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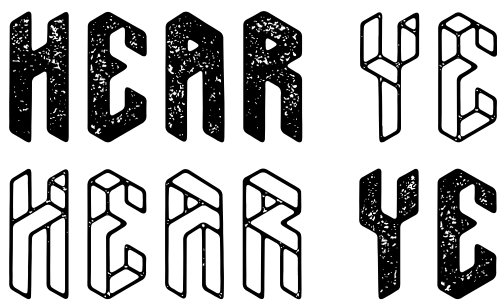


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**2000 YEARS AGO, WHEN ROMAN SOLDIERS THOUGHT
THEY WERE CRUCIFYING A CRIMINAL, THEY WERE
ACTUALLY CORONATING A KING.**

Though we are disappointed we cannot gather this year at the theater in Clarksburg, we are excited about God using this five-week video Bible study to impact students across WV.

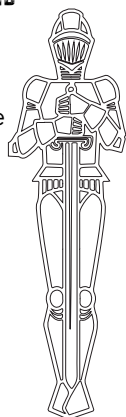
During this COVID year of contingency plans, we realized most students are tired of live virtual events. We get it! So, we sought to produce a resource that would serve youth workers well and help them reach and equip their students to live out the gospel.

**"WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR GOD TO BE KING OF OUR LIVES AND
EXPERIENCE HIS REIGN NOW AND FOREVER?"**

We are thankful for the many people who worked behind the scenes to put this study together in such a tight turnaround, from West Virginia to Nashville, and Kansas City to Chicago.

We are also thankful for you, our WVCSB church family, and praying for you as you take your students through this study.

Long live the king, King Jesus!



CHECKLIST



PROMOTE THIS STUDY TO YOUR 6-12 GRADERS.

FIND RESOURCES ONLINE, WVCSB.ORG/YEC21



ACCESS THE VIDEOS*

WVCSB.ORG/LOGLIVE [PASSWORD: THEKING]

*Email Tim@wvcsb.org, or call 304.757.0944, if you need a thumb drive with the video files or DVD.



FIND THE OFFICIAL SONG PLAYLIST ON SPOTIFY.

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TAKE YOUR STUDENTS THROUGH THE STUDY

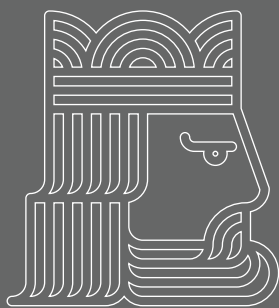
Each week the video will have two worship songs and teaching. Take the lesson further with group discussion questions found in this leader guide as well as “Reflect @ Home” questions for families to discuss together.



TAKE THE SURVEY + GET A FREE GIFT

WVCSB.ORG/YEC21SURVEY

We’d like your input for future studies. We also want to to know the effectiveness of this study and celebrate how God is using it to reach and challenge your students.



WEEK
ONE



THE KING IS COMING

THEME:

Jesus is the good king that God promised to send his people in the Old Testament.

TEXT:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

JEREMIAH 23:5-6, ESV



APART FROM A KING TO GIVE US GOOD LAWS
AND WISELY REIGN OVER US, WE WILL FIND
OURSELVES STUCK IN A CYCLE OF SIN -
SEEKING TO BUILD A KINGDOM FOR OUR-
SELVES - SEEKING TO LIVE FOR OURSELVES.



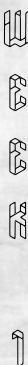
WE NEED A KING!



ISRAEL NEEDED A GOOD KING - ONE WHO
TAUGHT GOD'S LAW, OBEYED GOD'S LAW, AND
GOVERNED ACCORDING TO GOD'S LAW. WE DO
TOO! WE NEED A KING WHO KNOWS GOD'S
LAW, EMBODIES GOD'S LAW, AND HELPS US
LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S LAW. ONE WHO
GAVE HIMSELF TO SERVE US.



THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT GOD ALWAYS KEEPS
HIS PROMISES. HE DID SEND A GOOD KING -
HIS NAME WAS JESUS!

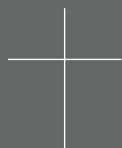
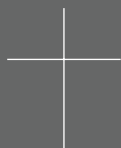
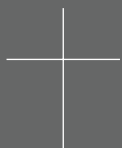
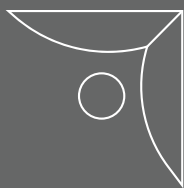
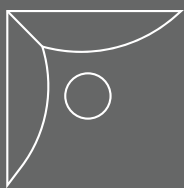


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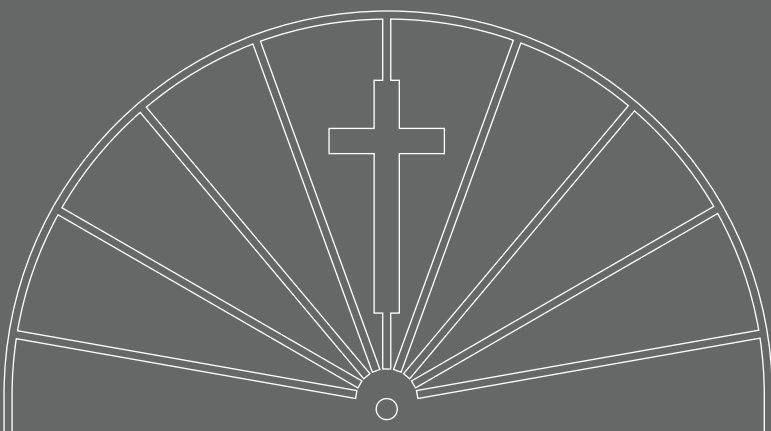
1. How do the kings in the Old Testament set the stage for the coming king?
2. What type of king does the Old Testament promise?
3. What will the coming king accomplish?
4. Why is the name of the king - The Lord is our righteousness - significant?
5. What does the fact that God kept this promise (to send a good king) teach us about God?
6. How does the promise of a king in the OT and the fulfillment of that promise by Jesus in the NT shape the way we read the Bible?

REFLECT @ HOME:

Israel was punished because of the sins of their king, David. We get salvation because of the righteousness of our king, Jesus - a king who would die for the sins of his people. What difference does that make in how our lives should serve King Jesus?



WEEK
TWO



JESUS IS KING

THEME:

Jesus is the crucified and resurrected king who rescues his people from the enemy.

TEXT:

"The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him"

JEREMIAH 23:5-6, ESV



JESUS IS RECOGNIZED AS KING.



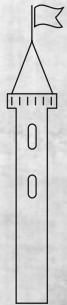
JESUS IS REJECTED AS KING.



JESUS IS RESURRECTED AS KING.



**JESUS MUST BE RECEIVED AS KING. WE ARE
SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. WILL YOU
TRUST KING JESUS TO SAVE YOU?**

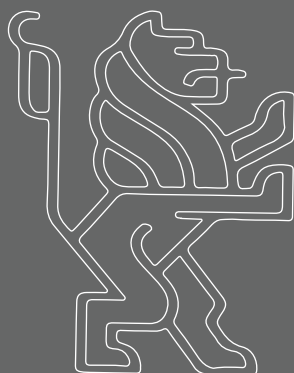


GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What kind of king did the Jews expect? How did Jesus shatter their notions of the ideal king?
2. How did Jesus establish his kingdom?
3. What is the proper response to King Jesus?
4. Why might a person refuse to trust King Jesus? How would you address their questions or concerns?
5. What kind of kingdom did Jesus establish?
6. What evidence do we see of his kingdom right now?

REFLECT @ HOME:

What is the major difference between a human king and King Jesus? What are some things that Jesus spoke about or celebrated differently than earthly kings? (Look in the Bible for these answers.) Have you believed and embraced King Jesus, personally? If not, open your heart to him today.



WEEK
THREE



HERALDS OF THE KING

THEME:

Christians have a responsibility to share the good news of King Jesus with others.

TEXT:

"When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved"

ACTS 20:23-24. ESV



WE SHOULD SHARE THE GOSPEL TENACIOUSLY



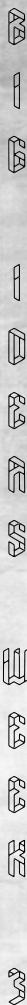
WE SHOULD SHARE THE GOSPEL PRIMARILY



WE SHOULD SHARE THE GOSPEL CONFIDENTLY



**JESUS IS KING. HE SAVES SINNERS. WE CAN
BE FAITHFUL AND TRUST IN THE POWER OF
THE GOSPEL. WHO CAN YOU TELL?**

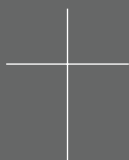
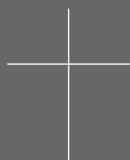
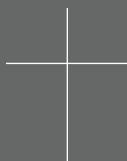
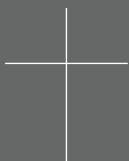


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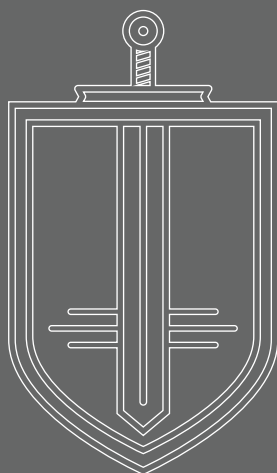
1. Why is it important for Christians to share the gospel?
2. Do you feel like it's your responsibility to share the gospel? Why or why not?
3. Can you clearly explain the message of the gospel? If so, try to share the gospel with someone this week. If not, talk about summaries of the gospel and try to learn a simple gospel presentation.
4. What role does the Bible play in evangelism?
5. Are you responsible for how people respond to the gospel? Why or why not?
6. What are some of the biggest reasons we don't share the gospel?

REFLECT @ HOME:

Our lives should reflect the King's love and goodness towards us. Pray for opportunities to share (herald) your story with others this week. Pray the gospel becomes real to you, and that you will be eager to share it with everyone else.



WEEK
FOUR



FOR THE KING

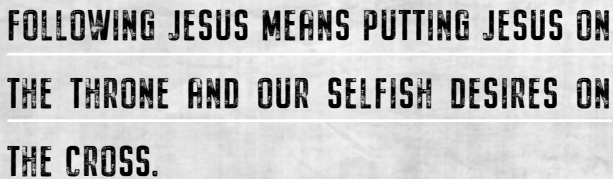
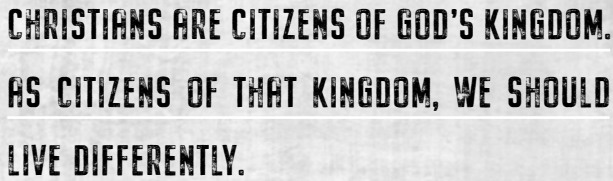
THEME:

As citizens of God's kingdom,
Christians do not live for themselves -
they live *for the King*.

TEXT:

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom'"

MATTHEW 16:24-28. ESV



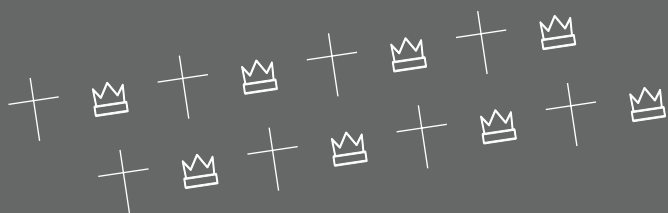


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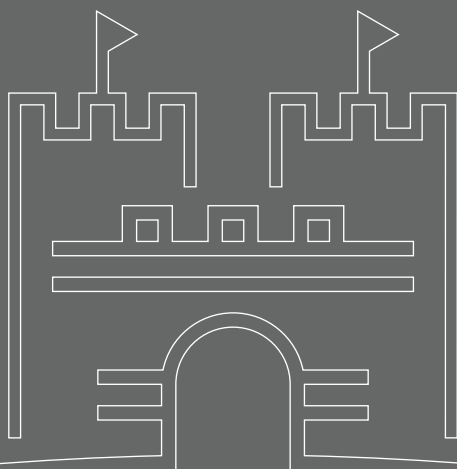
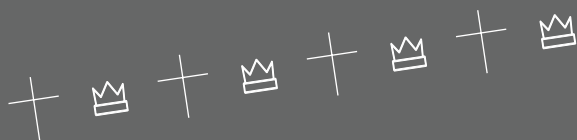
1. How might Christians cultivate a desire to follow Jesus?
2. What does it mean for a Christian to deny himself or herself?
What are some ways that you can deny yourself right now?
3. Why did Jesus tell Christians to take up their cross? What does a cross-centered life look like today?
4. What would it look like for Christians to "follow Jesus" today?
5. How would you describe to others what it means to live "for the king?"
6. Is following Jesus difficult or easy for you? Do you think it's worth it?

REFLECT @ HOME:

Choose one or two aspects of God's character and think about how you can reflect them this week to those around you. What do you need to deny yourself of before you can reflect and follow the King fully and faithfully?



WEEK FIVE





RETURN OF THE KING

THEME:

Jesus will return for his people, and Christians must be ready for his coming.

TEXT:

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty'"

REVELATION 1:4-8, ESV



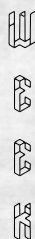
JOHN REMINDS US THAT JESUS CHRIST - THE
KING OF KINGS - WILL RETURN ONE DAY.



JESUS IS COMING BACK. WE NEED TO BE
READY, WE NEED TO BE BUSY, AND WE NEED
TO BE HOLY.



JESUS IS THE KING AND HE IS RETURNING.
COME, KING JESUS!





GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What is King Jesus doing right now? Why hasn't he returned yet? (See 2 Peter 3:1-13.)
2. Why does the return of King Jesus matter for Christians?
3. What are some ways we can remind ourselves of the return of Jesus?
4. How does Christ's future return impact our lives in the present?
5. How might the return of Jesus influence our evangelistic efforts?
6. Why should reflecting on the return of King Jesus lead us to worship?

REFLECT @ HOME:

What have you learned over these past five weeks? How are you growing as a believer and citizen of Jesus' kingdom to be ready when Jesus returns as promised (praying + reading your Bible + telling others)? If you are not sure you are ready for that day, talk to other Christians, or your youth leader or pastor.

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