

Kids Ministry - Liturgical Resources
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, November 21, 2021
Solemnity of Christ the King

First Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

Psalm: #93

Second Reading: Revelations 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33b-37

Theme: Jesus, our king is coming, robed in majesty, and we are called to make him our King.

Commentary:

Today we celebrate Jesus as our King. Being a king is different than being the prime minister of a country. A prime minister is elected by the people, but a king is born to be a king. Have you seen the movie "The Lion King?" As a lion, Simba was born to be the "King of the Beasts." Simba was anxious to become king because he wanted to tell everyone else what to do, but didn't want anyone telling him what to do. That is a poor idea of what it means to be a king. A good king is more concerned with caring for and looking after, the needs of his people than he is in being served.

During His last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if He was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, who was only interested in doing the will of God, his father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is in heaven, not on this earth. Jesus is a king who serves with humility and meekness, seeking out the lowly and forgotten.

The good news is that through our Baptism, we are sons and daughters of the king, who share in this identity of service and mercy. Jesus came to earth to make a way for us to live with him in heaven.

He can't wait to be your king! Will you crown him as your king today? In this last week of the liturgical year, show gratitude to God for sending us Jesus to be our Lord and King, by loving those we are called to serve in imitation of Jesus Christ, our King.

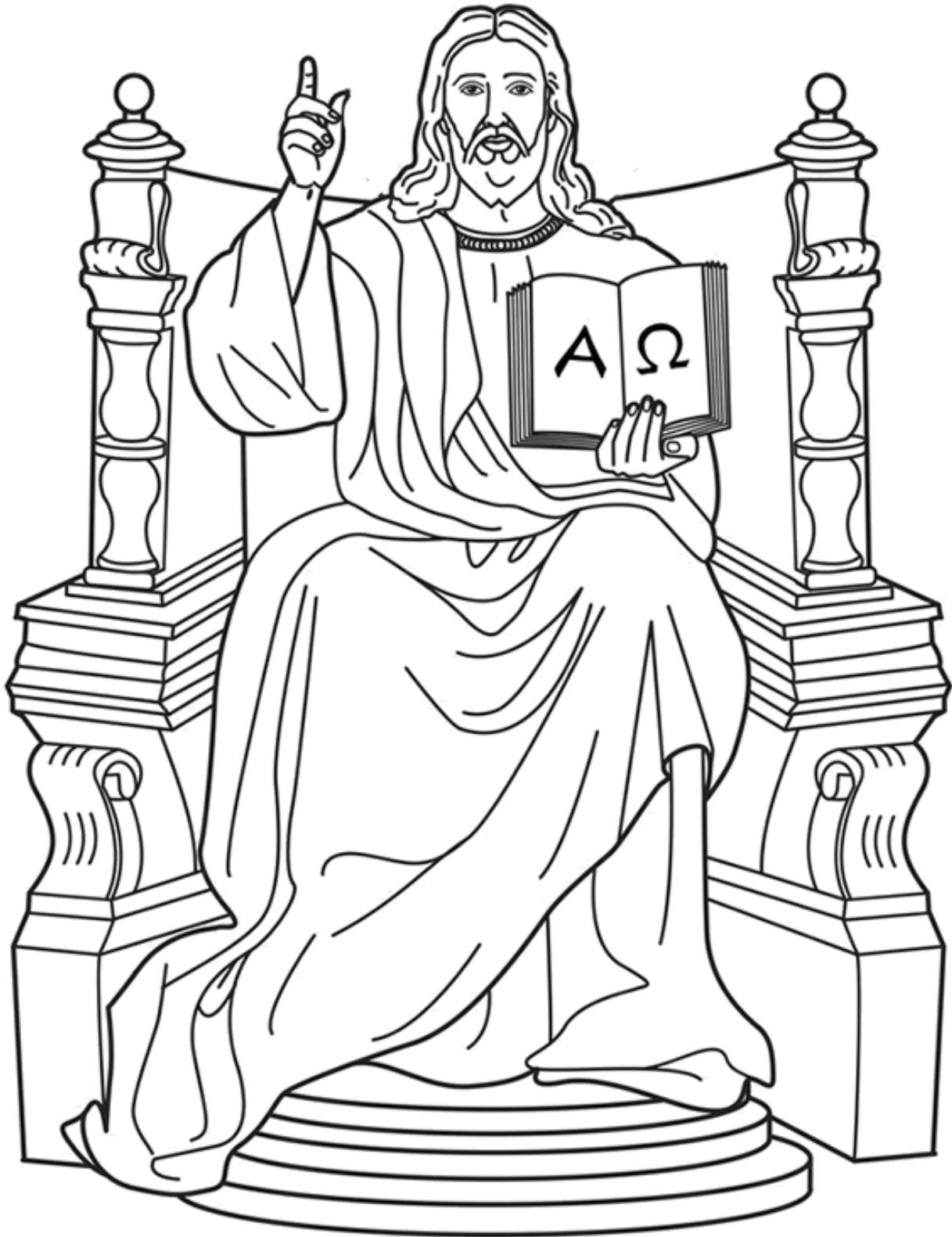
Discussion starters:

1. Who do you know that wears a crown? (a King or Queen)
2. What makes a good King? (strong, powerful, brave, caring, protector, the boss/has authority) Do you know any Kings? (Mufasa or Simba from the Lion King, other comic and mythical kings)
3. Discuss concrete ways to be loving to those we are called to serve in imitation of Jesus Christ, our King? (use kind words, be helpful to parents/siblings, listen and do as they are asked at home, in school...)
4. Will you crown Jesus as your King today? Below is a prayer to give Jesus permission be your King.

REMINDER: Prepare your Advent wreath and bring it to be blessed at Mass on November 27/28th. See "Advent to Epiphany Resources" for instructions.

Prayer for Families: Jesus Christ, King of eternity, open our eyes to see the way our lives follow you from loving service into eternal life and love. Draw us into an eternal perspective, that we would see the moments of our lives spilling out grace from heaven. Make us builders of your kingdom on earth that we might love with you into eternity. Amen.

Colouring Page, family activities and craft: Pages 2-4 below



Christ the King

Family Activity Idea Choices

CROWN CRAFT:

The children each make a crown, decorate it, and write KING OF KINGS on it. (See pattern page 4)

1. Before hand, print out the crown pattern and cut it out. Trace it onto gold poster board.
2. Place the pattern along the bottom center of the poster board. The pattern only shows one half of the crown so you will need to turn the pattern over and trace the other half to form the entire crown. Use the head band to add length to the crown according to the age of the children. Use the short side of the poster board (22 inches) if you have younger children. You may need to use the long side for older children. Four crowns can be made with one piece of poster board. Cut out the first crown and use it as a pattern for the rest of the crowns.
3. Have the children decorate their crowns with sequins, glitter, and whatever you can find to make a crown "fit for the King."

KINGLY ROLE PLAY:

Cover a chair with pretty material or a sheet. Place a CROWN on the chair to make the chair look like a KING's chair. Take turns being the king and putting on a ROBE and CROWN.

KINGLY POSTER:

Take turns using bright coloured markers to write names of JESUS - KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS, ALMIGHTY GOD, SERVANT; FRIEND, MASTER, SAVIOUR, etc. on a poster board. Display it in your home!

KINGLY SASH:

Purchase some wide ribbon and have each child use coloured markers to write JESUS IS KING OF MY LIFE, and could wear it as a sash when they leave! (If ribbon is not available, sashes could be made from strips of paper cut from butcher paper.)

OBEYING THE KING:

The children will take turns coming to the parent (dressed in a KING's crown) who will tell the child a fun activity to perform such as shine my shoes, clap your hands 5 times, hop around on one foot, say your name very fast three times.

KINGLY DRESS UP:

Have some dress up items, such as purple cloth, jewelry, etc. and let the children dress up and then show the family their KINGLY clothes before sitting to hear today's Bible story!

CROSS AND CROWN:

Children will cut out a crown traced onto a piece of paper and decorate or colour the crown. (See the CROWN CRAFT above.) They will then glue together two coloured and glittered craft sticks to form a cross. (It might be best if the parent did this using a hot glue gun.) The cross is then attached to the back edge of the crown using tape or glue. The cross and crown is placed on their dresser or a table in their room to remind them that CHRIST IS KING!

SING A CHANT:

Let children SING a song the parent can have them say after her/him... such as JESUS IS MY KING, THAT IS WHY I SING, JESUS IS MY KING, TO ME HE'S EVERYTHING, etc. Children can add their own words to rhyme, if desired.

Crown Pattern

