



St Helen's
Bishopsgate

Psalms

Teaching material
for 3-5's

Songs to sing whilst we wait for
God's 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 discipled 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. I.e. 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 | Psalms

Songs to sing whilst we wait for God's king.

Introduction to the Psalms

Psalm just means 'song'. So, the book of psalms is a book of songs. It could be described as a playlist. It is a playlist of 150 songs which God has given his people.

King David wrote at least 75 of the Psalms, a priest called Asaph wrote 12, The Sons of Korah who were a special branch of Levites wrote 11, King Solomon possibly wrote 2 and Moses probably 1; the other 49 are of unknown authorship. The individual psalms were therefore written over a period of approximately 1000 years. All these individual Psalms were collated together into what we now know as 'The Psalter' (another way of saying Book of Psalms).

What is this playlist of songs about?

The introduction to the Psalms, Psalms 1&2, give us the answer. Psalm 1 encourages us to listen to and meditate on God's playlist. Psalm 2 tells us what God's playlist is about. It is about his promised king, whom he will raise up to smash human rebellion and give refuge to those who surrender to him.

The Psalter is then split into 5 books which develop this theme: Book 1 (Psalms 1-41) of the Psalter shows us that the king of Psalm 2 is not king David. Though he looked much like the Psalm 2 king, he faced enemy opposition, sinned, succumbed to sickness, and died. Book 2 (Psalms 42-72) widens this gap and David turns his gaze and hope to his son, king Solomon. But in Book 3 (Psalms 73-89) there is despair; because of their sin, God's king and people come under God's wrath and end up in exile. Does this mean God has broken his (Abrahamic and Davidic) covenant promises?! Book 4 (Psalms 90-107) shows us that wrath and exile are not new problems (cf. the exile of Genesis 3) and God is still committed to his covenant promises, so don't worry. Book 5 (Psalms 107-150) looks forward by showing the reader that God will raise up his Psalm 2 king and bring his people out of exile and to himself in a new Zion. There will be a Psalm 2 king who smashes human rebellion and gives refuge to those who surrender to him. And though the journey for his people at the moment is difficult, he has provided them with his word to sustain them through it. The book of Psalms ends in a flurry of praise offered up by God's gathered people in Zion and by the whole of creation – a picture of when the Psalm 2 king comes.

But, why would God's people need this playlist of songs?

This playlist was collated together after God's people returned from exile. We know this because Psalm 137 speaks of remembering the circumstances of the exile: *'By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion' [Psalm 137:1]*. They are waiting for this king of Psalm 2 to come, through whom the covenant promises will be delivered. A question they might be asking might be: 'Will God keep his promise to raise up a 2 Samuel 7 king?'

This playlist would remind them of God's faithfulness to his promise to send his king and that the rest of his promises would be fulfilled through that king. The Psalter would help God's people keep

on going as they waited and would remind them of what God and his promises are like. They were also to warn God's people to not turn away from him whilst they waited and affirmed to them the need to hold onto his word. So, as they then waited for this king, they could sing these songs. These are songs to sing as they wait for God's king.

And why would we need this playlist of songs?

That was all a long time ago, but we find ourselves in a similar position. Four hundred years after the Psalms were put together God's promised king, the king of Psalm 2 did come; his name was Jesus. But he didn't come to smash rebels, he came to save rebels. Then he went back up to heaven and promised that he would return. This time, when he does, all the covenant promises of God will be completely fulfilled. He will smash human rebellion and give refuge in a new Zion to those who surrender to him. Until that happens, we live in a time of waiting; we are waiting for his return. God has therefore placed this book in our bibles so that we would have songs to sing whilst we wait for his king.

The Psalms are a great book for us to study with the children because they too are waiting for the Psalm 2 king. They too need encouragement and warning as they wait for king Jesus' return. They too can benefit from having their view of Jesus enlarged, and their appreciation of him grown. Psalms is also a great book to study with the children because it is quoted in the New Testament more than any other book of the Old Testament, thus hopefully helping the children to understand the New Testament more and more.

We will look at just 7 Psalms over 8 sessions, but hopefully this will give us a good taste for the Psalms and what they teach us. Psalms 1 and 2 form something of an introduction to the Book of Psalms and so we will spend the first 3 sessions on these two relatively short psalms because they are so important in setting the agenda for the rest of the Psalter. The other 5 psalms have been chosen either because of their importance in the New Testament or because they represent a key lesson being taught in the Book of Psalms.

Action rhyme

(To the tune, 'Do your ears hang low.')

Chorus *Psalms are songs to sing as we're waiting for God's king,
Psalms are songs to sing as we're waiting for God's king,
Psalms are songs to sing as we're waiting for God's king,
Psalms are songs to sing!*

Lesson 1 *God made Jesus king of everyone and everything,
God made Jesus king of everyone and everything,
God made Jesus king of everyone and everything,
God made Jesus king!*

Lesson 2 *God made you and me we are so special to him,
God made you and me we are so special to him,
God made you and me we are so special to him,
God made you and me!*

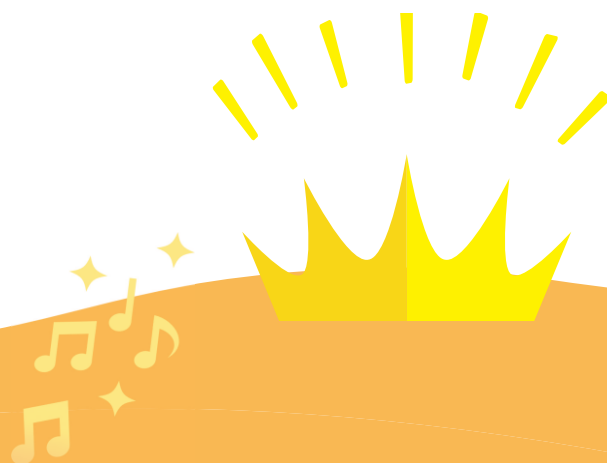
Lesson 3 *Jesus is our shepherd he will always care for us
Jesus is our shepherd he will always care for us
Jesus is our shepherd he will always care for us
Jesus cares for us!*

Lesson 4

*Praise the Lord our God he is worthy of our praise,
Praise the Lord our God he is worthy of our praise,
Praise the Lord our God he is worthy of our praise,
Praise the Lord our God!*

Teaching plan

Week	Lesson	Passage	Story	Concept
1 2	1	Psalms 2	The king	God made Jesus king
3 4	2	Psalms 8	Wow God!	Wow! We're made to rule
5 6	3	Psalms 23	My shepherd	Jesus is my good shepherd
7 8	4	Psalms 148	The party	Praise the Lord



The king



Concept | God made Jesus 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 session: 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: Praise God who made everything

Concept explanation

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: Psalm 148:5

Bible verse explanation

Action rhyme

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

(To the tune, 'Do your ears hang low'.)

*Psalms are songs to sing as we're waiting for God's king,
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God made Jesus king!*

🎵 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

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

Jesus is the king. Jesus the king is in charge of everyone and everything. He is in charge of me. He is in charge of you. He's in charge of your mum and dad too. He's even in charge of all the kings who rule on earth. To be the king over everyone and everything is very special. But who made Jesus king? Who made Jesus king of everyone and everything? You know the answer already, God did! God made Jesus king.

But oh no. There's a problem. Some people don't want Jesus to be king. Some people hate it that Jesus is king. In the Bible, in the book called Psalms, we hear about these people who don't want Jesus to be king.

- Here's a person who doesn't want Jesus to be king [\[picture of a king\]](#). This person is a king on earth. You can tell that he is a king because he has a crown on his head. This person does not like that Jesus is king.
- Here's another person who doesn't want Jesus to be king [\[another picture of a king\]](#). This person is a king on earth as well. He does not like that Jesus is king either.
- Here's *another* person who doesn't want Jesus to be king [\[another picture of a king\]](#). This person is a king on earth as well. He also does not like that Jesus is king.

There are lots more people like this who don't want Jesus to be king. Imagine if all these kings, and many more of them, joined together as a team. Imagine a team of kings that had in it all the kings of the earth. Do you think that all these kings together could stop Jesus being king? Are they strong enough to stop Jesus being king? Do they have enough power to stop Jesus being king? No. Not at all.


On earth all these kings are making their plans to get rid of Jesus the king. Meanwhile, God is in heaven. God looks down from heaven. God sees all these kings who are against Jesus. There are so many of them. They might have armies with them. They might have weapons with them. Is God scared of them? Is God worried that these kings might be able to beat him? No! Not at all. God looks down at them and he laughs, 'Ha ha ha ha!' He laughs at these kings. Compared to King Jesus these other kings are weak. Compared to King Jesus these other kings are puny. They can't stop Jesus being king. God has made Jesus king.


God says that all people on earth who are against King Jesus should watch out. All the people on earth who are against Jesus will lose. In the end, King Jesus will win against all of them. In the end, Jesus will destroy them all. The people against Jesus need to turn and trust him before it's too late.


You know, many people on earth are like those kings. There are many people who are against King Jesus. These people against Jesus can sometimes look very powerful. They can sometimes look very strong. But they will lose in the end. King Jesus is much more powerful than them all. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is safe. We should all want to be on King Jesus' side. God has made Jesus king. And what an amazing king Jesus is!


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

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

Craft

Craft ideas...

Week 1:

Week 2:

Wow God!



Concept | **Wow! We're made to rule**

Bible time 1

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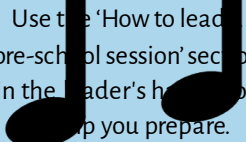
Concept explanation

Bible verse

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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?

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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: Psalm 8:4

Bible verse explanation

Action rhyme

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

(To the tune, 'Do your ears hang low'.)

*Psalms are songs to sing as we're waiting for God's king,
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*God made you and me we are so special to him,
God made you and me we are so special to him,
God made you and me we are so special to him,
God made you and me!*

🎵 Closing song

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Game

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

Wow God!

I want you to join in with me saying a word. Here it is: "Wow!" Can you say "Wow" with me? Let's have a go. "Wow!" We say wow when something is amazing. Our story from the Bible today will make us say "Wow" to God, because he is amazing.

God made everything. [Pictures] The sun and moon. The stars and planets. The sea and the land. The fish in the sea, the birds in the air, and the creatures on the ground. God made everything. Wow!

And God made us. [Picture of yourself.] Compared to a mountain, we are very small. Compared to a whale, we are very small. Compared to a planet, we are very small. Even though we're small, and this'll make us go wow, even though we're small, God cares for us. Wow!! Even though we're smaller than a planet, he thinks about us. [Heart] Even though we're smaller than a whale, he loves us. Even though we're smaller than a mountain, he cares for us. God loves you and cares for you. Wow!!

But there's something even more mind-boggling that will make us go wow. Do you want to know what it is? God put us in charge of everything he had made. He made us to rule his world. [Crown] God made us to rule over the sheep and the oxen, over the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea. God put us in charge. It's like we all have crowns on. [Put the crown on your head.] God made me to rule over his world. God made [child's name] to rule over his world [put the crown on their head]. God made [child's name] to rule over his world [put the crown on their head] [continue to repeat]. God put us in charge of everything he has made. We were made to rule. Wow!! No other animal was made to rule. The dogs weren't made to rule. The snails weren't made to rule. The porcupines weren't made to rule. We were made to rule. Wow!!


But that's not it. There's one more thing that'll make us go wow. You might have noticed that when you tell a sheep what to do, they don't listen. You might have noticed that when you try to get near a blackbird, it flies away. You might not feel like you rule the world. The sad thing is that we messed up our job. When we sinned and said, 'shove off God, I'm in charge, no to your rule', the universe that God made would no longer listen to us and would be difficult to rule.


But, one day God will make a whole new world. [New creation] In this world King Jesus will rule. [King Jesus] He will be in charge of everything. He will be the boss of the planets and mountains and whales and snails. Everything will listen to him: the dogs,


the weather, all the people. When God makes his new world, Jesus will rule it. He is the king. And, he will also make us rulers with him to. Wow!! [Child's name] will rule [repeat for many/all the children]. We will be kings and queens over God's new world. We will rule over the planets and mountains and snails and whales. We will rule the world.
Wow!


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:

My shepherd



Concept | Jesus is my good shepherd

Bible time 1

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Concept: Jesus is my good shepherd

Concept explanation

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?

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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: Psalm 23:4a

Bible verse explanation

Action rhyme

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

(To the tune, 'Do your ears hang low'.)

*Psalms are songs to sing as we're waiting for God's king,
Psalms are songs to sing as we're waiting for God's king,
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*Jesus is our shepherd he will always care for us
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Jesus cares for us!*

🎵 Closing song

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Game

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

My shepherd

Today I want to tell you about someone from the Bible. His name is David.

When David was a boy, he was a shepherd [picture of David as a shepherd/volunteer to dress up]. A shepherd is someone who looks after sheep [picture/prop of a sheep]. As a shepherd, David kept his sheep safe from danger. Here's a lion [picture/prop of a lion]. Sometimes a lion would come to David's sheep and want to take one away and eat it. But David looked after his sheep. David kept them safe. David killed the lion! David's sheep were very safe with him.

Here's a bear [picture/prop of a bear]. Sometimes a bear would come to David's sheep and want to take one away and eat it. But David looked after his sheep. David kept them safe. David killed the bear! David's sheep were very safe with him. No lion or bear could take them away and eat them. David looked after his sheep. David was their shepherd who kept them safe from danger.

As a shepherd, David looked after his sheep and gave them what they needed. David led his sheep to find good grass to eat. David led his sheep to find good water to drink.

When David was a man, he was a king [picture of David as a king/volunteer to dress up]. Like his sheep King David needed to be kept safe from danger. David did not have lions and bears trying to eat him. But sometimes David had nasty men chasing him and trying to kill him. Who would keep David safe from this danger? David needed a shepherd to look after him and keep him safe. David knew that God was his shepherd. God looked after him. God kept him safe from danger. David sang a song about this. David's song began like this: 'The LORD is my Shepherd.'

Just like his sheep King David also needed to be looked after. Just like his sheep, King David needed a shepherd. God was his shepherd. When King David was scared, God was with him. When King David was lonely, God was with him. When King David needed help, God was with him. God was with King David all the time. God was with David when he was happy. God was with David when he was sad. God was David's shepherd. [Volunteer sits back down.]

Just like King David we all need a shepherd too. The Bible tells us that like David we have a shepherd. Jesus says to us, "I am the good shepherd." [Picture of Jesus] Jesus is the good shepherd who looks after his sheep. Jesus is our good shepherd. [Have sheep

with the names of the children on. Pin them up next to shepherd Jesus.]

Sometimes we get scared. I wonder what makes you scared. The night time? Darkness? Some scary animals like spiders? Monsters? Sometimes we're lonely. Sometimes we're sad. Sometimes we feel hurt. Sometimes we need help. Even though we can't see him Jesus is always with us. He is our good shepherd taking care of us. And he gives us what we need to live for him. Not grass like an actual sheep. He gives us his Spirit and the Bible. With these he will look after us until we're with him in heaven.

Prayer

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Craft ideas...

Week 1:

Week 2:

The party



Concept | **Praise the Lord**

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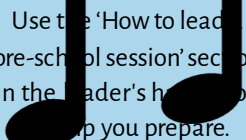
Concept explanation

Bible verse

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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: Psalm 148:14

Bible verse explanation

Action rhyme

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(To the tune, 'Do your ears hang low'.)

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Game

Bible time 2

🎵 Gathering song

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Come gather here with me.'*

Story

Praise the Lord

[Put a party hat on.] Who likes parties? I love parties. I love singing to loud music at parties. What do you like about parties? [Take answers] When King Jesus comes back, there will be a massive party. Let's see who's at this party.

The first group at this party is everything above the earth [have pictures for the following]: the sun and moon, the shining stars, the clouds and skies, the angels and heavenly hosts. Everything above the earth is at this party. And they are shouting out and singing in celebration. Can you imagine how loud that will be. The sun shouting at the top of its voice. The galaxies roaring out as loud as they can. The angels singing altogether. They are praising God. They are telling him how amazing he is. They are saying, 'Praise the Lord!' God is amazing. God spoke and they were made. God made everything above the earth and so they sing out in praise. This is the first group at the party.


The second group at the party is everything on the earth [have pictures for the following]: the great sea creatures, the lightning and hail, snow and clouds, winds, mountains, and hills, fruit trees and tall trees, and animals: cattle, birds, dogs, lions, elephants. Everything on the earth is at this party. And they too are shouting out and singing. Can you imagine how loud that will be. The lightning thundering out. The winds howling. The lions roaring. The birds squawking. All of them are singing out in praise. They are praising God. Because God is so great. God is greater than each one of them. So they tell him how amazing he is. They are saying, 'Praise the Lord!'


And there's one more group at this party. The final group at this party are God's people. Everyone who follows King Jesus will be there. Think of the hundreds and thousands and millions and billions of people that will be there. As many people as the sand at the seaside and the stars in space. We will be there. And we will all be shouting out and singing praise to God. Can you imagine how loud that will be. Everyone shouting and singing together like a great army or concert. So we have a small idea let's shout out together. After three shout with me, 'Praise the Lord!' Ready? [Shout out 'Praise the Lord!' with them a few times.] This party will be very loud. And we will be praising God because he sent his king to save us. King Jesus saves us. He saves us so that we can be with him forever. What a good reason to shout praise God. At the party, when Jesus returns, we will join in with the stars and moon and lightning and trees and animals, and together sing praise to God.


Let's praise him now in prayer.


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

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

Craft

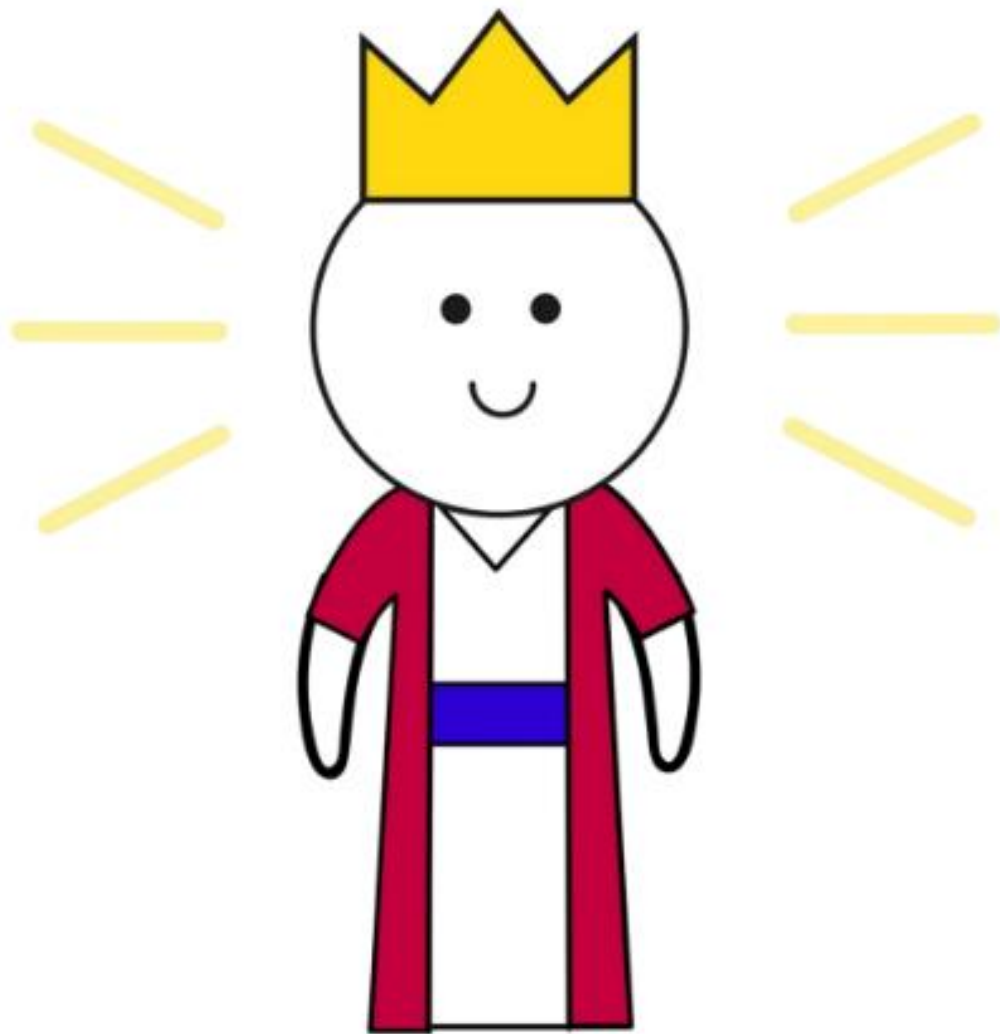
Craft ideas...

Week 1:

Week 2:

Concept sheets

God made Jesus king



Psalm 2

**Wow! We're
made to rule**



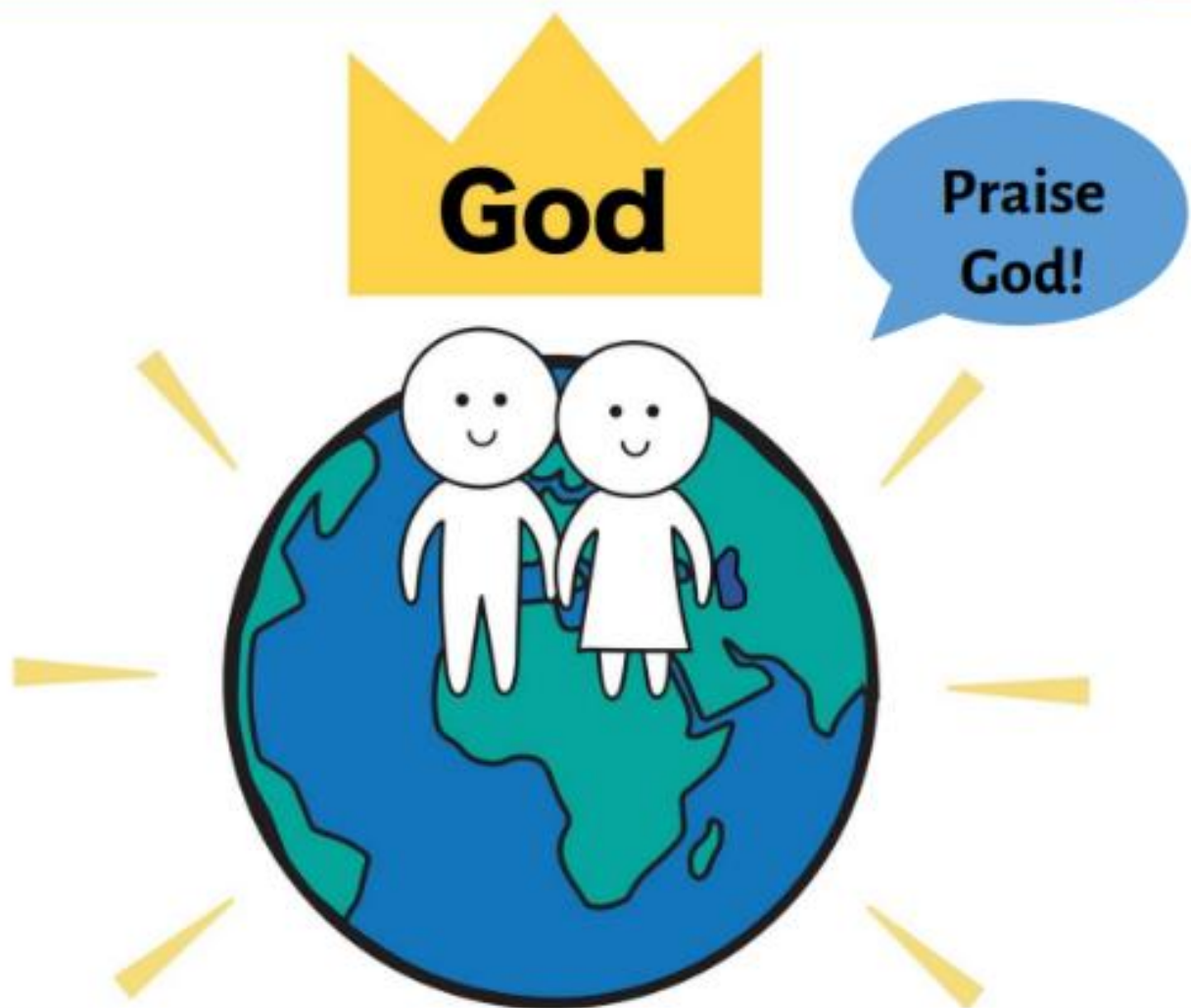
Psalm 8

Jesus is my good shepherd



Psalm 23

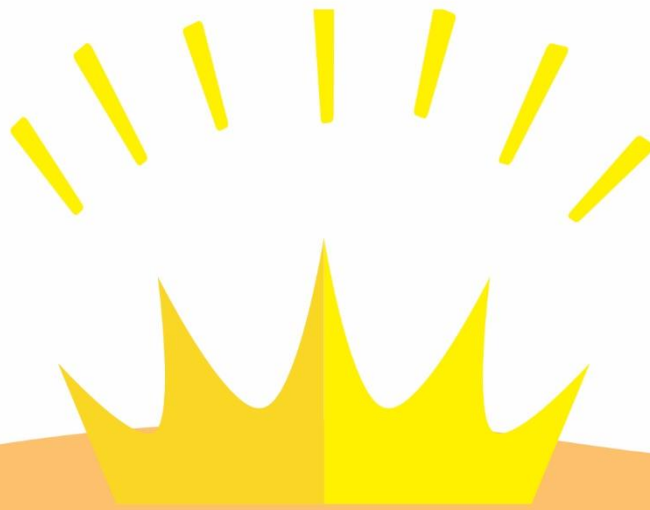
Praise the Lord



Psalm 148



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