

Teach Me to Worship

THIS MONTH
We Will...



Learn

Week One—The King: Our Triumphant Teacher

Week Two—The King: Our Sacrificial Lamb

Week Three—The King: Our Conquering Hero

Week Four—The King: Our Lord and Friend

Read

- John 12:12–19
- Luke 24:13–35
- Exodus 12:1–30
- John 3:16, 15:13–15;
1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

Sing

- When I Survey the
Wonderous Cross

Memorize

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55–57

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The King: Our Lord and Friend

SUPPLIES

Needed



TO PRINT:

- Large Memory Verse to hold up (1 copy)*
- Symbols coloring sheet (1 copy/child and crayons/markers)

TO GATHER:

- Hymnal/lyrics for songs* (*Optional: guitar or music to sing along with*)
- Basket for offering*
- All 7 props needed for 'Hearing the Word' lesson (crown, globe, angel/star, hammer, bread, cross, rock)

OPTIONAL:

- Kid's Activity Sheet (1 copy/child)
- Elements of Worship Icons* (*Found in the introduction section.*)

*These items will be needed every week.

LEADER'S Review

In the Ancient Near-East there was an agreement called a treaty which was an agreement between a ruler and the people he ruled. The ruler would create a contract to ensure peace in his land for the people.

To ensure peace there were some requirements—the people had to follow certain rules. If they followed the rules there would be peace and great blessings. Basically, they wouldn't die. But, if they didn't follow the rules, there would be punishment on them. They would die. Both sides would go into agreement towards this end, even though it was little sacrifice on the part of the ruler.

The Israelites were aware of these types of treaties. They knew of cruel, harsh rulers who would make it impossible to keep the covenants established. They could have lived in utter fear of this God who had come to Abraham. But, there was a great difference with this Ruler and his treaties. All of the punishments were directed at the Ruler.

God was unwilling to give up the connection he had with his people even if they disobeyed. So, he promised no matter what, he would be their God and they would be his people—even if it meant God's own death. No other ruler would give of his own life to make sure the treaty held. Yet, we have a New Covenant to live by—one that no longer waits and hopes for the fulfillment. We know the fulfillment and we wait for the final days of great celebration, feasting with the lamb!

*Death cannot keep its Prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!*

(Verse from "Up From the Grave He Arose")





Reading of the Word

Read Scripture. (1-2 minutes)

John 3:16

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (ESV)

John 15:13–15

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. (ESV)

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (ESV)



Prayer

Have a prayer of thanksgiving that God sent his Son Jesus to save us. (1-2 minutes)



Hearing the Word

Teach the lesson to the children using the text below as a guide. (6-9 minutes for lesson; 10-15 minutes for activity)

Last week we studied the Passover of the Israelites in Egypt. What did that have to do with Easter? ***(The Passover meal was the last supper Jesus had with his disciples. Jesus became the final Passover lamb. The blood of Jesus frees us just as the lamb’s blood freed the Israelites from the wrath of God that came upon the Egyptians.)*** Why is the Easter story so important to us in the church? Do you realize the reason we worship on Sunday is to celebrate every week that Jesus rose from the grave on the first day of the week? Every Sunday is resurrection day in the church.

We keep celebrating our victory over death through Jesus because he is the King—our Teacher who came to earth, our Hero who conquered death and rose from the grave, our sacrifice for sin, our Lord and Friend. This morning we want to ask the question, “Is Jesus your Lord? Is Jesus your Friend?”

(Hearing the Word Continued)

I have several symbols here that represent different things we know about Jesus.

Crown—Yes, Jesus is the King over all the earth. Have you ever met a real king? How does someone become a king? Would you like to be a king? How did Jesus become king?

Globe—He created all things in heaven and on earth. He made the earth and all that is in it. He is with God and was God from the beginning. It all belongs to Jesus. He should be king, right? How does he let his people know he is their king?

Manger, angel, or star—He came to earth as a little baby—not the son of just a man, but the Son of God, sent to earth. He had to become a man so he could shed real blood for the payment of sin. God requires death to pay for sin. The King needed to do all he could to make sure his people were safe and able to live in his Kingdom.

Hammer—Jesus was a real man, a carpenter like his earthly father Joseph. He understands all of the things we live with, all of the things that make us hurt, cry, happy, sad. He is not a king who does not understand his people. He is a King who made us and can take care of us. He understands all of our needs.

Bread/stone—Although he was tempted like us, Jesus never sinned. Satan tried to get him to turn stone into bread and follow him rather than God, his heavenly Father. Jesus resisted the devil by saying, “Man must not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from God!” He perfectly kept God’s law. He spent his life loving God, honoring his parents, obeying the authorities, being kind, speaking truth, and humbly serving others. He never sinned in thought, word, or deed. Jesus is the only perfect man who ever lived. Only he is worthy to be King. Only he deserves our praise and worship.

Cross—Jesus willingly took on himself the punishment we deserve for our sins. He did this out of love for us. No greater love has any man than if he lay down his life for his friend. Do you consider Jesus your best friend? You should since he lay down his life for you. He suffered, bled, and died in the place of all who would have faith in him. Jesus’ death completely satisfied the debt we owe to God because of our sin. He paid our debt so we are now completely forgiven. He is a king who now truly owns his people. He has paid for us with his blood.

Large rock—The rock was rolled away from the tomb so Jesus friends could go in and see it was empty. He died on the cross on Friday and was put in a tomb. He came out of the grave alive on Sunday in a new and perfect body, one like we will all have one day when we meet him in heaven. Jesus will never die again. Over 500 people saw Jesus alive after they had seen him die on the cross. His resurrection proves God accepted Jesus’ perfect sacrifice on the cross as payment for our sins. Our King has conquered death and the enemy for us, his people.

Crown (again)—Because of his perfect life, sacrifice on the cross, and victory over death, God has placed Jesus on the throne to reign over all things forever and ever. Jesus ascended into heaven. He is alive today, working so those who love him can come to

(Hearing the Word Continued)

heaven to be with Him forever. Satan has been defeated and will be destroyed forever. One day every knee will bow, and every tongue will shout out “Jesus is King!”

ACTIVITY #1: *Place all of the symbols in a bag and let the children reach in and pull one out. Ask them to tell you what they have learned about Jesus based on the symbol. Let every child have a part in retelling the gospel story.*

Jesus is coming back again. Someday, perhaps today or tomorrow, those who love Jesus will, in a flash, receive new bodies and go up to meet Jesus when he returns. He will take those who love him to heaven and bring terrible punishment on those who reject him as King, Lord, and Friend. There will be a new heaven and a new earth where there is no more sin, death, sadness, or sickness! ***(Make this a very personal time with the children. Tell them how you know you will be with Jesus in the new heaven and the new earth. Call them by name as you express your desire to spend eternity, not only with Jesus, but also with “Caleb” and “Avery” and “Nathan”, etc. End the time with a prayer for each of them. Lift their name up saying something like this: “Dear Jesus, I love Avery and I pray you will work in her heart. Let Hailey know you as King, Lord, and Friend. Help her trust you. Lord, give Nathan a heart that loves you. God, show (Caleb) the only way to you is by loving and following Jesus.” If any of the children would like to pray, certainly bring them into this time of asking God to work in their hearts. End this prayer time with a praise song you have learned together. Let them know heaven will be full of singing and praising God. Let them know you will continue to pray and you expect to see all of them there one day.)***

ACTIVITY #2: *Let each child color the page that has all seven symbols pictured from the “Hearing the Word.” If you have time, let them practice retelling the story using the pictures to remind them.*



Benediction

Recite the following verse. (1 minute)

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20–21)

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