

*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*

November 22, 2015

Christ the King Sunday

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

**Psalm 93**

**Revelation 1:4b-8**

**John 18:33-37**



**Crown Him King!** Object: A crown.

The crown is a symbol of power and authority. Who wears a crown? That's right! A king or queen wears a crown. Being a king is different from being the president of a country. A president is elected by the people, but a king is not elected, he is born to be king.

Have you seen the movie "Lion King?" As a lion, Simba was born to be the "King of the Beasts." In one scene from the movie Simba sings, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." If you have seen the movie, you will remember that one reason why Simba was so anxious to become king was that he didn't want anyone telling him what to do. He didn't want to hear anyone saying, "do this" or "stop that." He wanted to be free to run around all day doing everything his way.

It wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he says! "I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the mane event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working on my ROAR! Oh, I just can't wait to be king!"

I think that Simba had a very poor idea of what it means to be a king. You see, the real role of a king is to look after the needs of his people. A good king is more concerned with caring for his people than he is in being served.

During his last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if he was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, but he wasn't interested in running around free and doing things his way. He was only interested in doing the will of his Father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is not on this earth -- it is in heaven.

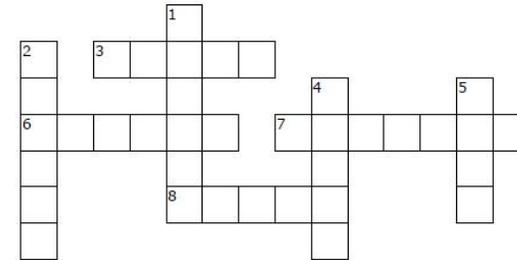
Jesus "Just can't wait to be your king." He has invited you to enjoy eternal life in his heavenly kingdom. Dear Jesus, we invite you to rule our lives as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia (Mark 11:9)

*Crossword Puzzle*



ACROSS

- 3. The earth or universe
- 6. To make an effort to hear something
- 7. An area or territory ruled by king or queen
- 8. A statement proven to be or accepted as accurate or factual

DOWN

- 1. To capture and hold under the authority of law
- 2. Where a king or queen lives
- 4. To battle, quarrel, or argue; a conflict between two or more people
- 5. Brought into life by birth

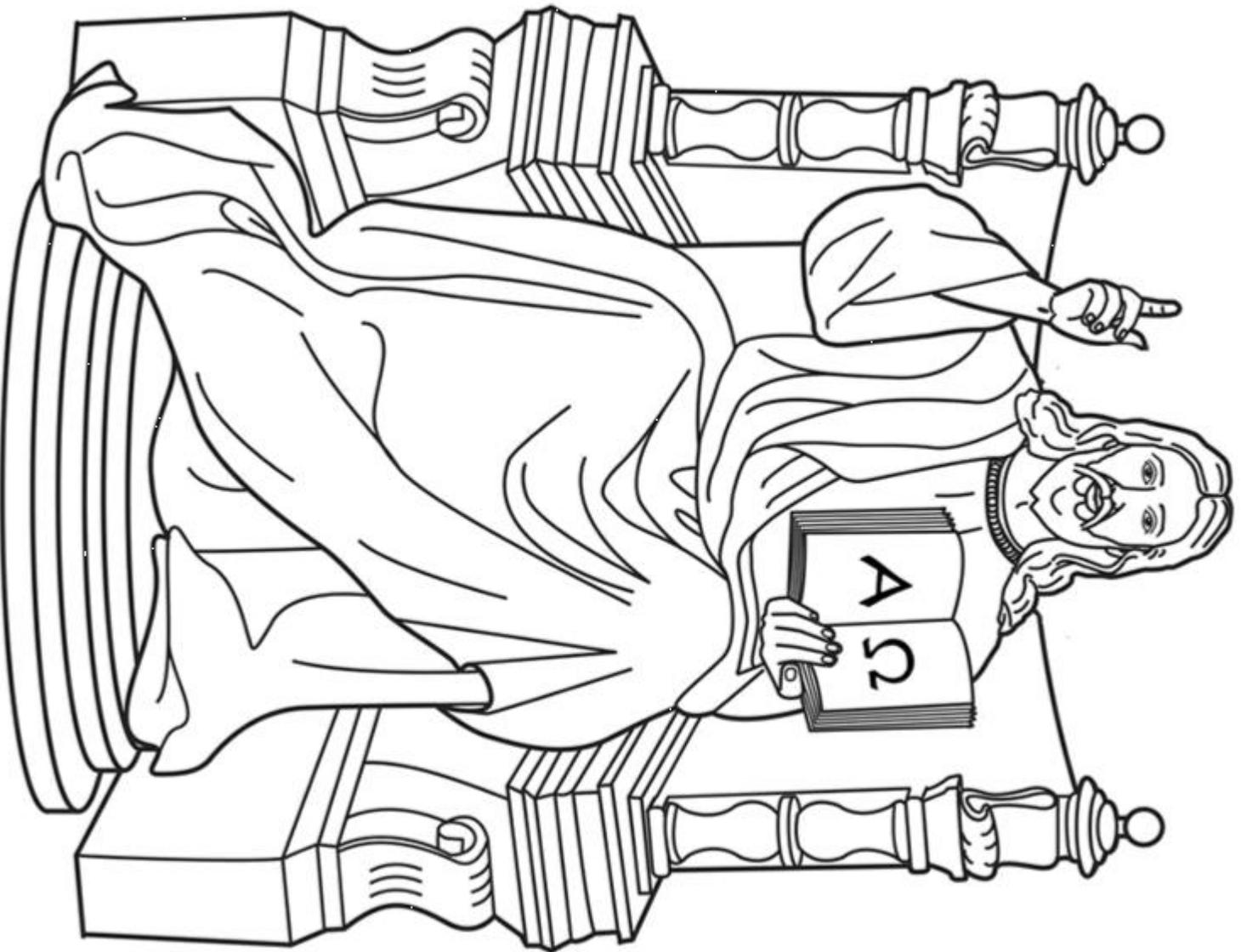
ARREST	LISTEN	FIGHT	BORN
WORLD	PALACE	KINGDOM	TRUTH

**CROWNS:** Give children construction paper to cut out crowns to wear. Provide sequins, glitter, markers, etc as well as stars, to decorate their crowns. Write JESUS WAS BORN TO BE KING, etc on their crowns with glitter glue or gel pens.

**CROWN MEMORY VERSE PLACARDS:** Let children use their creativity to draw a crown on a small folded piece of construction paper that can stand on their dresser or kitchen table. The crown can be drawn on the outside and the inside of the card will have today's memory verse written out. You may choose to have the memory verse typed out and copied for children to glue inside their card. You might have missing words with blanks for the children to fill in. This will help the children to learn today's Bible verse.



# CHRIST THE KING



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