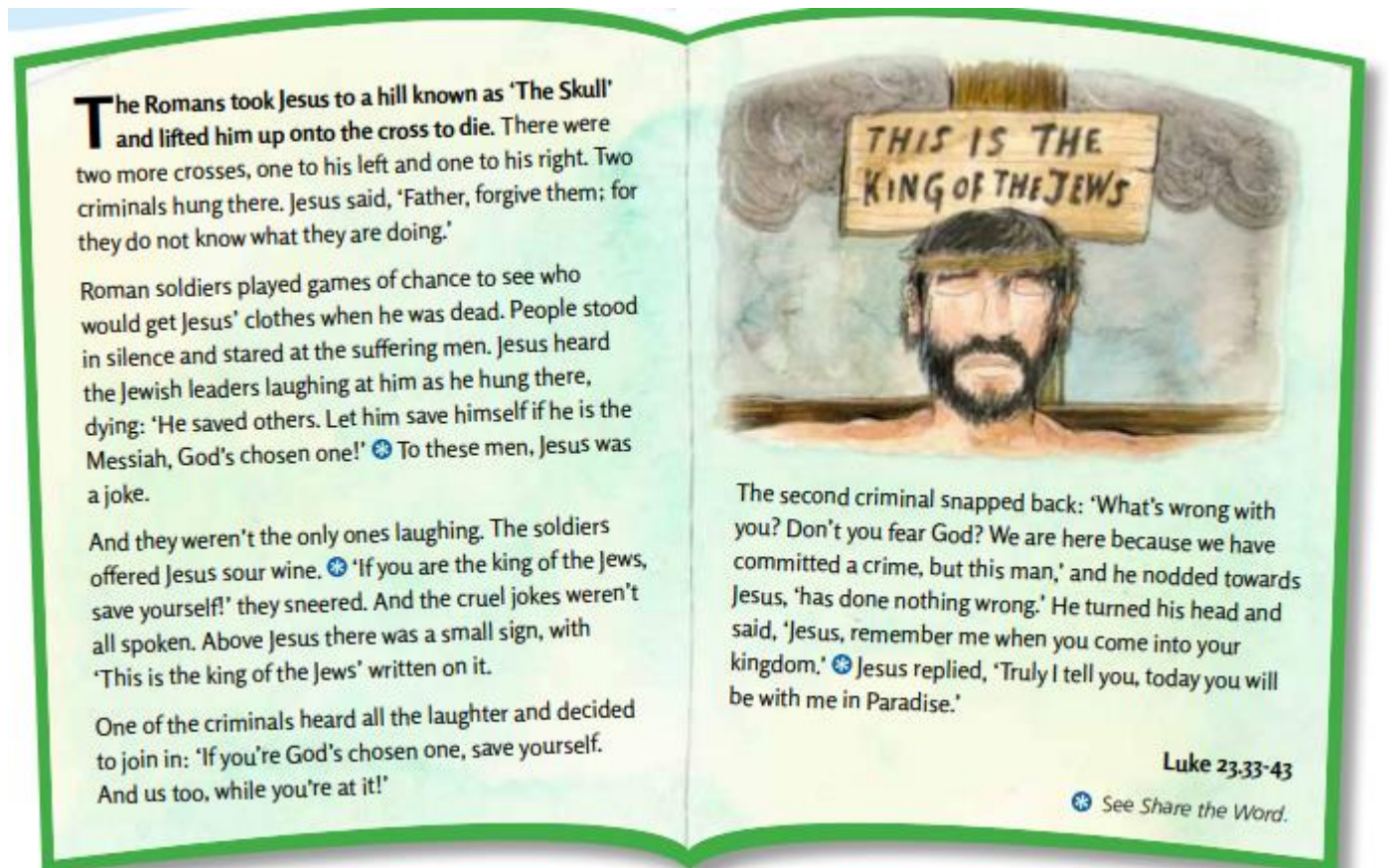


Children and family talk for 20th November 2022

Hello everyone, thank you for joining me to hear from the bible and worship God together. Today is a special Sunday called 'Christ the King' Sunday, but what sort of a King was Jesus Christ?

Our bible reading today is from Luke chapter 23, verses 33 to 43.



Let's talk about our bible story:

- What does it mean to be a King? Jesus talks a lot about the kingdom, but for many people he was not the kind of king they were expecting. Jesus chose to be among the poorer people and people who were unpopular. He did not look for riches and fame – no, Jesus was not the King the Jews were expecting to lead them. But one of the criminals next to Jesus was able to recognize who Jesus was. When the soldiers made the sign to go on the cross "This is the King of the Jews" they meant it as a cruel joke – not realising the truth in their words.
- So what kind of a King was Jesus? He was a man of the people, not afraid to go against the trend, Jesus showed us how we should live. Simply and with care for those around him, Jesus showed us that it is more important to care for others, than to build up riches for ourselves. Jesus loved everyone, regardless of who they were, Jesus saw the good and bad in everyone and was able to draw out the good – as he

did with Zacchaeus, the tax collector who climbed the tree, as he did with the Samaritan woman by the well, and with many others including the criminal who was next to him as he hung on the cross.

- Jesus was not afraid to stand up against things he thought were wrong, as he showed when he overturned the money changers tables in the temple, and when he stood up for the woman who was about to be stoned for the things she had done wrong.
- Jesus was compassionate and caring, healing many people, and showing care and love for those who other people kept their distance from.

The soldiers were particularly cruel to Jesus as he died on the cross. But Jesus showed exactly what sort of a King he is when he asked his Father God to forgive them, even as they killed him. We may never understand all these things, but we can try to follow Jesus' example by trying to forgive people who do us wrong, love others and stand up for what we believe to be right.

Let's talk to God now:

Jesus, our ruler and our friend,
help us to be willing to change when we are wrong,
and strengthen us to do what is right, even when it is painful.
Guide us and teach us, we pray.

Amen.

Now let's say the grace together...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)
And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)
Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands bringing thumbs together on the
Amen)

Here is the activity sheet for this week [activity-sheet-20-november-2022.pdf](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-20-november-2022.pdf)
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