

Jesus is King

(Notes: Dark red file names preceded by ***** are for pictures you can either project or show round.

Instructions for the drama we did are in bright red.)

We are going to talk today about one of the presents that the wise men gave to Jesus.

The first gift was Gold. Gold means that Jesus was (and is) a KING!

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What do we think about a King - or in England a Queen? They are very special. What might it be like to be a King / Queen

- Very privileged - favoured, treated specially.
- Power to rule, control and
- When a king says something he must be obeyed
- Live in palaces
- Have servants
- Given special treatment
- Have money - lots of it
- Nice things and nice clothes, lovely food and???

“Make” Volunteer a king

- Sit them in throne
- Place crown on their head
- Add robe or suitable clothes to them
- Give them the car
- Give them the money
- Show picture of the palace as that is where they live
- Perhaps kneel before them!

ALL CHEER “Long live the King”

At Christmas time we learned that the wise men went to a palace to try to find King Jesus. Going to a palace was a sensible thing, because kings live in palaces. But ... where did the wise men find King Jesus? In a stable! Wow that's strange.

BUT ... Jesus was not a king from here. Jesus is a king from heaven.

***** **Jesus is King.jpg** *****

- Jesus did not have fancy transport - **remove the car**. Jesus walked or rode on a donkey!
- Jesus did not wear fancy royal clothes - **remove the robe**. Jesus wore ordinary clothes.
- Jesus did not wear a golden crown - **remove crown**. The only crown He ever wore was a crown made of thorns that the Romans put on His head before they crucified Him.
- Jesus did not have lots of money - **remove money**. He was a poor person.
- Jesus did not have a fancy palace to live in, or a throne - get **volunteer to go back to their seat**.

So what sort of King IS Jesus?

- Jesus is the King of Kings. There is no king greater King than Jesus. Jesus really is in charge of the world, even though it seems a mess. That means that Jesus - the king of Kings - can be in charge of our lives if we ask him.
- Jesus is a king that brings us closer to God if we ask Him. God sent Jesus to this earth, so that we can get to know God as our loving Father. Amazing! God wants us to get to know Him! God our father is interested in you and me! Whatever we have done, and whatever we think of ourselves, God is interested in you and me.
- Jesus is a king who loves us, and a king who knows each one of us by name. We are each “one of a kind” and special to God, not just somebody, “a carer” or “a wheelchair user” or “a plumber” or You and I are each loved by King Jesus!
- Jesus is a king who shows us the way. When Jesus was here on earth, He showed us the way to God, and the way that God wants us to live.

So Jesus really is a very special King.

King Jesus will never **make** us do what is right. He will never **make** us love Him.

King Jesus **wants** us to love Him, and do what is right. It is up to us to respond to the love of King Jesus.

Prayer: Thank you Jesus that you are the king of everything. Thank you that you really do care about us. Thank you that you love us, and that you show us the way to live. May we learn to love you too, and learn to live our lives the way you want us to. Amen.