

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

GAME: TRUE OR FALSE

Ask the children to decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they think a statement is true ask them to give you a thumbs up, if false a thumbs down.



I love ice cream.



[Name of someone the children know] support's [insert a football team].



Prince Charles will one day be King.



Everyone here can stand on their head.



Jesus wants to be King of our hearts.



Conclusion of the game: Prince Charles is the eldest son of the Queen so one day he will be the King, but Jesus is a King in a different way. Because he loves us, Jesus wants to be King of our hearts.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL

In today's story we meet Jesus at a time when being King was not easy. After his arrest, Jesus was brought to the leader of the Romans called Pilate. He wanted to find out about Jesus, so asked him an important question. Can you work out what it was?

[Read the Gospel from a child friendly text]

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL

Ask the children if they can remember what questions Pilate asked Jesus. Draw them to the question 'Are you the king?' Remind them of Jesus' response 'I am a King' but not the kind of King Pilate expected. Jesus does not want riches or power. Because he loves us, he wants to be king of our hearts. Finish by asking the children, 'Will you ask Jesus to be the king of your heart?'

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Ask the children to close their eyes and think of King Jesus. Ask them to imagine what he looks like. He wants to help them to hear and follow the truth. If they want to, they can invite him to be the King of their hearts. Either lead the following prayer or invite them to repeat it after you section by section.

Dear Jesus,
Please come into my heart today.
I love you and need help to listen to your voice.
Amen



ACTIVITY – KING OF HEARTS

Here is an image of Jesus the King of Hearts. Ask the children if he looks like the Jesus they imagined in their prayer. Invite them to draw their image of Jesus on a blank card so they can remember what he looks like.



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