



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan – The Reign of Christ

Here's a **Sunday School Lesson Plan** for young children (ages 4–8) using the **Revised Common Lectionary readings – The Reign of Christ, Proper 34 (Year C)** Bible Verses: Jer 23:1-6; C 19 (Luke 1:68-79); Col 1:11-20; Lk 23:33-43

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Liturgical Season: The Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday (Last Sunday after Pentecost)
Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Cantic 19 (Luke 1:68-79); Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Lesson Title / Theme / Big Idea

- **Title:** *Jesus is Our King*
- **Theme:** Christ is the King who saves us and rules with love.
- **Big Idea:** Jesus is not a king like earthly rulers; He is the King of Love and the King forever.
- **Lesson Focus for Kids:** We celebrate Jesus as the King who forgives, loves, and brings peace.

Scripture Readings – Kid-Friendly Language

- **Jeremiah 23:1-6** – God promises to send a good Shepherd-King to care for His people.
- **Luke 1:68-79 (Cantic)** – God has come to save us through Jesus.
- **Colossians 1:11-20** – Jesus is the image of God, ruler of all creation, and head of the church.
- **Luke 23:33-43** – Even on the cross, Jesus shows He is King by forgiving and promising life.

Welcome & Opening Prayer / Circle Time

- Welcome children, sit in a circle.

- Share: “What do you think a king or queen does?” (write answers on a board/paper).
- Say: “Today we learn about Jesus, our King—but not like kings we see in storybooks. He is the King of Love.”

Prayer:

“Dear God, thank You for sending us Jesus, the King of Love. Help us listen and learn today. Amen.”

Memory Verse

Colossians 1:13 (simplified):

“God brought us into the kingdom of His Son, whom He loves.”

(Have kids repeat with hand motions – crown on head for “kingdom,” arms crossed over chest for “love.”)

Bible Story Time

- Use a children’s Bible or tell in your own words.
- **Focus on Luke 23:33-43** – Jesus on the cross, forgiving others, and welcoming the thief to paradise.
- Emphasize: Even on the cross, Jesus was still King because He showed love and forgiveness.

Ask questions:

- What do you think makes Jesus a different kind of King?
 - How can we show Jesus we belong to His kingdom?
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Craft / Activity

Craft Option 1: *Crown of Christ the King*

- Provide paper crowns, stickers, markers, or jewels.
- Write “Jesus is King” on each crown.

Craft Option 2: *Heart Scepter*

- Cardboard tube or stick, topped with a paper heart.
- Decorate with the words: “Jesus is my King.”

Game

“Follow the King” (like Follow the Leader):

- Child plays the “king” leading others around the room.
- Remind them: “We follow Jesus our King by doing what He teaches.”

Song Suggestions

- “Jesus Loves Me”
- “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”
- “This Little Light of Mine”
- “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” (simple round/chorus)

Snack Suggestions

- **Crown-shaped cookies** (use crown cookie cutter)
- **Fruit “jewels”** (grapes, berries as jewels on a crown)
- Crackers & cheese

Wrap Up & Reflections

- Ask: “What kind of King is Jesus?” (He loves, forgives, cares for us, rules forever.)
- Remind them of memory verse.

Closing Prayer

“Dear Jesus, thank You for being our King. Help us follow You and share Your love with others. Amen.”

Take-Home Idea

- Send kids home with their **crown craft**.

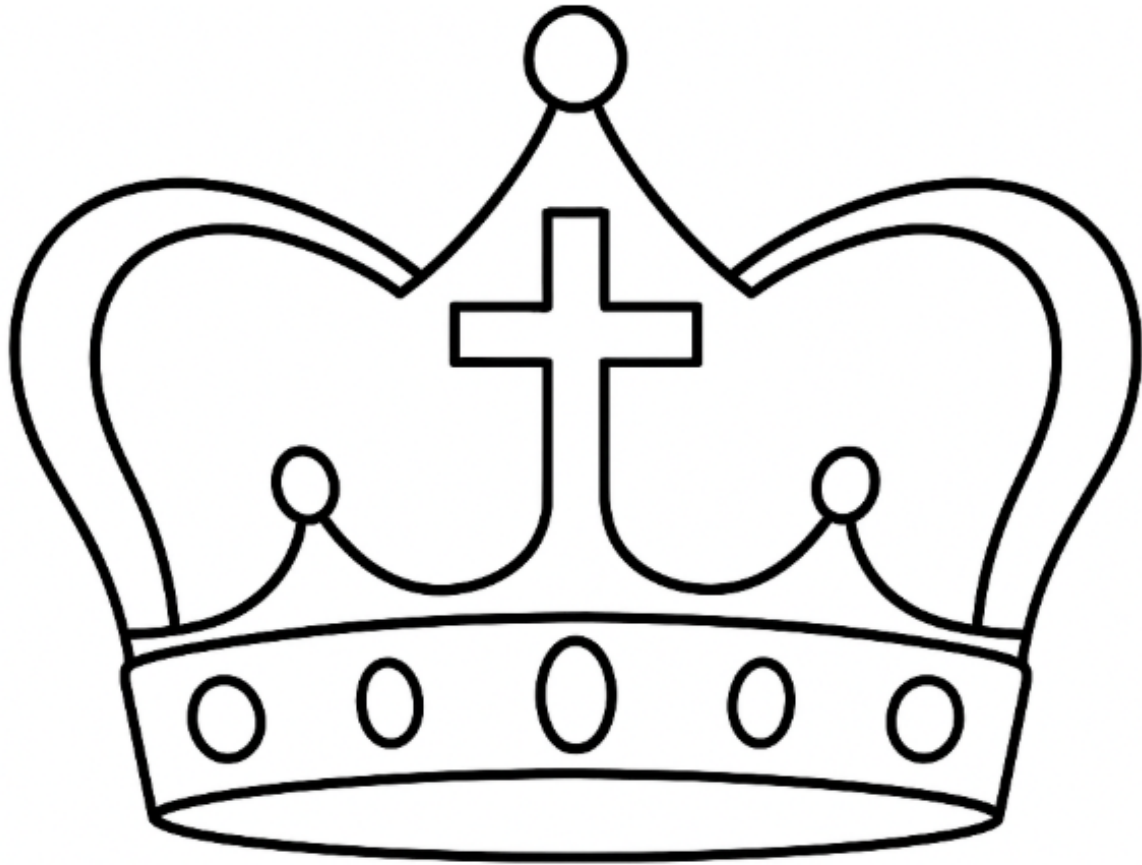
- Handout with the **memory verse** and a simple family discussion question: *How can we show Jesus is King in our home this week?*
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Teacher Notes

- Focus on love and forgiveness rather than crucifixion details (age appropriate).
 - Emphasize *Christ the King Sunday* as a joyful celebration.
 - Keep activities simple, visual, and interactive.
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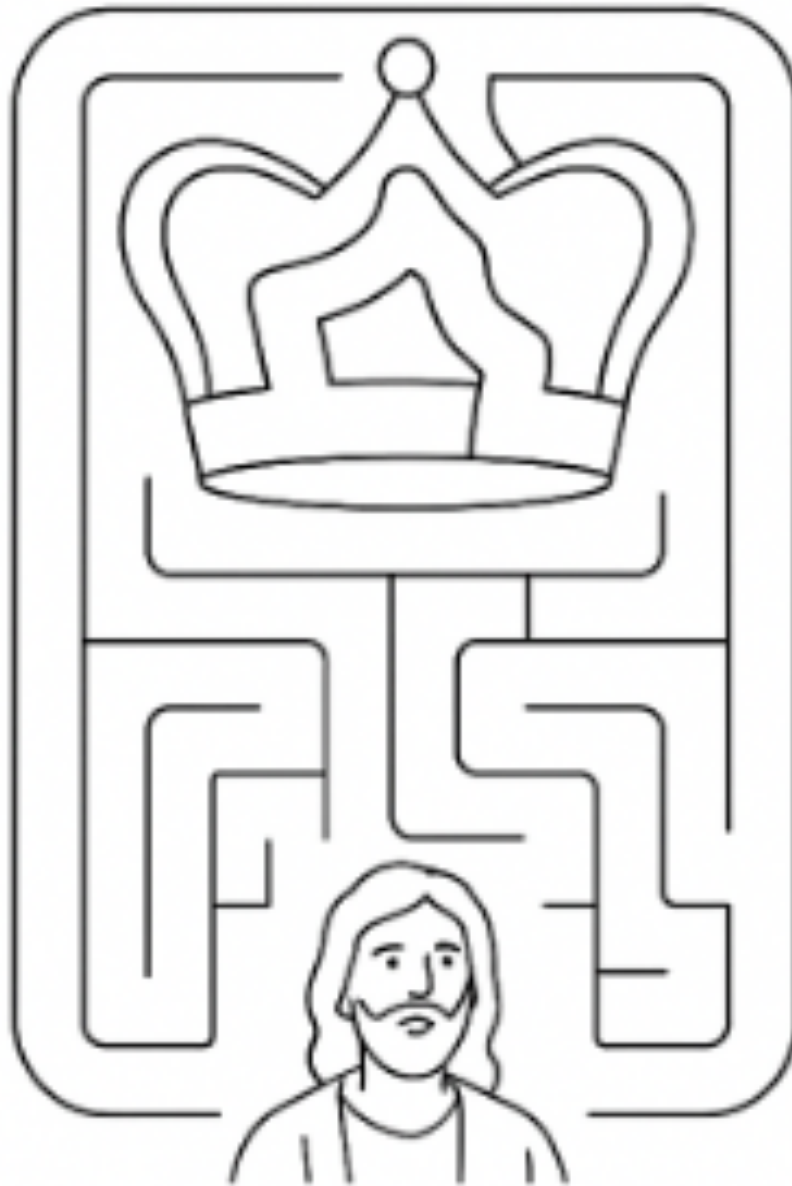
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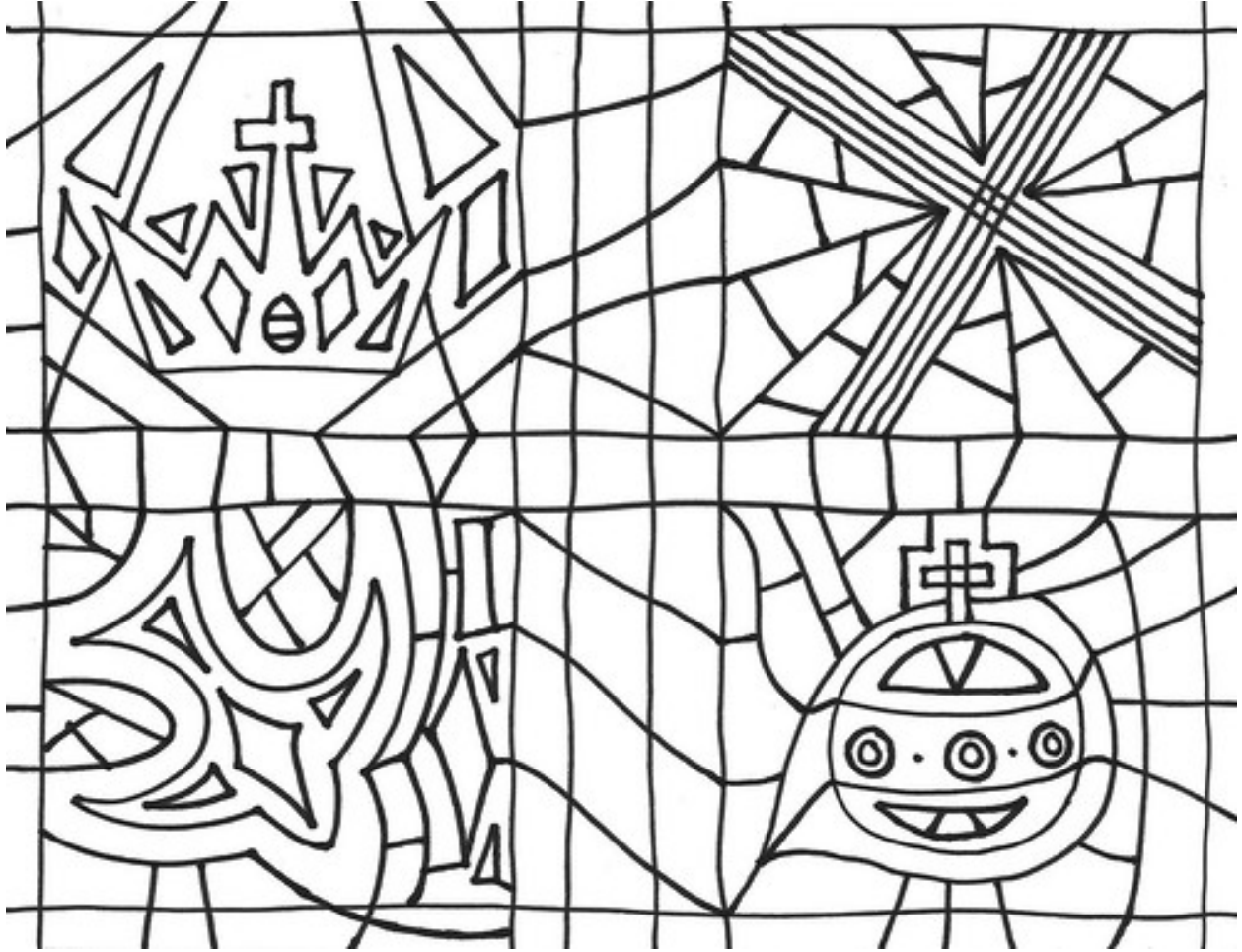
Maze

Help the crown find its way: Jesus.



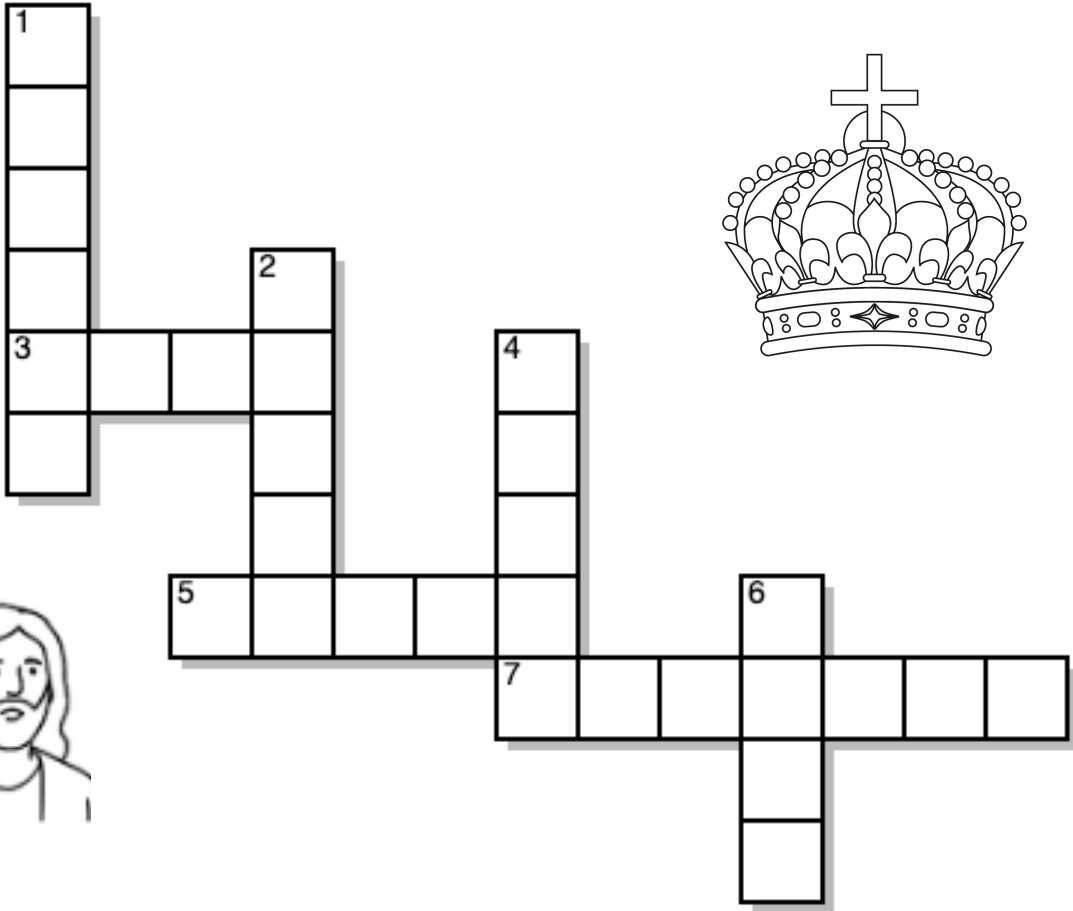
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ACROSS

- 3 Strong affection
- 5 Son of God
- 7 Person who saves

DOWN

- 1 Men, women, & children
- 2 Contentment
- 4 What Jesus died on
- 6 Ruler

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The Bible has many names for Jesus. Here are five:

H  E A  L E  R
T E  A C  H  E R
G  O D'S S  O  N
S A  V I  O R
S  E R V A  N  T

Use the letters inside squares to make a new word.

Write the new word inside the squares below.

Repeat this for the letters inside circles and
the letters inside triangles. Read the completed
sentence. We can speak for Jesus whenever we:



*Dear Jesus, help me to speak for you
by loving others. Amen*

†this week

Teach someone your favorite song about Jesus.

Crossword Key:

Across:

3. Love

5. Jesus

7. Saviour

Down:

1. People

2. Peace

4. Cross

6. King

Names for Jesus – Key

Love One Another