

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



November 25, 2018

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37



Christ the King

Who do you know that wears a crown? 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. King is a title that is passed on in the royal family to the first-born son.

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.

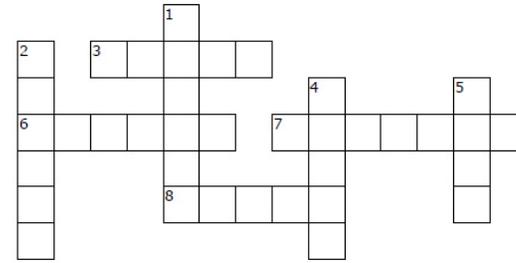
It wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he says! "I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the main event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working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

Gracious God, we thank you for sending your Son to be our Lord and King. Help us today, and every day, to honor him, and follow his will for our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Activity: 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 on their crowns with glitter glue or gel pens.

Discussion Question: If you were king/queen for a day, what would be your first new rule? How do you think you would treat people? What would you change?

Family Table Prayer for November: Thank you God for food and prayer. Teach us how to love and share. Amen.

November Memory Verse: Colossians 3:17 – And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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