

Kids Connect Lesson

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Response Activities

Jesus is King

Bible Passages: Matthew 2:1-12

Remember Verse:

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

Zephaniah 3:17a

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoy this bonus material, it includes discussion questions and activities designed as additional ways to connect with the story videos. It is our intention with both the videos and these activities to include different elements for the various age levels of kids who will be participating in these lessons. Each week we are drawing from curriculums designed for different age levels from preschool-4th grade, to help make this happen. We understand that not every element will apply to every age, but it is our hope that each family will be able to draw out those elements they can tailor to the children in their families. It is our prayer that this lesson, the kids' videos and the live steam service will help open up conversation in your household and provide a way for your entire family to engage with God's word!

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PRESCHOOL: Praise Him

SUPPLIES

- disposable cups
- beans
- foil
- rubber bands

RELATE

God pointed the wise men to Jesus the King. When the wise men found Him in Bethlehem, they worshipped Jesus. One way we can worship God is by singing and playing instruments. Today, let's make instruments and sing to God with a praise song that I think will sound familiar to you. Pass out supplies and invite the children to place the beads in their cups. Then help them cover the opening of their cups with foil and wrap the rubber bands around the foil to hold it in place. Lead children in the following song (to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"):

**Twinkle, twinkle, great bright star,
wise men came from very far.
God showed them the way to come.
They brought gifts to give to Him.
Twinkle, twinkle, great bright star,
wise men came from very far.**

Repeat several times. Add the shakers and movement as you sing. **Praising God is so much fun! And God loves to hear from us! We learned a special song today. Now you can make up your very own song to worship God and thank Him for sending Jesus our king.**

ELEMENTARY: Humble Crown

SUPPLIES

- Crown Template
- Glue
- "Earthy" objects (examples: sand or dirt, sticks, rocks, etc.)
- Items for decorating crown (examples: sequins, stickers, ribbon, etc)

RELATE

When Jesus came to earth, He did not come to a palace or a wealthy family. He was born into a poor family and placed in a manger. He didn't have a crown on his head, and yet the magi came and worshipped Him as royalty and God pointed the way for them to find Jesus the King.

Even though Jesus is King, He humbled Himself, meaning He made Himself lower than a king, and became a human being who walked on the earth. Later, He died on a cross. Through His death and rising again, He made the way for us to be in relationship with God. The Bible says, "God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that 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, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9–11).

Let's make a crown to remind us that Jesus is King and that He came to earth to save everyone who believes in Him.

Invite children to decorate the crown by gluing various items on the template. The children can also write key words or phrases about Jesus around the crown. Once finished, ask: How does it feel to know that King Jesus was once a young child here on earth? How do you want to worship Jesus as your King this week?

BLESS

May you know that Jesus is King—over the world and over your life. May you praise Him and trust Him to guide you.

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