

Christ the King

1. Welcome and Alleluia

2. Gospel

3. Dialogue Homily

- Today we are celebrating a special feast called Christ the King. (*Display a picture of Jesus as king.*) When we say Jesus is our king, we mean that he is our leader. He leads us. He teaches us and we want to obey and follow our leader.
- Jesus, our king, gave us a special prayer. Let's hold hands as we say that prayer. Show Jesus that we are one big happy family and that we want to belong to him. (*Together pray the Lord's Prayer*)
- We have a wonderful king. Where is Jesus' kingdom on earth? (*In hearts that welcome Jesus.*)
- If Jesus' kingdom is in our hearts, we want to be beautiful inside. How can we be beautiful inside? (*By sharing, by loving others, by forgiving, by saying, "I'm sorry," by helping, praying, etc.*)
- (*Repeat the Our Father up to Thy kingdom come.*)
- What do you think "Thy kingdom come" means? (*That we hope everybody's heart will become a place of peace, love, goodness, etc.*) A king rules a country but Jesus, our king, wants to rule our hearts and make them places of love and peace.
- Jesus, our king, brings peace and he asks us to spread this peace. Let's give a sign of peace to each other just like we'll be doing during Mass. (*Let children go around and say, "The peace of Christ" to each other or you may want to sing the song "A Little Peace Song" (Yr. 2, Born of the Spirit Series) and/or "Peace is Flowing Like a River."*)

4. Intercessions

Let's stand and pray:

- That we let Jesus always be king of our hearts, we pray
- For peace in our world, we pray

Let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Amen.

5. Activity

Follow the directions on the handout (*Making a crown*).
Repeat songs mentioned above.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (18:33-37)

Glory to you, Lord!

Jesus was standing in front of Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you a king?"

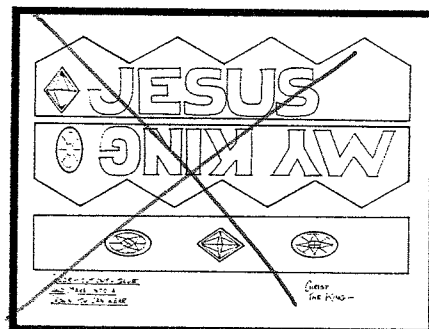
Jesus answered, "I have a kingdom but it is not like the kingdoms that other kings have. My kingdom is in the hearts of everyone who believes in me."

Pilate asked Jesus again, "So, you are a king?"

Jesus replied, "Yes, I am a king. That is why I was born, that is why I came into the world. I want all people to know that God loves them."

This is from the gospel of the Lord. (Adapted)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!





The Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King