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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: CHRIST THE KING

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Christ the King,
your kingdom is not built
of riches and gold.

It is a kingdom built on love,
peace, service, and truth.

Help me to take my part
in building your kingdom on earth
and in giving you glory
as Lord and King.
Amen.



Sunday Word

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalms 122:1-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. In today's Gospel, Jesus is called "the King of the Jews."
2. Jesus is the Head of the Body, the Church.
3. Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time.
3. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, the new liturgical year begins.

Key Teachings



Jesus, the King

As king of the universe, Jesus does not wear a golden crown. He does not sit upon a comfortable throne. He reigns from the Cross. His crown is made of painful thorns. He is cloaked in his own blood.

Lord and Ruler of All

The Lord is not like worldly kings. His rule extends through all of creation, weaving bonds of love, justice, peace, and holiness. No earthly power is above Jesus! He reigns supreme. Everything and everyone is subject to the power of his saving love and goodness.

Faith Words



INRI

The letters INRI at the top of a crucifix are the abbreviation for the Latin *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*, a phrase that Pontius Pilate had written over the head of Jesus on the Cross (see John 19:19-22). The phrase means “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”

The Church Year

Look at the liturgical calendar you received today, or download one from RCLBLectionary.com. Can you name the seasons of the Church year? The colors for each of the seasons? What season is the longest? The shortest? What other interesting things do you see?

With My Family



We Listen

The images of King and kingdom are very strong in today’s readings. David is anointed King of Israel. Saint Paul talks about the kingdom of the beloved Son, Jesus, who is the Head of the Church. In the Gospel, the rulers and the soldiers mock Jesus by calling him King of the Jews. But the second criminal recognizes Jesus’ kingdom is in Heaven. Read the Gospel again. Why is one of the criminals in the story often called “the good thief”?

We Believe

We believe that Jesus is King of everything! He is King of Heaven and earth. He is the Head of the Church. He is King of the Universe. He is the King of all peoples, past and present. No power in the universe is stronger than Jesus Christ our King.

We Live As Disciples

As disciples of Christ the King, we work to continue his mission here on earth. When we act as Jesus would act, we help to bring about the Kingdom of God. Name one kind or merciful act you will do this week to help bring about the Kingdom of God.

We Pray

On the final Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year, we honor “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.” That is the official name of this solemnity. A solemnity is an especially sacred day in the Church’s year. Together write a hymn of praise to Christ our King. Use the activity sheet as a guide.

Praise to the King!

*Together as a family, write a hymn of praise to Christ the King.
Think of it as a prayer where you tell Jesus Christ why he is such an awesome King.
Some words are provided below to help you get started.*

Praise to you, O Christ, our King!

You are _____.

We praise and honor you for the great things you have done!

You have _____.

You have given us _____.

For all this and more, we give you glory for ever and ever.
Amen.