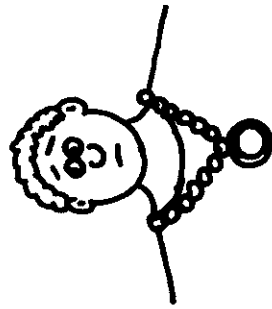
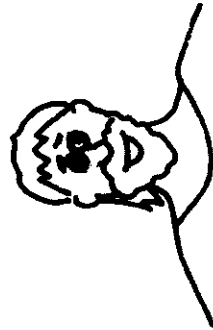


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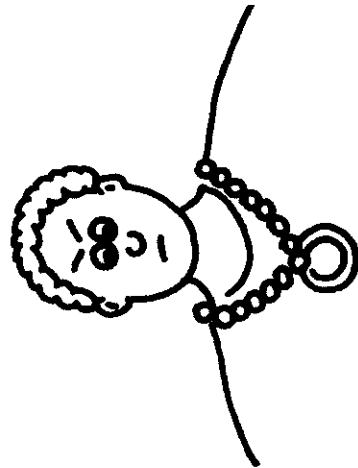


Use the code to read Jesus' reply

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JOHN 18:36

JOHN 18:37

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Follow the arrows to spell out his words

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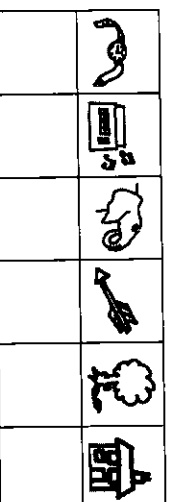
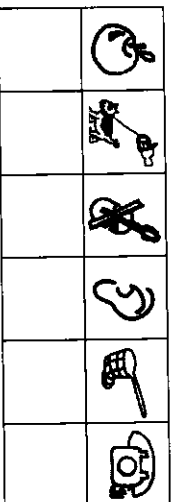
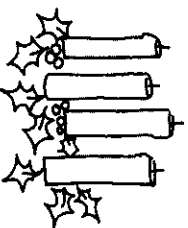
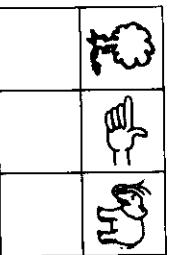
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THINK and LOOK ahead

As our Christmas preparations begin,
what will we light next Sunday?

Write the first letter of each object to find out



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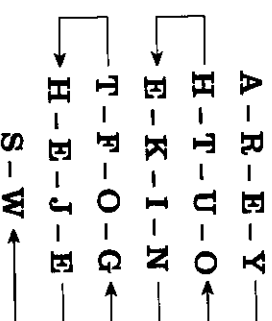
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Jesus is King!

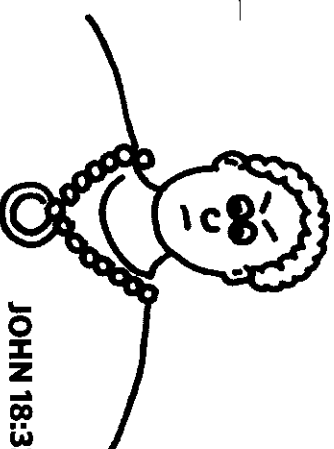
JOHN 18:33-37

Pilate, the Roman governor, asked Jesus a question.

Follow the arrows to find his words



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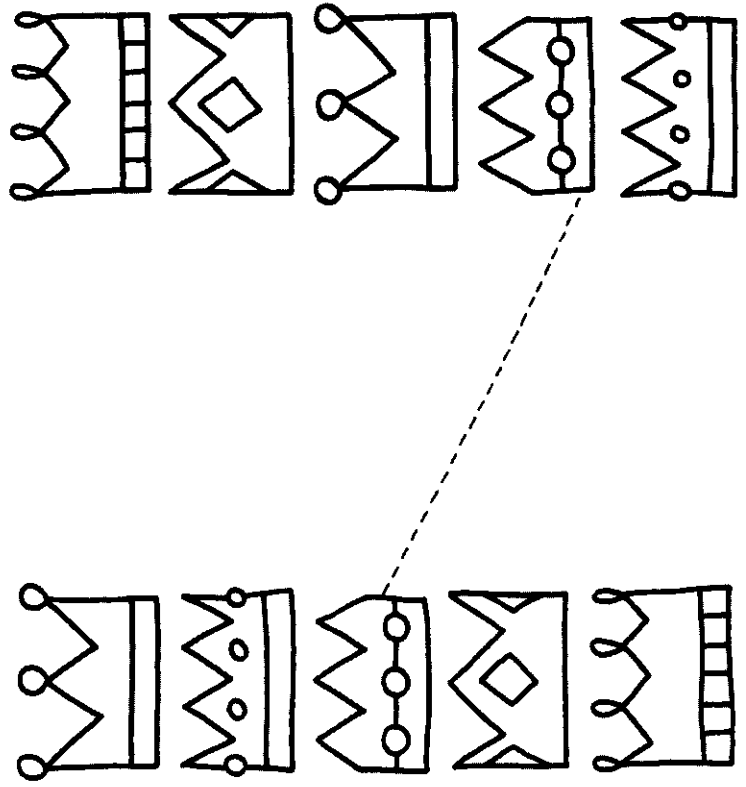
JOHN 18:33

Jesus is our King!

Color each letter with a crown
to find out what Jesus came to do

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Match the crowns that are the same

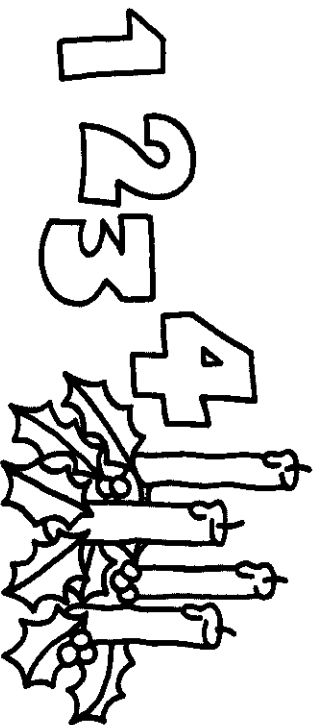


THINK and LOOK ahead

Next week is the
First Sunday of...



How many candles will we light?
Circle the number



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, YEAR B

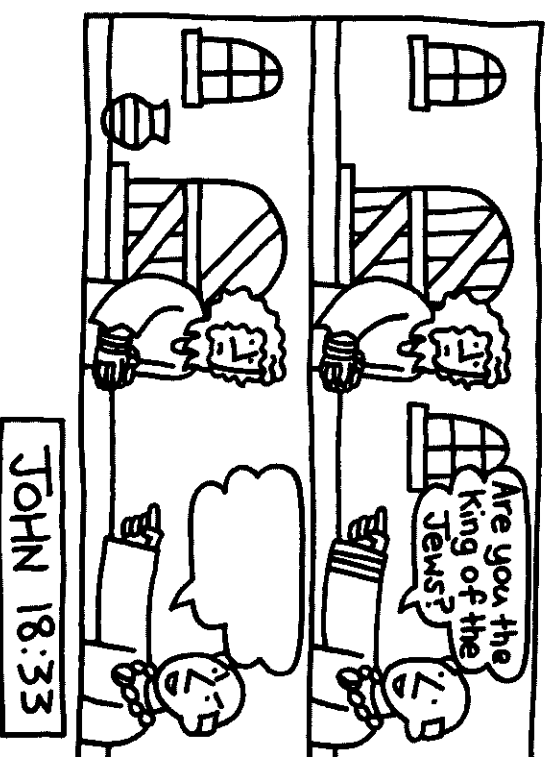
STEP BY STEP

Jesus is King!

JOHN 18:33-37

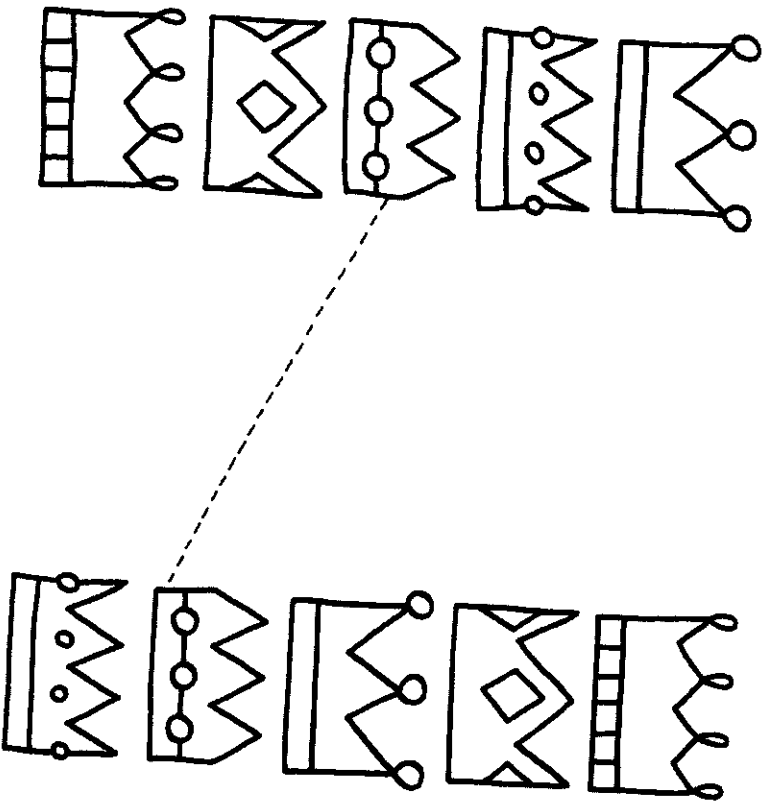
Pontius Pilate asked Jesus a question.

Can you find six things that
are different in the bottom picture?



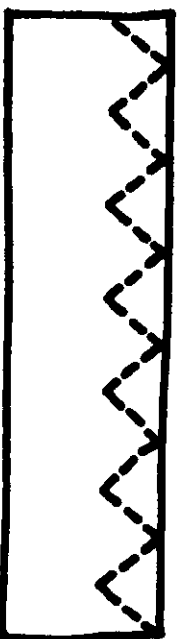
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Match the crowns that are the same

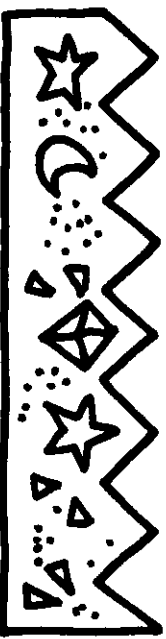


Color each letter with a crown
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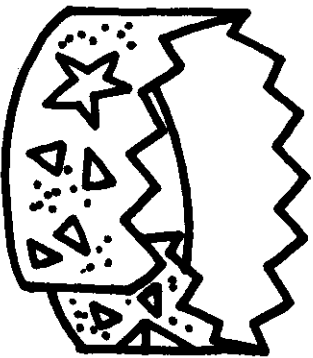
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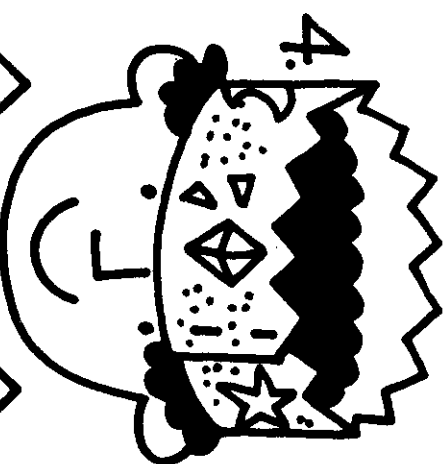
1. Cut out crown shapes from stiff card.



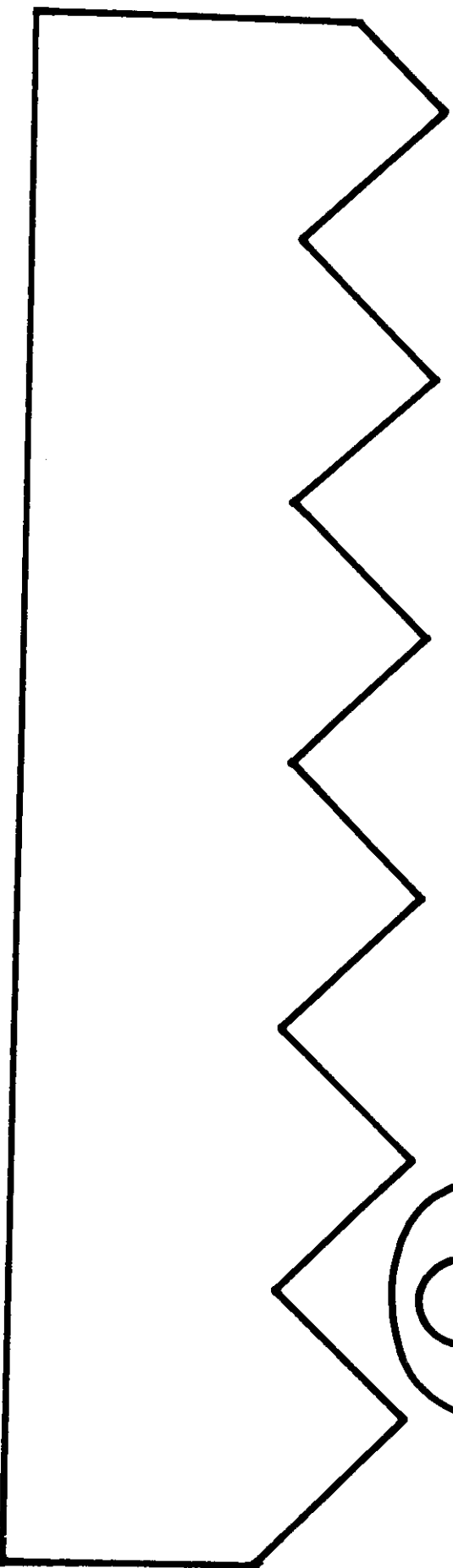
2. Decorate with stick-on-shapes and glitter.



3. Staple crowns two ends together.



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Christ the King

Focus

A crucifix and candle, with a large crown made from metallic card, twisted willow branches or similar.

Introduction

Jesus is like no other king the world has ever known, with no earthly palace or worldly riches, and a crown twisted from thorny branches. He came to share treasure that is more precious than any jewel and worth more than any prize.

Gloria

Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 9 (or an Advent Acclamation).

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St John (18:33-37)
(See page 387.)

Reflection

Who was Pontius Pilate?

At the time of Jesus, the Romans occupied Palestine. They exercised their rule through governors such as Pontius Pilate who were responsible for maintaining law and order.

Why did the enemies of Jesus bring him before Pilate?

Jesus had claimed to be the Son of God, and the Jewish leaders wanted him to be put to death. Under Roman rule they did not have the right to pass the death sentence, and they needed Pontius Pilate to condemn Jesus to be crucified. They brought him before the Roman governor and accused him of stirring up the people and encouraging a riot.

What did Pilate ask Jesus?

Pilate wanted to know whether or not Jesus claimed to be a king.

What reply did Jesus give?

Jesus told Pilate that his kingdom was not a worldly one. The kingdom of God or heaven is not a place; it can be found 'within' people who accept Jesus as their king and try to live by his loving standards.

What do you imagine Pilate thought when Jesus told him this?

Pilate was probably confused! What Jesus told him seemed to make no sense. This man claimed to be the king of some kingdom that was apparently invisible. The prisoner before him seemed harmless enough, and only guilty of having grand ideas about his own importance. He certainly didn't look like any king that Pilate had ever seen before!

Why didn't Pilate simply let Jesus go free?

Pilate knew how much the Jewish leaders hated Jesus. They were jealous and afraid because huge crowds were

ready to put their faith in him and follow wherever he led them. They were frightened that Jesus would lead the people in an uprising against the Romans that would result in the destruction of their nation. Pilate knew that to oppose the Jewish leaders would create a great deal of trouble for himself, and that was something he wanted to avoid at any cost, even if it meant condemning an innocent prisoner to death.

Activity

Create various shapes of 'jewels' to adorn Christ's crown of thorns using pieces of card. These can be annotated on one side with the virtues and qualities that are more precious to God than any precious gem stone: service, forgiveness, peace, hope, truthfulness, love, joy, courage, strength, humility, kindness and acceptance. These can be decorated and carried up at the offertory procession to be placed inside Christ's crown (from the focal display).

Intercessions

As brothers and sisters in one loving family,
together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

For the Church and all of God's people;
may we share Christ's message of love and hope
with the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For people searching for God's kingdom of love;
may they have the courage to follow the path
that takes them there.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died and are at peace with God;
may they enjoy eternal life and joy
in his heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For people who have wandered away from God's love;
may they have a change of heart
and take their rightful place in his kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening,
in the silence of our hearts
let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

Silence

Loving Father,
help us to be faithful to you
even when we struggle to succeed,
so that by choosing to follow Jesus
we may belong to your kingdom of love.
Grant this through Christ your Son.
Amen.

Feast of Christ the King

Jesus before Pontius Pilate

INTRODUCTION

The Jewish leaders were afraid that Jesus would lead the people to rise up against them, so they plotted to have him arrested and sentenced to death.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

LIGHT THE CANDLES

Light the candles and read this passage:

Live your lives as children of the light. Do not hide in the darkness, for there is nothing to fear. Fill your lives with love and goodness, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

(Romans 13:12-14)

SORRY

Close your eyes and listen to this reading:

Lord, those who turn away from you do wrong;
those who are wise worship you.

Lord, you see all that we do;
help us to do what is right.

(Psalm 15:2-3)

(Allow the children a few moments to think about these words.)

GLORIA

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

To welcome today's Gospel sing this Acclamation to the tune of *Hickory, Dickory, Dock*:

Christ is the king of the world;

One day he will come back,

And we will see him full glory.

Christ is the king of the world.

GOSPEL (JOHN 18:33-37)

They brought Jesus before Pontius Pilate who asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world."

"So you do indeed claim to be a king!" said Pilate. "You are the one who calls me king," answered Jesus. "I came into this world to share truth and love, and those who know and love the truth will listen to me."

DISCUSSION

Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea. He was in charge of the Roman army and responsible for keeping the peace. He acted as judge when serious crimes were committed.

Why was Jesus brought before Pontius Pilate? The Jewish leaders had seen the welcome given to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, and they were afraid of his position and power. They wanted to get rid of Jesus by whatever means they could, so they took Jesus to Pilate and asked for him to be sentenced to death.

Jesus tried to explain to Pilate that he was not a king who belonged to this world, but that he had come into the world to share his kingdom of love and goodness.

Pilate knew that Jesus had done nothing wrong, but he was more interested in keeping the peace and not upsetting the Jewish leaders than in seeing that justice was done. He allowed the Jewish leaders to have their own way, and eventually, handed Jesus over to be put to death.

Three days later on Easter Sunday, he rose from the dead and showed the world that he is the king of the universe with the power to conquer death and bring new and everlasting life.

ACTIVITY

Cut out crown shapes from paper and write on each one "Christ is our King." Decorate these and staple the crowns so that they can be worn or carried by the children.

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CLOSING PRAYER

God our father, we thank you
for sending your only son to be our savior.
Help us to know and love your truth
and to listen to you always.