



St Helen's  
Bishopsgate

# Luke

## Teaching material for 3-5's

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Following the king



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# The 'material' of Sunday school



The unfolding story of the Bible is revealed progressively through 66 books. These books were written by human authors who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. They were written with an agenda to a real audience. **Through these books, by His Spirit, God works.** He gives new life and disciples His people.

At Sunday school our desire is to teach through books of the Bible and allow our teaching to be directed by the Biblical author. We want to make the *main point* of our teaching the main point the author is teaching. We want the *aim* of our teaching to be the aim the author had. When we think about *how* we teach, we want to use the literary style, techniques, and content the Biblical author uses. In short, **we want to teach the Biblical author's point, for the Biblical author's purpose, using the Biblical author's practice.** The more clearly this is done, the more clearly the children will have heard the living God speak to them. As we strive to do this, we pray the fruit would be thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

The team at St Helen's has worked hard studying some key books of the Bible. As we have done so we have endeavoured to write our material following the principles above.

## 3-5's material

The 3-5's material is presented as a skeleton of the session with the example Bible story.

Some parts of the session are provided, and some will need to be prepared. Ie. the Concept, Bible verse, and Action Rhyme are provided. But the concept explanation, Bible verse explanation, game and ACTS prayer will need to be prepared by the leader. Use the space in the material to do this.

The example Bible story has several functions.

Firstly, it is a short talk. This talk could be given verbatim, adapted, used for ideas, or ignored by the individual assigned to give the talk. For less experienced leaders they may wish to read verbatim the example talk, adding in props and visuals. For more experienced leaders they may wish to chop, change, and adapt the example talk as they see fit. For very experienced leaders they may wish to ignore the example talk and write their own, only looking at the example to see another voice on the passage.

Secondly, it is a commentary on the passage. For those not giving the talk the example helps them to understand the passage, how it can be taught, and areas of application. It will also indicate what the speaker might say so that everyone is aligned on the teaching.

# Teaching program | Luke

## Following the king

### Introduction to the book of Luke

Luke writes his gospel to a man named Theophilus to give him certainty that what was anticipated in the Old Testament has indeed been accomplished by Jesus of Nazareth.

**Chapters 1-4** anticipate, describe, and confirm the saviour king's coming.

**In Chapters 4-6**, King Jesus is shown to be the anointed preacher of Isaiah 61 who preaches good news of the kingdom of God and the year of the Lord's favour.

**Chapters 6-8** show that King Jesus saves. The heart of this salvation is from sin. The response is faith.

In **chapter 9**, King Jesus tells his disciples that to accomplish his Exodus rescue he must die. He calls them to take up their cross and follow him. His mission to save sinners is now their mission.

**Chapters 9-19** of Luke's gospel are well known as the 'Travel Narrative'. This is because they tell of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. On the way Jesus answers four governing questions which help his followers as they get involved in his mission.

**Chapters 9-10**: Question: Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them? Answer: No; go and tell them the good news.

**Chapters 10-13**: Lord, do you not care that I serve alone? Listen, I have given you the Father and the Spirit and all you need to serve me.

**Chapters 13-17**: Will those who are saved be few? There will be many in the kingdom. They will not be who you expect.

**Chapters 17-19**: When will the kingdom come? See, its coming now as sinners repent and follow. It will come one day when the Son of Man returns, so invest wisely.

**Chapters 19-21** tell of the coming destruction of the temple and religious leaders – the 'old kingdom'.

**Chapters 22-23** anticipate his coming death and interpret this as the wrath bearing, Passover sacrifice, for his sinful people. The saviour then dies.

**Chapter 24** describes his resurrection, shows how what has been accomplished can only be understood as he opens people's minds to the scriptures, and tells his disciples to go and proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations.

**Overall**, Theophilus can have certainty that Jesus of Nazareth is God's saving king, who saves repentant sinners through his death, and gathers a people for his kingdom through the preaching of the gospel.

## Action rhyme

(To the tune, 'Following the leader')

- Chorus*            *We're following King Jesus, King Jesus, King Jesus,  
We're following King Jesus, wherever he may go.*
- Lesson 2*           *King Jesus came to save us, save us, save us,  
King Jesus came to save us, save us from our sin.*
- Lesson 3*           *King Jesus has a mission, a mission, a mission,  
King Jesus has a mission, and we should follow him.*
- Lesson 4*           *What should we go to do now, do now, do now?  
What should we go to do now? Let's tell them of the king.*
- Lesson 5*           *How will King Jesus help us, help us, help us?  
How will King Jesus help us? With the help of God.*
- Lesson 6*           *Will those who are saved be few, few, few?  
Will those who are saved be few? Gods kingdom will be full.*
- Lesson 7*           *When will the kingdom come, come, come?  
When will the kingdom come? Both now and in the future.*

# Teaching plan

| Week     | Lesson | Passage               | Story              | Concept  |
|----------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1<br>2   | 1      | 1:31-33               | The King           | Jesus is the King!   |
| 3<br>4   | 2      | 7:48, 50              | The sinful woman   | King Jesus saves from sin.   |
| 5<br>6   | 3      | 9:23                  | The mission        | King Jesus goes to the cross, follow him!                            |
| 7<br>8   | 4      | 9:60                  | The job            | What should we do?<br>Tell!  |
| 9<br>10  | 5      | 11:13                 | The help           | How will King Jesus help?<br>With the help of God.                   |
| 11<br>12 | 6      | 14:23                 | The banquet        | Are only a few people going to be saved? God's kingdom will be full! |
| 13<br>14 | 7      | 17:20-21 &<br>19:1-10 | The coming Kingdom | When will the kingdom come?<br>Now and in the future.                |



# The king



Concept | **Jesus is the king!**

## Bible time 1

### 🎵 Gathering song

*'Let's gather together to hear from God.  
Let's gather together to hear from God,  
Come gather here with me.'*

### Welcome

**Order of the morning:** Bible time, game, Bible time, craft

**Sunday School rules:** Who can tell me one of our rules which helps us to listen to the bible and to each other?

**Pray:** Let's ask for God's help as we hear him speak in the Bible.

### Concept

### 🎵 Bible Box song

*'What are we going to learn today? What are we going to learn today?  
Let's find out from the Bible box. Let's find out from the Bible box.'*

**Concept:** Jesus is the king!

### Concept explanation

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### Bible verse

### 🎵 The Bible song

But how do we know that ...? Did I hear it on the ...? Did I read it in a ...? Did I see it on a ...? No? Where do I get it all from then?

*'The Bible, the Bible, how we love the Bible. It's God's word. Yay!'*

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- Visuals and props:**
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Ask a child to get the Bible from the Bible box.

**Read bible verse:** Luke 1:31-33

**Bible verse explanation**

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**Action rhyme**

Let's sing a song with some actions to help us remember what we're learning today.

(To the tune, 'Following the leader')

*We're following King Jesus, King Jesus, King Jesus,  
We're following King Jesus, wherever he may go.*

**🎵 Closing song**

*'We've gathered together to hear from God.  
We've gathered together to hear from God.  
And now it's time for a game.'*

**Game**

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## Bible time 2

### 🎵 Gathering song

*'Let's gather together to hear from God.  
Let's gather together to hear from God,  
Come gather here with me.'*

### Story

### The king

Tick tock. Tick tock. Tick tock goes the clock. God's people had been waiting a very long time. God had promised to send them a King, but he was taking his time. Tick tock. Tick tock. Tick tock went the clock. The people had waited and waited and waited. Weeks had gone by and there was no King. Months had gone by and there was no King. Years went by but still no King. Tick tock. Tick tock. Tick tock went the clock. Waiting, waiting, waiting. The people waited one year, then two years, then three years, then five years, then 10 years, then 50 years, then 100 years, then 600 years! When would God send his promised King? Tick tock. Tick tock. Tick tock went the clock.

And then, in the City of Nazareth, an angel appeared to a young lady called Mary. Mary was going to be married to a man named Joseph, who was from King David's family. Mary was very surprised when she saw the angel. But the angel said to her, 'do not be afraid, you have found favour with God.' The angel said to Mary, 'You will have a baby boy, and you will call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over his people forever; his kingdom will never end.' Wow, God's promised king was finally going to come. He would be born very soon. He would be called Jesus. He would be king over his people. His kingdom would never end. Jesus would be the king.


At that very first Christmas – remember the Inn and the manger, remember the shepherds and their sheep, remember the wise men and their gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh – at that very first Christmas, 600 years after God had promised, the king was finally born. King Jesus entered the world. Hooray, he's here! No more waiting. God's promised King had arrived. *Jesus is the King [with actions].* [Get the children to repeat this phrase with actions: 'Jesus' – point fingers up, 'is the King' – make a crown with your hands on your head.]


Jesus will be a great king. *Jesus is the King [with actions].* King Jesus is the Son of God. *Jesus is the King [with actions].* King Jesus will sit on the throne of his father David. *Jesus is the King [with actions].* King Jesus will reign over his people. *Jesus is the King [with actions].* King Jesus' Kingdom will never end. *Jesus is the King [with actions].*


God promised his people a king, and now the king has come! Today we've learnt that *Jesus is the King* [with actions].


## Prayer

Let's now pray to God. Can you get your praying fingers out.


 **Adoration.** Let's point our fingers up to God and tell him how great he is.  
Wow God/ We praise you God... \_\_\_\_\_

 **Confession.** Let's point our fingers at ourselves and say sorry for our sin.  
Sorry God... \_\_\_\_\_

 **Thanksgiving.** Let's hold our hands out and thank God for what he does.  
Thank you God... \_\_\_\_\_

 **Supplication.** Let's put our hands together and ask him to do great things.  
Please God... \_\_\_\_\_

## Closing song

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We've gathered together to hear from God,  
And now it's time for craft.'*

## Craft

### Craft ideas...

Week 1:

Week 2:

# The sinful woman



Concept | King Jesus saves from sin.

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### Bible verse

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Ask a child to get the Bible from the Bible box.

**Read bible verse:** Luke 7:48, 50

**Bible verse explanation**

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## Action rhyme

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(To the tune, 'Following the leader')

Chorus      *We're following King Jesus, King Jesus, King Jesus,  
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Next verse      *King Jesus came to save us, save us, save us,  
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## 🎵 Closing song

*'We've gathered together to hear from God.  
We've gathered together to hear from God.  
And now it's time for a game.'*

## Game

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## Bible time 2

### 🎵 Gathering song

*'Let's gather together to hear from God.  
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Come gather here with me.'*

### Story

### The sinful woman

Here are some saviours, can you tell me what they might save you from: Fireman, Doctor, Knight, Lifeguard, Mountain rescue. [\[Take answers\]](#)

Today we're going to see that King Jesus is a saviour – he's on a rescue mission. But I wonder what he's going to save people from. Let's have a listen to the story of the sinful woman.

When Jesus was in a town called Capernaum, one of the Pharisees invited him over for dinner. So Jesus went to the Pharisees' house and took his place at the table. Whilst they were eating, a woman came to Jesus with a jar of perfume. This woman was a sinner. She had not lived God's way. She'd done some very naughty things. And because of this, God wasn't happy. She couldn't be a part of his kingdom. This woman was a sinner.

We are like this woman. We are sinners too. We have not lived God's way. We have done some very naughty things. God tells us to obey our parents. But I know, they know, and you know you don't always do that. God tells us to love him more than anything else. But we're not good at that either. Often we love other things more than God – toys, food, friends, tv. We are naughty sinners like the sinful woman. And because of this God isn't happy. And we can't be a part of his kingdom. This is very sad.

The sinful woman was sad too. She cried and wept. She began to wet Jesus' feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee saw this, he said to himself, 'Does Jesus know what sort of person this woman is – that she's a naughty sinner?' Jesus knew exactly what sort of person she was. And he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'


Jesus had forgiven the woman of her naughty sin! She could now be friends with God and be a part of his kingdom. This is amazing. King Jesus forgives people when they say sorry. We are naughty sinners like the sinful woman. When we say sorry for our sin, Jesus will forgive us. We can be friends with God and be a part of his kingdom.


Jesus is a saviour. He didn't come to save people from [\[recall some situations\]](#)


from the beginning of the story]. He came to save people from sin, so that they could be a part of his kingdom. King Jesus saves from sin. If we have said sorry for our sin, King Jesus forgives us, and be a part of his kingdom.


## Prayer

Let's now pray to God. Can you get your praying fingers out.

 **Adoration.** Let's point our fingers up to God and tell him how great he is.  
Wow God/ We praise you God... \_\_\_\_\_

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## 🎵 Closing song

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## Craft

### Craft ideas...

Week 1:

Week 2:

# The mission



Concept | King Jesus goes to the cross, follow him!

## Bible time 1

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### Concept explanation

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### Bible verse

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Ask a child to get the Bible from the Bible box.

**Read bible verse:** Luke 9:23

**Bible verse explanation**

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**Action rhyme**

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(To the tune, 'Following the leader')

Chorus        *We're following King Jesus, King Jesus, King Jesus,  
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Next verse    *King Jesus has a mission, a mission, a mission,  
King Jesus came has a mission, and we should follow him.*

**🎵 Closing song**

*'We've gathered together to hear from God.  
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## Bible time 2

### 🎵 Gathering song

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### Story

### The mission

[Have a leader dressed up as Dr Luke and read out the bits in italics marked DL.]

DL: Hello \_\_\_\_\_ church Sunday school? I'm Doctor Luke.

Hello Dr Luke, what are you doing here?

DL: *I'm here to recruit you for a special mission.*

Oooh, sounds exciting. What's the mission?

DL: *Your mission is to save sinners.*

Wow, that's a very big mission, but I thought that was Jesus' mission?

DL: *Your right it was Jesus' mission. When King Jesus came to earth, he was on a rescue mission. His mission was to save sinners. And he would do this by dying on a cross.*

Dying on a cross sounds like a strange way to save someone. Are you sure he didn't save people with a jet-pack or fast car or a lifeboat?

DL: *Saving people with a jet-pack would have been fun, but it wouldn't have worked. You see, naughty sinners deserve to be punished for their sin. The punishment for sin is death. But when Jesus died on the cross, he took the punishment instead of them. Now, naughty sinners can be forgiven. And when they say sorry for their sin, they can be friends with God and can be a part of his kingdom.*

*I think you might have lots of naughty sinners with you who are now friends with God?*

Yes, we've got lots of children like that here. They'll be really excited to hear that Jesus died to rescue them. But Dr Luke, it sounds like that's mission accomplished. If King Jesus has died to save sinners, is the mission over?

DL: *No it's not. The mission to save sinners is still happening. Jesus wants you to follow him and have the same mission as him. His mission is your mission. This mission needs to be your top priority. All your other missions will have to go on pause.*

Ok I think we're up for that. Are we up for that children? [Let the children respond.] Dr Luke, to save sinners, will we have to die on a cross too?

DL: *No you won't. That was Jesus' job. But Jesus did want me to warn you that this mission is very hard. It will be difficult, it will be tiring, it will be painful, it will*

*sometimes make us feel sad, and people will be mean to us, we may even get hurt.*


Thank you for warning us Dr Luke. So you want us to join Jesus on his mission to save sinners. We won't have to die on the cross like he did, but it will be very hard.


Tell us, his job was to die, what's our job? And will the king give us any help? And how many people will be saved? And when will his kingdom finally come?


*DL: Those are all good questions which we'll learn the answers to over the rest of the term. I have to go now. Good luck!*


## Prayer

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 **Adoration.** Let's point our fingers up to God and tell him how great he is.  
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## Craft

### Craft ideas...

Week 1:

Week 2:

# The job



Concept | **What should we do? Tell!**

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### Concept explanation

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**Read bible verse:** Luke 9:60

**Bible verse explanation**

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## Action rhyme

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## Bible time 2

### 🎵 Gathering song

*“Let's gather together to hear from God.  
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### Story

### The job

There are lots of jobs in the world. [Have props to show the children for some of the following jobs.] Some people are doctors, some are nurses, some are teachers, some are businessmen, some are cleaners, some are builders, some are astronauts, some are shopkeepers. Our mums and dads have jobs. Maybe you've thought about what job you might do when you grow up. Today, Jesus is going to give you a job. He is going to tell us of a very special job he wants us all to do. As I read this short story try to spot what job Jesus wants us to do.

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, where he will die to save sinners. On his way he said to someone, 'Follow me.' But the man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'

Did you spot what job Jesus wanted the man to do? Jesus wants him to proclaim the kingdom of God. He wants the man to open his mouth and tell others about Jesus and his kingdom. What an amazing job!

This is the job that Jesus has given each one of us. He wants me to tell people about Jesus and his kingdom. He wants [pick a child] to tell people about Jesus and his kingdom [repeat]. This is the job Jesus has given us to do. We can still grow up to be a doctor or nurse or teacher or businessman or cleaner or builder or astronaut or shopkeeper. But whatever we do, the most important job we have, the job given to us by the king, is to open our mouths and tell others about him. And when they hear of Jesus and his kingdom, they can say sorry for their sin, be saved too and become a part of his kingdom. What an amazing job!

We can tell anyone and everyone about Jesus and his kingdom: rich people, poor people, tall people, short people, white people, black people, friendly people, nasty people. We can tell everyone and anyone about Jesus and his kingdom.


We can tell people anywhere and everywhere about Jesus and his kingdom: in the park, in the playground, in the classroom, at the zoo, in England, in Australia, or anywhere in the world. We can tell people anywhere and everywhere about Jesus and his kingdom.


We can tell people any time, all the time: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Autumn.


Breakfast time, break time, lunchtime, dinner time, or even at bedtime. We can tell people all the time, any time, about Jesus and his kingdom. What an amazing job we have!


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Week 2:

# The help



Concept | **How will King Jesus help? With the help of God.**

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**Read bible verse:** Luke 11:13

**Bible verse explanation**

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**Action rhyme**

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Next verse    *How will King Jesus help us, help us, help us?  
How will King Jesus help us? With the help of God.*

**🎵 Closing song**

*'We've gathered together to hear from God.  
We've gathered together to hear from God.  
And now it's time for a game.'*

**Game**

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## Bible time 2

### 🎵 Gathering song

*“Let's gather together to hear from God.  
Let's gather together to hear from God,  
Come gather here with me.”*

### Story

### The help

A builder has tools to help him build a house. What tools might a builder have? [\[Take answers\]](#) A teacher has equipment to help her teach. What equipment might she have? [\[Take answers\]](#) A doctor cures people from illness with the help of others. Who might help a doctor? [\[Take answers\]](#)

Remember that King Jesus has given us a special job to do. Our job is to tell others about him and his kingdom. But this can be hard. Sometimes we forget what to say. Sometimes we're scared to tell others. Sometimes we get distracted by playing with our toys or watching tv. Sometimes we get worried about whether it'll all be ok and we'll be safe. We need something, or someone, to help us do our job.

To help us with our job, Jesus tells us that we have a father in heaven. God is our father in heaven. He is looking out for us. He is caring for us. We can pray to him and ask him for help. And he will give us what we need to live for him and tell others about King Jesus. What amazing help! Our fathers on earth help us put our shoes on and brush our teeth and keep us warm and give us food. Our father in heaven helps us to live for him and tell others about king Jesus. When we're scared, he's watching over us. When we're worried, he's taking care of us. We have a father in heaven who helps us.

But that's not all. Our father in heaven gives us an amazing gift. This gift helps us to do our job. He doesn't give us a... [recall some of the tools and equipment and people spoken about at the start]. God gives us his very own Spirit – his Holy Spirit which lives inside us. The Holy Spirit helps us remember the truth about King Jesus and his kingdom. The Holy Spirit gives us boldness to tell others about King Jesus and his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the best help we could have.

Builders have... to do their job. Teachers have... to do their job. Doctors have... to do their job. Our father in heaven gives us the Holy Spirit to help us do our job.

## Prayer

Let's now pray to God. Can you get your praying fingers out.

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## Craft

### Craft ideas...

Week 1:

Week 2:

# The banquet



Concept | **Will only a few be saved? The kingdom will be full!**

## Bible time 1

### 🎵 Gathering song

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### Welcome

**Order of the morning:** Bible time, game, Bible time, craft

**Sunday School rules:** Who can tell me one of our rules which helps us to listen to the bible and to each other?

**Pray:** Let's ask for God's help as we hear him speak in the Bible.

### Concept

### 🎵 Bible Box song

*'What are we going to learn today? What are we going to learn today?  
Let's find out from the Bible box. Let's find out from the Bible box.'*

**Concept:** Will only a few be saved? The kingdom will be full!

### Concept explanation

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### Bible verse

### 🎵 The Bible song

But how do we know that ...? Did I hear it on the ...? Did I read it in a ...? Did I see it on a ...? No? Where do I get it all from then?

*'The Bible, the Bible, how we love the Bible. It's God's word. Yay!'*

Use the 'How to lead a pre-school session' section in the leader's handbook to help you prepare.

## Visuals and props:

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Ask a child to get the Bible from the Bible box.

**Read bible verse:** Luke 14:23

**Bible verse explanation**

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## Action rhyme

Let's sing a song with some actions to help us remember what we're learning today.

(To the tune, 'Following the leader')

Chorus      *We're following King Jesus, King Jesus, King Jesus,  
We're following King Jesus, wherever he may go.*

Next verse      *Will only a few be saved, saved, saved?  
Will only a few be saved? The kingdom will be full.*

## 🎵 Closing song

*'We've gathered together to hear from God.  
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## Game

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## Bible time 2

### 🎵 Gathering song

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### Story

### The banquet

Jesus has given us a job to do: to tell others about him and invite them to join his kingdom. But will they listen, and will they accept the invite, and will they join the kingdom?

Let me tell you a story about a banquet.

A man once prepared a great banquet. In his house he set up a big long table. He laid out the knives and forks and napkins and candles. He got the music ready, he sent out the invitations, and he prepared a delicious meal. There was... [\[list lots of delicious food and drink\]](#). It was going to be a wonderful party.

When everything was ready, he told his servant to go and tell the guests that the banquet was ready. So off the servant went. The servant came to the first guest and said, ‘Come, the banquet is ready!’ But the first guest said, ‘I’ve just bought a field, and I must go and see it. I cannot come to the banquet.’

So the servant went off to the next guest and said, ‘Come, the banquet is ready!’ But the next guest said, ‘I’ve just bought some Ox and am on my way to try them out. I cannot come to the banquet.’

So the servant went off to the next guest and said, ‘Come, the banquet is ready!’ But the next guest said, ‘I’ve just got married, so I can’t come.’

The servant went back to his master to tell him what the guests had said. The man was angry. He said to the servant, ‘Go out into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ The servant went and did this and many came to enjoy the banquet. But there was still room for more. So the man said, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and invite them in so that my house will be full.’ And so the servant did. Many people came to the banquet.

The kingdom of God is like a banquet. This story shows us that when we tell people to come, some will say no, but many will say yes. And in the end, the kingdom will be full of many, many people.

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# The coming kingdom



Concept | When will the kingdom come? Now and the future.

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**Read bible verse:** Luke 17:20-21

**Bible verse explanation**

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When will the kingdom come? Both now and in the future.*

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## Bible time 2

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### Story

### The coming kingdom

The kingdom of God will be wonderful. It'll be like a party. An amazing place, filled with God's people, where we can live with God forever. I can't wait! But when will the kingdom come? Is it coming tomorrow, or maybe the day after? Or will it come next year, or has it come already?

Today we're going to see that the kingdom has come now, and that it will also come in the future.


Dr Luke shows us that the kingdom has come now. Listen to this: As Jesus was walking through the city of Jericho, a man named Zacchaeus wanted to see him. Zacchaeus was a tax collector. And Zacchaeus wasn't a good tax collector. Zacchaeus was greedy and had stolen money from people – he was a sinner. He was also short, and so when he tried to see Jesus he couldn't because he couldn't see over the crowd. So, Zacchaeus ran on ahead and climbed a sycamore tree. From here he'd be able to see Jesus. As Jesus walked by, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus in the tree. He said to Zacchaeus, 'Zacchaeus come down. I must stay at your house today.' Zacchaeus came down and welcomed Jesus with joy. But some of the crowd grumbled saying, 'Jesus has gone to be a guest of a sinner.' Zacchaeus knew he was a sinner and was sorry for his sin. And when they were at his house, he said to Jesus, 'Whatever I have stolen I will give back.'


Zacchaeus shows us how God's kingdom is coming now. When people say sorry for their sin, they become a part of God's kingdom. I wonder if you can spot it. Have you seen anyone who's said sorry for their sin? Have you seen someone who's living for Jesus? If you have then you've seen the kingdom, or at least someone who's part of God's kingdom. The kingdom is coming now.


And the kingdom will come in the future. One day Jesus will come back, like a king returning to his country. We don't know when, but he will. We've been waiting and waiting and waiting. Waiting years and decades and centuries and millennia. And we might have to wait some more. Maybe another year, maybe another ten years, maybe another hundred years, maybe another thousand years. We might need to wait some more, but one day Jesus will come back. And when he comes back, he will take us to be with him in his kingdom forever.


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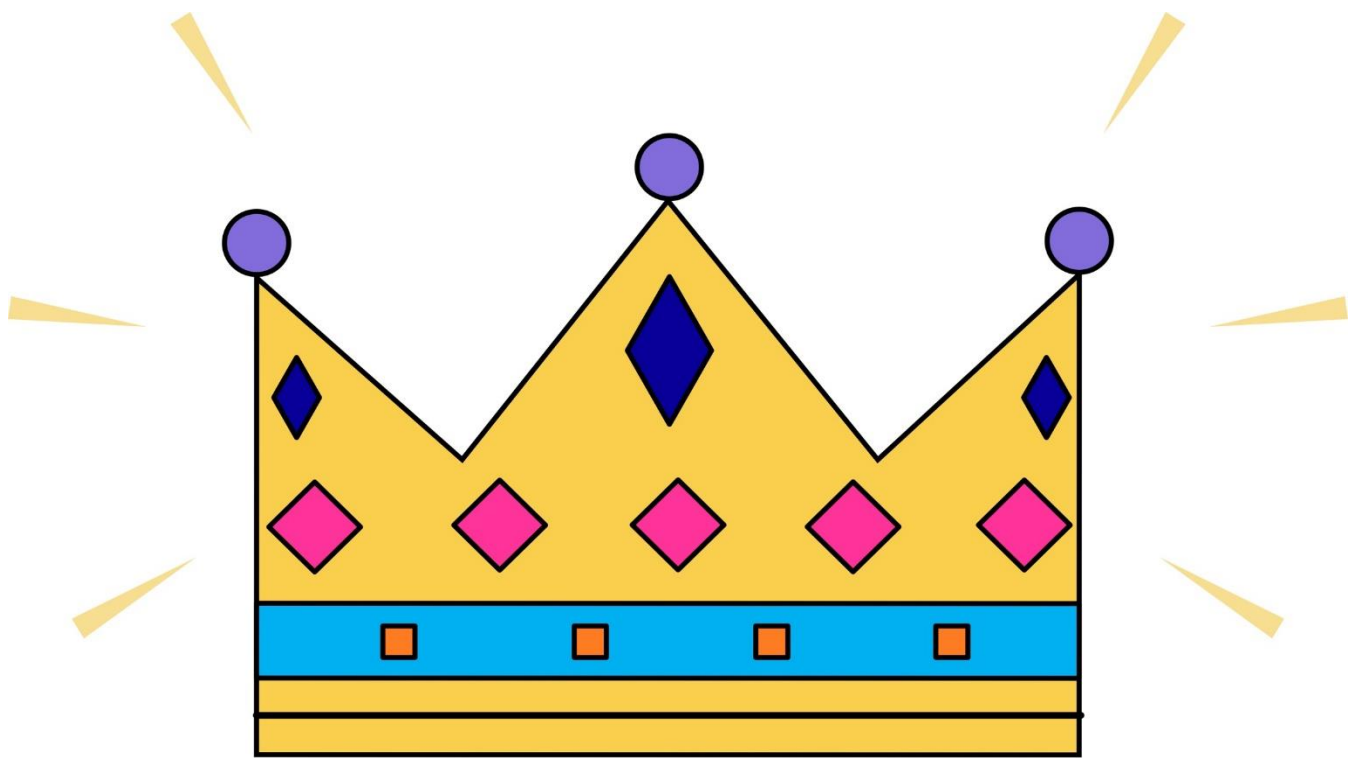
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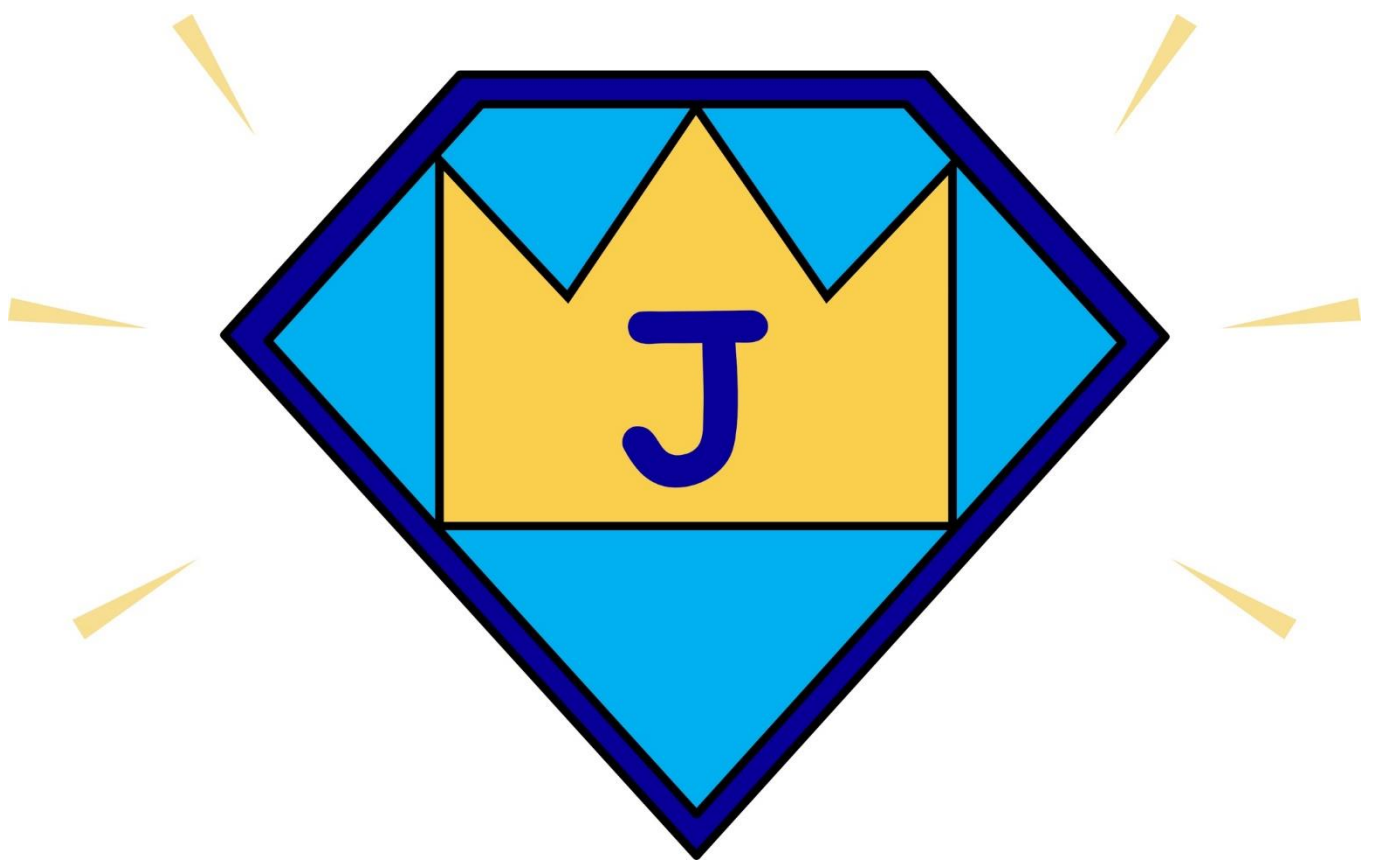
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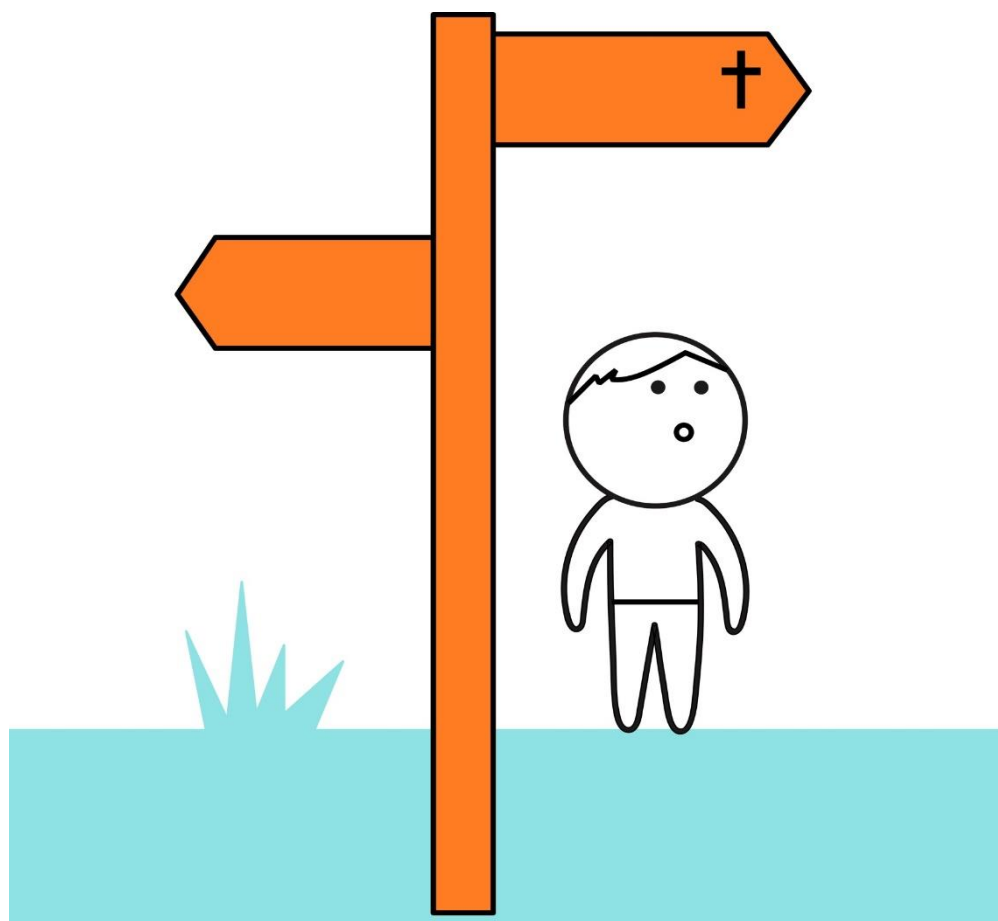
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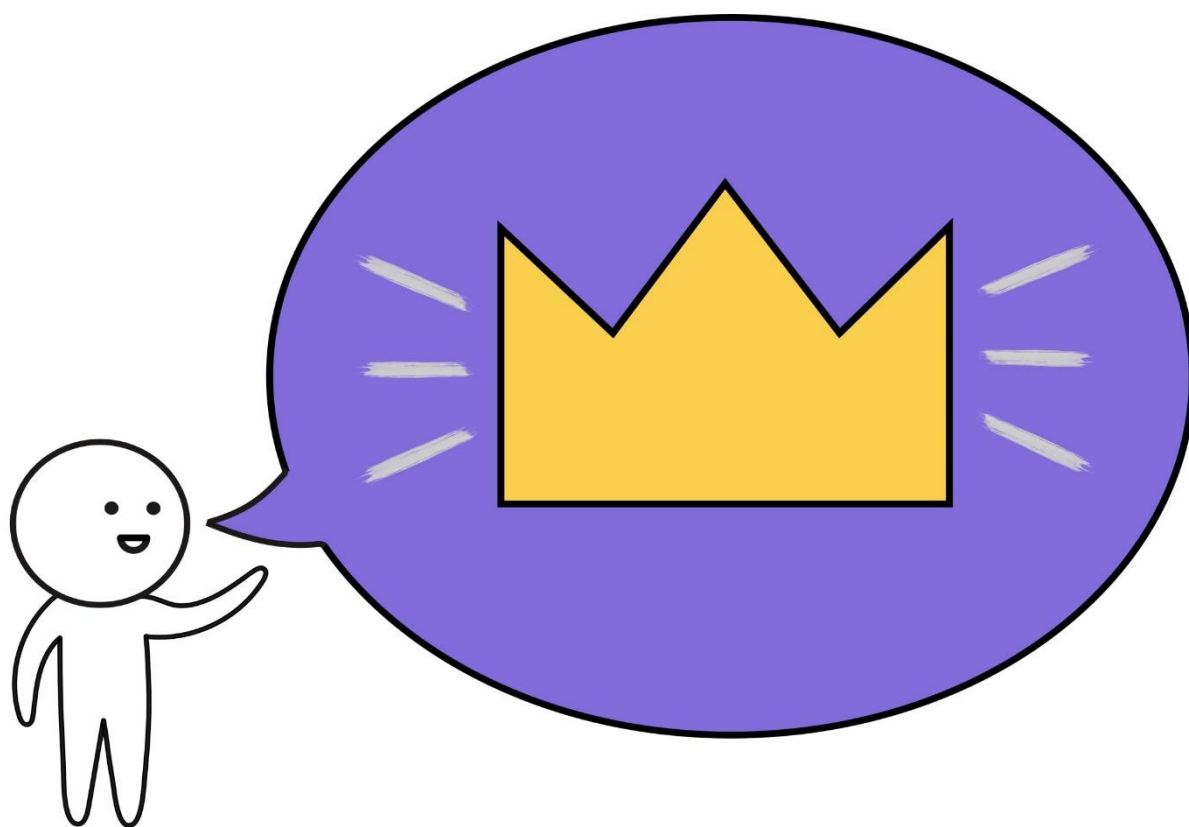
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# King Jesus goes to the cross



**Follow him!**

# What should we do?



# Tell!

# How will King Jesus help?



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