



“ For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection (Christus Vivit, 115). ”

National Youth Sunday – Children’s liturgy

Gospel

Luke 25:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others, ‘they said’ let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar the said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, ‘he said’ remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

Quick things to think about

- Who is your king?
- Is it Jesus or is something else?
- Do you treasure a toy, an item of clothing or food more than Jesus?
- How could you crown your life with Jesus?
- How could you let Jesus be your king?

Jesus walked in sandals and rode a donkey. He didn’t wear gold rings and dress like a king. Jesus showed everyone nothing but love and that love led Him to die for you. That love then led Him to take up His crown, a crown that is more magnificent than any other, a crown that is a perfect fit and a crown that now makes Him our king.

Leader’s notes

On this feast of Christ the King we focus on the prize that Jesus has won for us all through His crucifixion. What does it mean to be crowned and made the King of the world? Well it means different things to each one of us and it will definitely mean something different to each of the children in your group.

Ultimately, Christ as king is just that, he is king, king of all. It’s hard to picture there being a king of all the world, many have tried but only Jesus has managed, if only all the others had known that all they needed to do was die for us. Could have saved us a few wars.

Christ is not quite like the queen either. First, His reign is eternal. Second, His is a reign of love. Third, He reigns in each of our lives in a very unique way. You need to encourage your group members to help them realise how they can help Christ reign in their lives. Giving worship, coming to Mass and praying are three core ways, however, by just remembering Jesus and talking about Him you can also help him reign.

Activity

Try colouring in and decorating Jesus’ thorny crown to make it magnificent! Remember to share your efforts on social media and remind everyone that Jesus reigns.