

Jesus Is Crowned King

Psalm 2

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 2:6

“Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Two potatoes or other objects that can be passed around easily.

“Kingly” colors of construction paper, glue stick or tape, washable markers and scissors.

Straws, yellow construction paper, scissors, glue, markers and various colors of ribbon or yarn for each child.

ATTENTION GETTER!

Who Has the Promises?

Jesus holds all of the promises. You will need two potatoes or other small objects that can be passed around easily.

Have the children form a circle sitting down. Next have them each place their hands behind their backs. Have one person in the middle as the “guesser.” The children will then pass one item toward the right, and the other item to the left. They should try to be inconspicuous as they pass the potato (or other object). Everyone should try to pretend to have it. Have the “guesser” guess the two people who are holding the potato. Take a few turns playing.

As you introduce the lesson, explain that prophetic parts of the Bible are sometimes like puzzles that need to be put together. For example, Psalm 2 does not say specifically that it is talking about Jesus; however, there are several clues in it. It talks about the Lord's "anointed" or Messiah; it talks about how He is God's Son and will one day be king. We know this is talking about Jesus because the Bible explains it in other areas. Let us remember who is holding the promises--Jesus!

LESSON TIME!

There are many Psalms that are considered "Messianic" Psalms. Psalm two is the first. The others are Psalms 8, 16, 22, 23, 24, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 72, 89, 102, 110, and 118. A Messianic psalm is one that speaks of the Messiah, Jesus, either throughout the entire Psalm, or in parts of the Psalm.

Psalm two has been called "The Psalm of the Messiah, the Prince." We see Jesus—in His power and glory and future rule and reign upon the earth. It shows us the hatred of the people against the Lord's anointed. Then, we see to the heavenly scene showing us God's response. Next, we see the Anointed declaring His rights of sovereignty. We see counsel is given to those who have chosen to rebel. As we study the Psalm, we see the nature of sin and the terrible results of it if. Thank God for our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus who saved us from sin and its terrible bondage. This Psalm is quoted more frequently in the New Testament than any other Psalm.

PSALM 2:1-3:

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

**“Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away
Their cords from us.”**

The word rage has to do with violence and anger. Many people in this world shake their fist at God in rage and say they do not want anything to do with Him. How sad! For, God is their loving Creator and wants to have a relationship with them. One day they will be judged for their actions.

The word “imagine” can be translated as meditate. We see that while the godly man meditates on the law of God (Psalm 1:1-3), the ungodly are meditating on things that are vain, that will come to nothing. The leaders of the world will “take counsel together against the Lord, and against His Anointed.” The people do not want to be subjected to God, the Messiah (God’s King), or God’s righteous rule. What a sad demonstration of man’s hatred of his Creator and Savior.

Many people, today, misunderstand God. They picture Him as trying to take away their freedom and happiness. They do not realize that those who serve sin and reject God become slaves to sin—their own sinful desires rule over their lives. No one is free to do what he or she wants to apart from God. True freedom is found only in Jesus Christ. He writes His laws in our hearts, giving us the ability to will (to want) to do those things that pleases Him (Philippians 2:13).

It is in Him that our burden of sin is lifted and that we can find true peace. **Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.**

PSALM 2:4-6:

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision.

Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

“Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

God now lifts us from the earthly scene to the heavenly scene. Is God upset and worried that mankind chooses to rebel against Him? No, He is not. God is holy and just. He is seated far above all of their hatred, looking down upon them. As they are mocking God and His people, God laughs at them. This might seem a bit harsh at first; but God looks at their poor weak efforts, not only without fear, but He laughs at their foolishness. He can crush them or consume them in a moment with just a simple word from His mouth.

Then God speaks to them in His wrath; a sound like thunder, like the lightning's destructive flash. He will torment them in “His great displeasure.” God does not delight in punishing His people, but He is righteous and just. God's wrath will one day be displayed during the Great Tribulation, God's judgment yet to come upon a world that rejects the forgiveness and grace of His only Son, Jesus Christ. The Second Coming, the return of the King to rule and reign, will immediately follow the Great Tribulation.

“Yet, God says, “despite your hatred, despite your violence, in spite of the wisdom of your advice, despite the skill of your lawmakers, ‘yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.’” Isn't that awesome! God has already done that which the enemy tries to stop from happening. The rebellious man frets and raves in vain. God's Anointed has been appointed, and those who believe will not be disappointed. Jesus Christ will reign as the King of Kings, appointed by the Father. He will reign over His people and He will reign over His enemies.

There are two kingdoms of God committed to Jesus; one is a spiritual kingdom and the second is a providential kingdom. In the first, He rules in the hearts of His people, and in the latter He rules the affairs of this world. What an exciting moment for us to anticipate--Jesus will come back and His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives! At this time, He will enter into the city of Zion and rule there. We know the day that His promises in scripture will be fulfilled is getting closer and closer: “Behold, He comes with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindred of the earth, shall wail because of Him” (Revelation 1:7 (KJV)). Jesus Christ will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

PSALM 2:7-9:

“I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me,
‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your
inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your
possession.

Here we now have the Anointed One, Himself, speaking and telling us who He is and is able to do by virtue of the divine decree. Jesus quotes the Father’s words to Him: “...the LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son,...’” Before time ever was, Jesus was the only begotten Son of the Father (John 1:18). The understanding that Jesus was with the Father even before the world was made is important as it is one of the many scriptures that affirm the deity of Christ—Jesus is God in the flesh!

The Father told the Son that He would give him the nations for an inheritance and the earth for His possession. At this time, it is through Jesus that the nations would be able to come to God. When Jesus Christ, our Savior, came into the world and died for the sins of mankind, the offer of salvation went to the ends of the earth, to all those who would believe and accept His forgiveness.

One day in the future, Jesus will return to rule and reign over the inheritance and possession God gave Him. The nations will be broken down: “You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.” There will be no more prideful leaders who think they can manage without God. One nation will no longer be able to kill and destroy another nation. Jesus will be King of kings and Lord of lords. Either people will receive Him as Savior, or they will face the consequences of eternal judgment. **Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.**

“Jesus is King” Finger Puppets

Use this activity to reinforce the fact that Jesus is King and all of the other kings and nations will bow down to him. You will need “kingly” colors of construction paper, glue stick or tape, washable markers, and scissors.

Have the children cut out small crown shaped pieces of construction paper. They need to be small enough to fit around the tips of their fingers. Their thumb will represent Jesus. They can write with a marker “Jesus” on that crown. After they have cut out the crowns have them also cut out small pieces of various colored construction paper for the robes of the kings. Jesus’ should be purple. Once you have cut out all of the materials and taped them together you are ready.

Have the children slip the “robe” pieces of construction paper over their fingers. Next, they should put on the crowns. Remember that the “Jesus” figure will be on their thumb. After you have done that, use a washable marker to make eyes and a mouth on the thumb and four fingers. You now have Jesus and four other kings. Review the story with the children and have them bend down their fingers while keeping their thumbs straight. This will illustrate how that one day all the kings of the earth will bow down to Jesus. Allow them to take their crowns and robes home with them.

PSALM 2:10-12:

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

God calls all the kings and those in authority to recognize the claims of the Son of God. They to “serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.” We, also, are all called to “serve the Lord with fear”; not being afraid of Him, but serving Him with the reverence and awe He is due. **Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.**

Commentator H. A. Ironside stated, “He reaches out a hand and as you look at it, there is a scar, for it is the hand that was once nailed to a cross. He holds out the hand of peace, and the Holy Spirit says, ‘Poor rebellious sinners, do not fight against Him, do not wait until the day when the wrath of the Lamb shall come, but now bow at His feet, kiss the Son, kiss that wounded hand in token that you surrender to Him, that you refuse any longer to fight against Him, to associate yourself with the world that is rejecting Him.’ This is the day of His mercy. In that day of wrath it will be too late and you will perish from the way.”

Psalm two ends with a beautiful promise, “Blessed are all they who put their trust in him.” Blessed means, “Oh, how happy.” “Trust” is the characteristic Old Testament word for the New Testament words “faith” and “believe.” “Trust” occurs 152 times in the Old Testament and is defined in Hebrew by words signifying “to take refuge” (Ruth 2:12); “to lean on when afraid” (Psalm 56:3); “to roll on for deliverance” (Psalm 22:8); and “to wait for” (Job 35:14).

Perhaps, we can translate verse 12 as, “Oh how happy are all they who take refuge in, lean on, roll on, and wait for the King of Kings.”
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Where do you stand with the King of Kings, Jesus Christ? Have you received Him as your Lord and Savior, or have you, with the world, rejected Him. Now, is the time to “kiss the Son, and bow before Him.” He is the one who truly loves you for who you are. He loves and accepts each of us where we are at this very moment. He has provided the free gift of salvation for you (read Ephesians 2:1-10). Let God bless you with His love and grace.

Royal Scepter

Make a simple scepter to remind the children that Jesus is King. You will need straws, yellow construction paper, scissors, glue, markers, and various colors of ribbon or yarn for each child.

For each child cut out two star shapes. On one side of one of the stars glue at least 5 strands of multi-colored ribbon or yarn. The strands should be about a foot long each. Next, glue one end of the straw to the star. Then glue the other star over the first star to cover the straw and strands of ribbon or yarn. On each side of the star have the children write, "Jesus is King!" Psalm 2.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to honor Jesus as the King of kings and Lord of lords. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.