

# Tonight's

See if you can find the picture of the crown on every page of the worksheet



# passage – 1 Samuel 8. 1-22



# theme – Jesus is King!

Give them a

# king

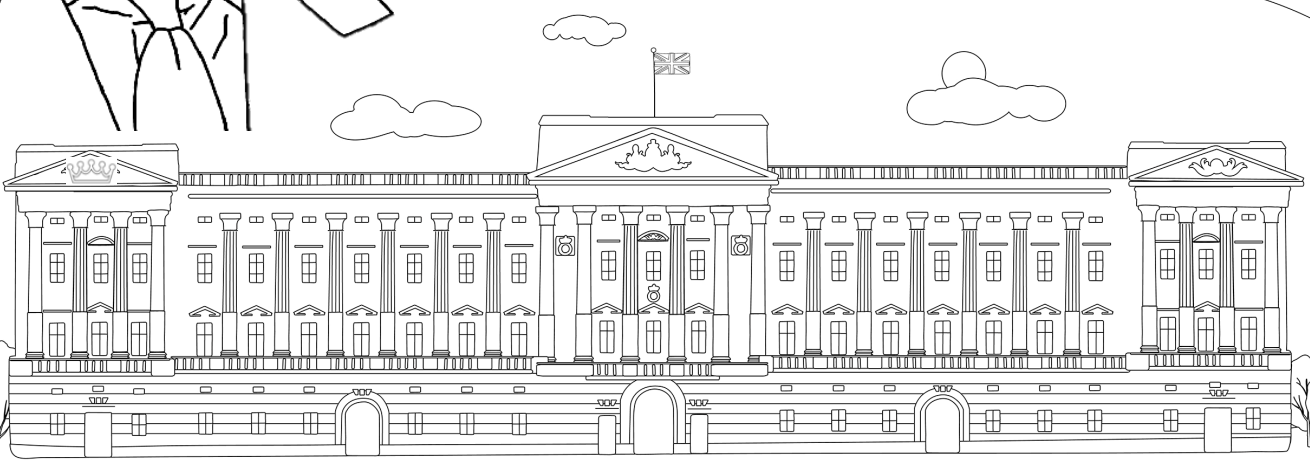


Colour in all the pictures on this page – the crown (use the picture to help you); the king; the coronation emblem; and the picture of Buckingham Palace



In tonight's passage the people ask for a king. They had forgotten that they already had a king – God was their King!

We have a king in this country – and a new government! But it's important to remember that the real King of all kings is Jesus!



**Read**  
**1 Samuel 8**  
verses 1-6

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders.

<sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba.

<sup>3</sup>But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup>So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, 'You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.'

<sup>6</sup>But when they said, 'Give us a king to lead us,' this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.

# why

we need

# a king

## # 1 our leaders are flawed!

Samuel was a good leader – but his sons weren't! Even the best leaders, though, aren't perfect.

That's why we're told to pray for them: they need God's help to be able to rule a people well.



## # 2 our method is skewed!

The elders tried to figure out solutions for themselves whereas Samuel took the matter to the Lord in prayer

*Can you spot 8 differences between the two pictures below*



# the Lord alone is king

**Read**  
**1 Samuel 8**  
verse 5-7

## # 3 our desires are sinful!

The elders said they wanted to be like everyone else – that's why they wanted a king.

What did the Lord tell Samuel was really going on (check out verse 7)?

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<sup>6</sup>But when they said, 'Give us a king to lead us,' this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup>And the Lord told him: 'Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected Me as their king.'

Colour in the picture of the elders asking Samuel for a king



## think . .

Is Jesus King in your life?

How can you show your friends that Jesus is King in your life?

How can you show *Jesus* that He is King in your life?



**Read**  
**1 Samuel 8**  
**verses 10-18**

<sup>10</sup>Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup>He said, 'This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: he will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. <sup>12</sup>Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plough his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup>He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup>He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. <sup>15</sup>He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. <sup>16</sup>Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. <sup>17</sup>He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. <sup>18</sup>When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

what  
○ sort of  
king  
will you have?

**Do some counting**

Read through the verses and count the number of times that the word

**'take'**

is found. Write your answer in the box to the right



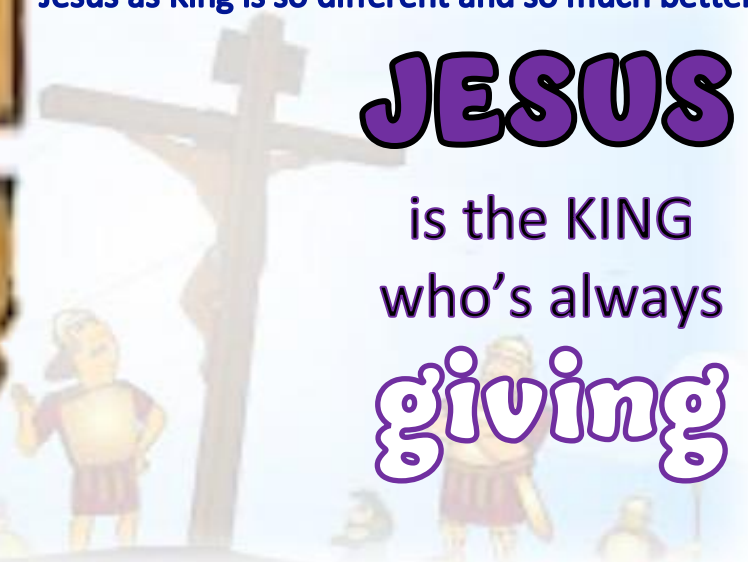
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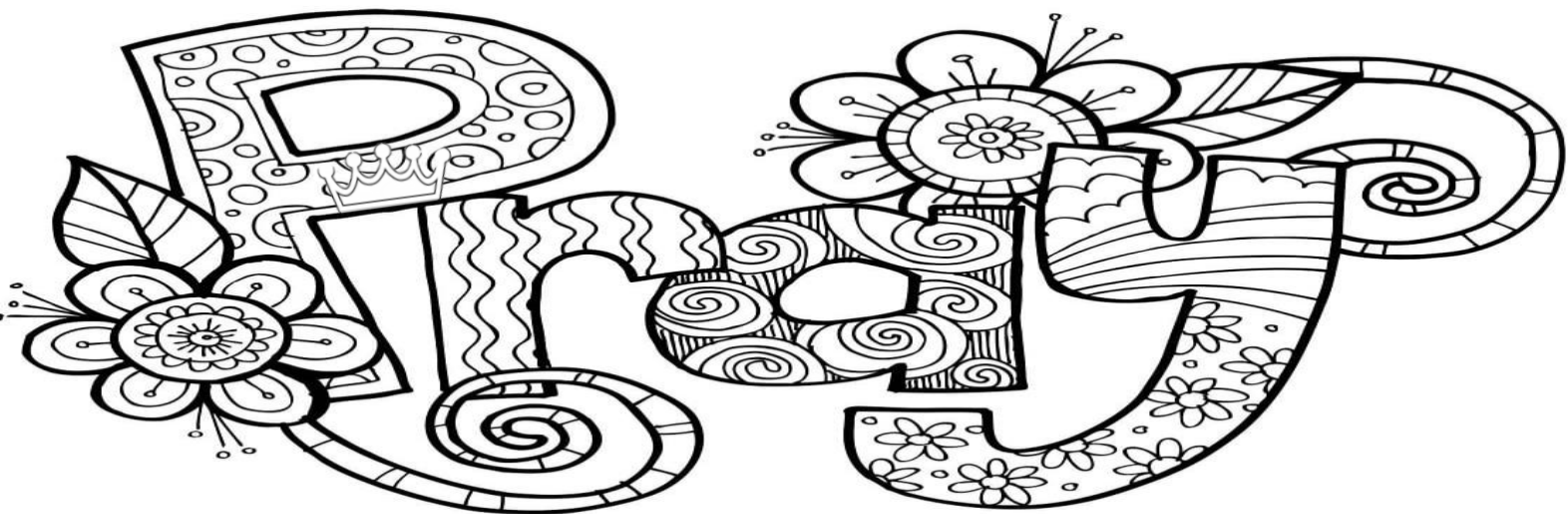
They would discover that the king would use his position of power to be 'on the take' – and they'd come to regret that they'd insisted on having a king.

They would learn the hard way why having Jesus as King is so different and so much better.

**JESUS**

is the KING  
who's always  
giving





*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**Lord Jesus, You're the King of all kings!**

**I'm really glad!**

**I want You to be King of my life always.**

**Help me to listen to all that You have to teach me.**

**Help me to go where You send me.**

**Help me to do what You tell me.**

**The story makes me realise that it must be difficult ruling the country – difficult for King Charles III and difficult too for the government.**

**Please help all our rulers.**

**Please keep them well and**

**make them wise and honest**

**and good and fair in everything they do.**

**Thank You, King Jesus – You're the best!**

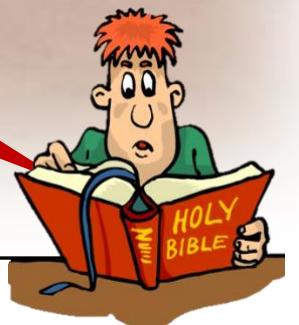


# Today's <sup>👑</sup>verse for you to try and remember!



'It is not you they  
have rejected, but  
they have rejected  
Me as their King'

(1 Sam.8.7)



# Wordsearch

In Philippians 2.1-11 Paul describes what sort of King Jesus is. He is very different from the sort of kings Samuel described to the people! Try and find all the words.

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encouragement

acknowledge

compassion

obedient

humility

comfort

mindset

exalted

servant

sharing

spirit

united

glory

value

Jesus

love

bow

joy



**COLOUR in the picture**



**Jesus**

**is the**

**King of**

**Kingdoms!**

