



Sunday, November 21, 2021
Christ the King * John 18:33-37



What's the Big Idea?

Jesus is the king of love!

In the Bible story for today, Jesus is called, "The king of the Jews." Jesus didn't think of himself as a king. Jesus didn't wear a fancy robe or crown or have lots of money like typical kings of Jesus' time. Jesus is our king, not because of what he wears or has, but because of who he is and how he loves.



Some people were mad at Jesus, like the religious leaders we heard about in today's story. They thought Jesus was guilty of blasphemy (disrespect) and wanted him executed, but only officials of the Roman government, such as a governor like Pontius Pilate, could order someone to be executed. They didn't think Jesus was the kind of king they wanted. But Jesus knew that he was following God's ways, even if it meant he would die on a cross. Jesus came to speak truth and love to the world.

Read It

Find this week's story on pages 474-475 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Try It

Make a crown for the King of Love! Gather your favorite art supplies and a paper grocery bag. Then follow the steps from this web site:

<https://www.artbarblog.com/paperbag-crowns>

Will the crown be glittering with precious metals and jewels? What materials will you use and why? What kinds of symbols might you include on this crown? Set it on your table at home as a centerpiece when you're finished.



Talk About It

- 1) Have you ever seen a real king? What was he like?
- 2) If Jesus is king, what does that make us? Prince and princesses? Servants of the king?
- 3) What kinds of decrees or laws would a King of Love make?
- 4) Borrow a hymnal from Trinity and see how many hymns you can find to sing about Jesus being a King of Love.

Pray: King of Love, call us to be your servants. Give us opportunities to practice kindness, grace, love, and forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

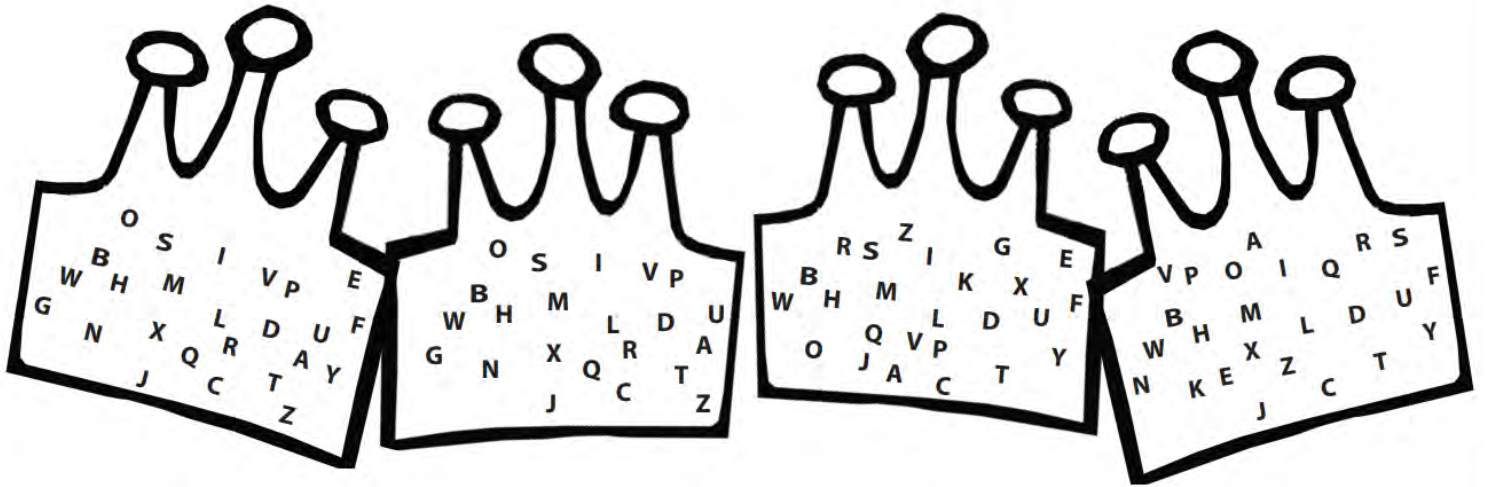
For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

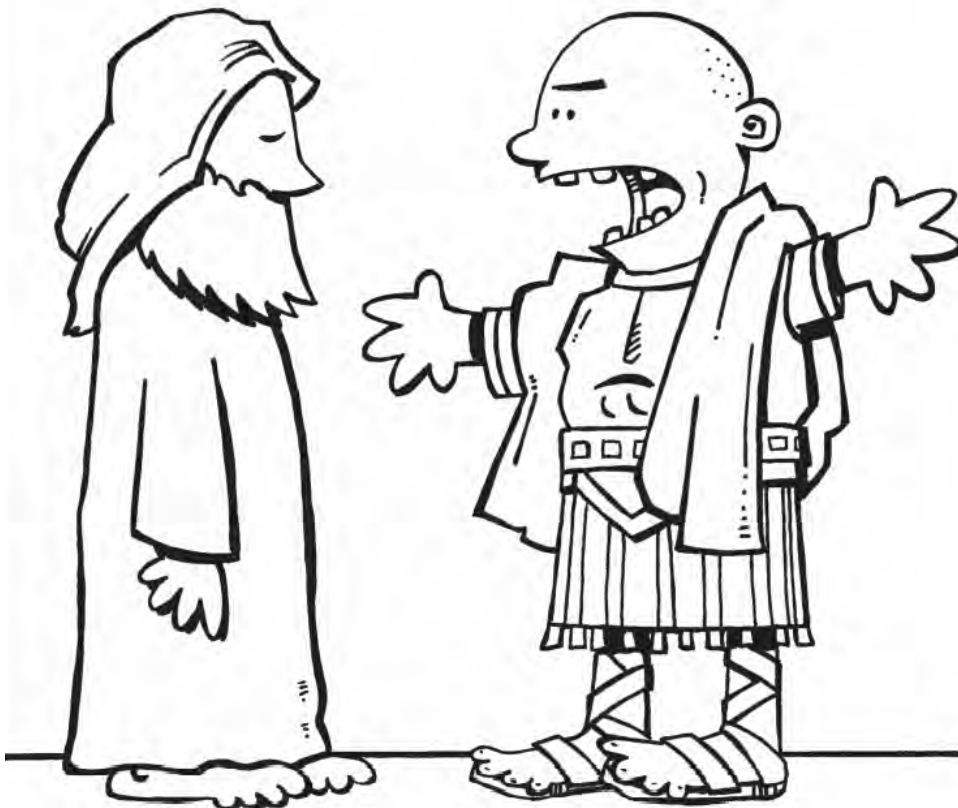
John 18:37

Jesus' Power is Love

Jesus Christ Today is a special day in the church year. It is the end of Pentecost and Advent begins next week, the season of the church year when we prepare for the arrival of Emmanuel (God with us). The name of today is, Christ the _ _ _ Sunday.

A letter of the alphabet is missing from each of the four crowns below. Write the missing letters in the space below each crown to discover the missing word for this special day.





When Pontius
Pilate saw
Jesus he asked,
“Are you the
king of the
Jews?”