

Advent Lesson #1 11/27

Neil's Passage: Ephesians 1:15-23

Neil's Context/Message: Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father in the heavenly realms. Everything has been put under subjection under His feet, and He is the head of the body, the church, and fills all in all.

Children's Focus Passage: Ephesians 1:20

Children's Focus Lesson: We're going to have 4 small lessons on different kings from the Bible.

King Saul: 1 Samuel 9-10. Saul hiding.

King David: 2 Samuel 11. David and Bathsheba

King Solomon: 1 Kings 11. Solomon and all his wives.

Were any of those perfect kings? No!

King Jesus: (Ephesians 1:15-23) Focus on how Jesus is the head of the church, he was raised from the dead and now he is seated on the throne. He is our King- are we making Him ruler of our life? He is the ruler, messenger and gift giver. He is the perfect king.

Younger Kids Advent Activities

K-2nd Small Group Activity 1: Crown Making:

Kings and rulers would wear crowns to show their power and who they were. We know Jesus is the ultimate king. He is perfect and is powerful! We will learn about how Jesus is the perfect king today! To remember how Jesus is our perfect king, hand each child a crown and have them create their own crown using stickers, markers, etc.

K-2nd Small Group Activity 2: Guess What? (using the white board)

As we learn how Jesus is the perfect king today, split the kids into 2 teams. Have one child come up from each team and guess what the other is drawing on the board. Instruct the kids to draw something that has to do with kings/queens/royalty. (Example: a crown). Have the kids take turns guessing what the item/object is.

K-2nd Extra Activity:

Post-it Key Passage for the week:

Review the key passage of the week (see below) Write the key passage on the white board and cover up words with the post-it notes. Have the kids guess what words are under the post-it notes.

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Older Kids Advent Activities

3rd-5th Pin the Crown on the King:

Tape the kings on the wall – Have the kids take turns placing the crowns on the kings and talk about how Jesus is the perfect king!

3rd-5th Guess What?

Gather all of the kids or split the group of kids into 2 groups. Show the kids one card from the stack at a time and have the kids describe the word without saying it. You as the volunteer will guess the word. If time, give the kids the stack of cards and describe the word to the group, allowing the kids to guess the word.

Ask the kids if they saw something common with all of the words. Say, most of the words had to do with royalty or something in a kingdom. Today we are going to learn how Jesus is our perfect king and He rules/reigns over us by sitting at the right hand of the throne of God.

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