



# we worship the King

## Children's Story

Year B, Proper 29

**Title:** We worship the King  
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**Text:** John 18:33-37  
**Theme:** Jesus came into the world as the one who knows what is really good and true.

**Suggested Props:**

A paper crown and stuffed jungle animals – especially a lion – would enhance the story. A worship activity sheet for each child could include pictures of jewels, a Lion King or jungle animals, a crown, or pictures of Christ the King.

**Gathering Activity:**

Place a paper crown on your head as you get up and invite the children to come forward for the children's story. Encourage them to guess why you are wearing a crown and then explain that today is called Christ the King Sunday in many churches around the world, so it is a good time to think and talk about kings today. As the children, and you, settle into a mood of holy expectation, open your Bible to John 18:37 and read it to them. Let the verse settle a little and then say, "Jesus, a king who belongs to what is true... I wonder what that all means. It sounds very important. Let's think about kings for a while.

What do you think a king does all day long? Where do kings live? What do they eat? How would you know if you saw one? Do you think they go places all alone? Why not? You know a lot about kings! Have you ever seen a king?"

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**Story:**

There have been kings in many countries for thousands of years. Some have loved the truth. They have been good and kind and the people have loved them. Some kings have been so mean and greedy that the people have tried to get rid of such kings, but most kings have loved their countries and the people living in them. Their people cheered when they saw them, bowed down to them, obeyed their rules, and respected them.

But let's think about the animal world for a while. Have you ever heard about a king of the jungle, a king of the animals? Maybe you have seen a movie or read a book about the king of the animals. Why do you think the lion would be called the King? Good answers! Yes, a lion is fast, scary, huge, has sharp teeth, a long swishing tail to scare anyone nearby, sharp claws, etc. The animals respect the lion for other good reasons, too. The Lion King is very wise. He knows what is happening in the jungle and he wants everyone to enjoy living there. He takes very good care of his family, because he loves them more than anything. He loves to live in peace and does not want the animals to hate each other or fight.

Lions and good kings help us understand a bit about why we remember Jesus as our king on this Sunday. Jesus is called a King because he cares for us, is wise and powerful, kind and loving, and wants us to follow him.

**Prayer:**

Jesus, you are our King! We love you because you love us, you know what is really right and important, and you help us know how to live in this beautiful world. We want to follow you. Thank you, King Jesus. Amen.

**Wondering questions:**

- I wonder how it would feel to be a king.
- I wonder if Jesus was treated like a king.
- I wonder if Jesus felt like a king.
- I wonder how I can show that Jesus is my king.