Because somebody wants to be the supreme power over them.

**Visual 2:** In the Garden of Eden God told Adam to 'have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' God gave Adam supreme power over everything He had created. Adam even got to name the animals!

**Visual 3:** Sadly, Adam gave away his dominion, his control and authority, when he and Eve disobeyed God. Because of Adam's sin, Satan (or the Devil) became the ruler of this world. (John 12:31) Satan is an evil and wicked ruler. He is only interested in destroying everyone and everything. Satan makes people sick and diseased. He tempts people to sin. He blinds people so they can't see Jesus. Satan lies and he kills. How can this terrible ruler have his dominion taken away?

**Visual 4:** Did you know Jesus is called the **second Adam**? God sent Him to the earth to take back dominion and save everyone from Satan's evil control.

**Visual 5:** Satan knew who Jesus was. Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. After not eating for 40 days and 40 nights, he was hungry. Satan tried his best to tempt Jesus in every area. (Matthew 4:1-11) Satan took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' You see? This world was his domain. Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord you God, and serve him only.' Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended Jesus. (Verse 10.) Adam was tempted by Satan and sinned. Jesus, the second Adam, was tempted by Satan, but did not sin!

**Visual 6:** Jesus has dominion over sickness. He healed many people. (Mark 2:1-12)

**Visual 7:** Jesus had dominion over demons. He delivered many people. (Mark 5:1-120)

**Visual 8:** Jesus had dominion over death. Remember the story of Lazarus? (John 11:1-45)

**Visual 9:** When Jesus was nailed to the cross and died, Satan thought he'd finally got rid of Him. Satan thought he would reign over people again without interference. But he was so very wrong!

**Visual 10:** God raised Jesus from the dead! Jesus returned to heaven where he'd come from. But before He left He said something very important...'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...' (Matthew 28:18-20) and '**I have given you authority** to trample on snakes and scorpions and to **overcome all the power of the enemy**; nothing will harm you.' (Luke 10:19).

**Visual 11:** The first Adam lost dominion (control and authority). Jesus, the second Adam, got it back. Then Jesus gave every believer dominion, authority and control. **Now we can heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead! We have dominion.**

**Visual 12:** King Jesus is back on His throne in Heaven. But King Jesus will return one day. His return is called the Second Coming. He came once as a Baby in a stable. He's coming again as King in power and glory to defeat evil and rule. (Acts 1:11 Titus 2:13)

**Visual 13:** We have to be ready for King Jesus to return any second! Remember the fanfare we had before? The Bible says angels will come back with Jesus and they will come with a loud sound of the trumpet. Now, that will be a fanfare! (Matthew 16:27, 24:31, 25:31) Are you ready for the return of King Jesus? Do you belong to His kingdom?

## Ministry to the Children

Jesus wants you out of Satan's kingdom and into His kingdom and He's made it easy. (Altar call)

**Pray:** Jesus, I have been living in Satan's kingdom, even if I didn't know it. But I ask to belong to Your kingdom right now. Thank you for dying on the Cross for me. Thank you for conquering sin and death. For conquering sickness. I receive you now as my King. I move into Your Kingdom! Help me to live for you. Help me be ready for Your Second Coming. Amen.

# Memory Verse: A Quest!

Philippians 2:9-11

...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord...

Design a Memory Verse Quest. Children accomplish tasks to receive a word of the verse. I used a play archery set to shoot at a word. A Princess was saved (\$3 Kmart doll or you could use one of your volunteers) by climbing a mountain, a plastic sword was used to remove rubber snakes from a path. You get the idea!

## Game: Kingpin

You will need lots of plastic or foam balls. Ten plastic cones and two mats to represent dungeons. The objective is to knock over all the opposing team's cones OR put all the opposing team in the dungeon. Each team has five cones which are placed ten metres from a centre line. Each team uses a mat as their dungeon. All the balls are lined up on the centre line.

Teams line up behind their cones. On 'go' the teams rush the centre line to gain control of the balls. After a countdown from five, the teams throw the balls in an attempt to knock over the opposing team's cones. The first team to knock down all the opposing team's pins wins.

Another way to win is to throw the balls at opposing team members, sending them to your dungeon. Another way to send the opposing team members to your dungeon is by intercepting a ball they have thrown (caught on the full). If a prisoner in the dungeon catches a ball thrown by one of their own team members, all the prisoners walk free from the dungeon, back to their own side.

## Craft: Royal Banner

Photocopy the banner onto white card. Give every child a banner to colour and decorate. If you want to keep as a room decoration, sticky tape a straw to the top, so you can thread string or fishing line through it.



Jesus!

King of kings

Lord of lords