

Items needed:

- Bible (NLT)
- Rock
- Playdough
- Stationery for children



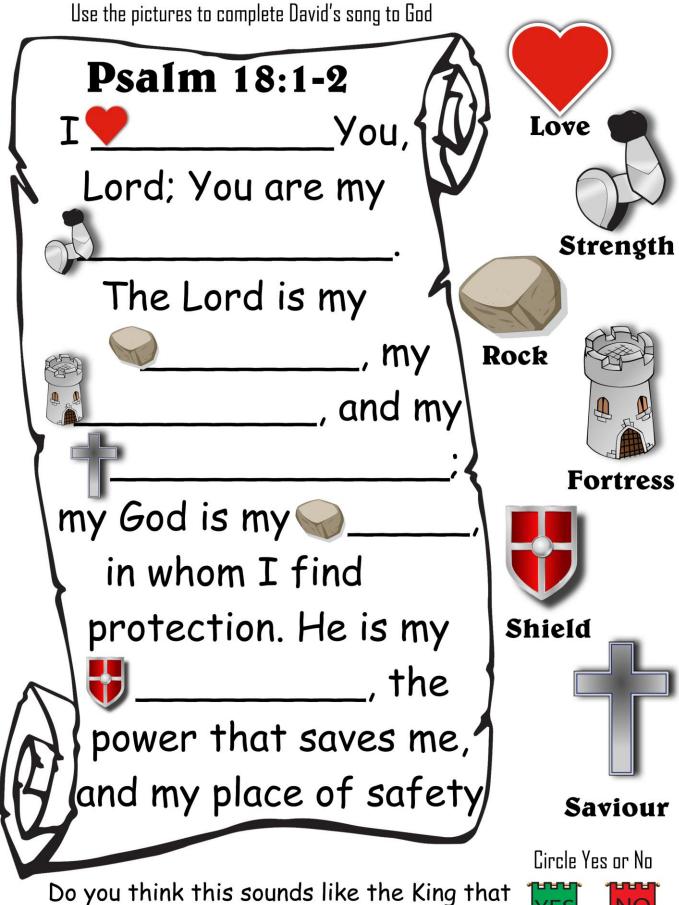
• What does it mean to be in charge of something?

A person in charge is the one who has authority to direct and lead others. The other people listen and obey what they say. To help us understand what that means do the activity.

- What is a king? A king is the person in charge of the land and the people in their kingdom.
- Listen to this verse and decide who is in charge of everything? (God)
- "God has established His throne in Heaven and His Kingdom rules over everything. (Psalm 103:19)

What the children do: Match the person to what they are in charge of. Answer: God is the King of Everything God is in charge of everything.

David was a man who knew God and accepted Him as King.



you want to have in charge of your life?



- David was a king in the Bible who loved God. This is a song that he sang to God.
- ¹ I love You, Lord; You are my strength. ² The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my saviour; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. (Psalm 18:1-2)
- This song tells us about God, our King.

David loves Him

David as a king sees God as someone much more important than himself and worthy of his love. He uses the word "**my**" which shows a personal relationship and dependence on God.

• God gives us strength.

David, just like Paul, knew that because of God he could be strong. "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

$\circ\,$ God is our rock.

A rock makes us think of something strong that we can trust. David is saying God is trustworthy.

\circ God is our fortress

A fortress was a building built to keep you safe and stop any harm coming to those inside of it. David is saying God protects us.

○ God is our saviour

Through God sending His son, Jesus, to die for our sins, we can be forgiven and receive eternal life with God. No one else can save us from our sin.

$\circ\,$ God is our shield

Again David is saying that when trouble comes God protects us.

• These are only two verses and yet we learn so much about God. There is so much more to know and love about God.

What the children do:

Children use the pictures to complete the verse. Children circle "yes" or "no" as they decide if they would choose God to be in charge of their life.



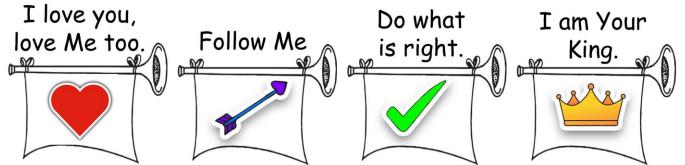
The Bible speaks about the nation of Israel as God's chosen people but Israel stopped living like God was in charge.



God sent a messenger, Jeremiah, to the nation of Israel.

"O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand." Jeremiah 18:6

GOD'S MESSAGE WAS...



God wanted their hearts to change but their hearts were hard. God wants our hearts to change too so He sent His son, Jesus, with His message!

GOD'S MESSAGE IS...



¹⁶ For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

Complete God's message by filling in your name.

God says "I love you, Name

Will you, Name

love Me too?"





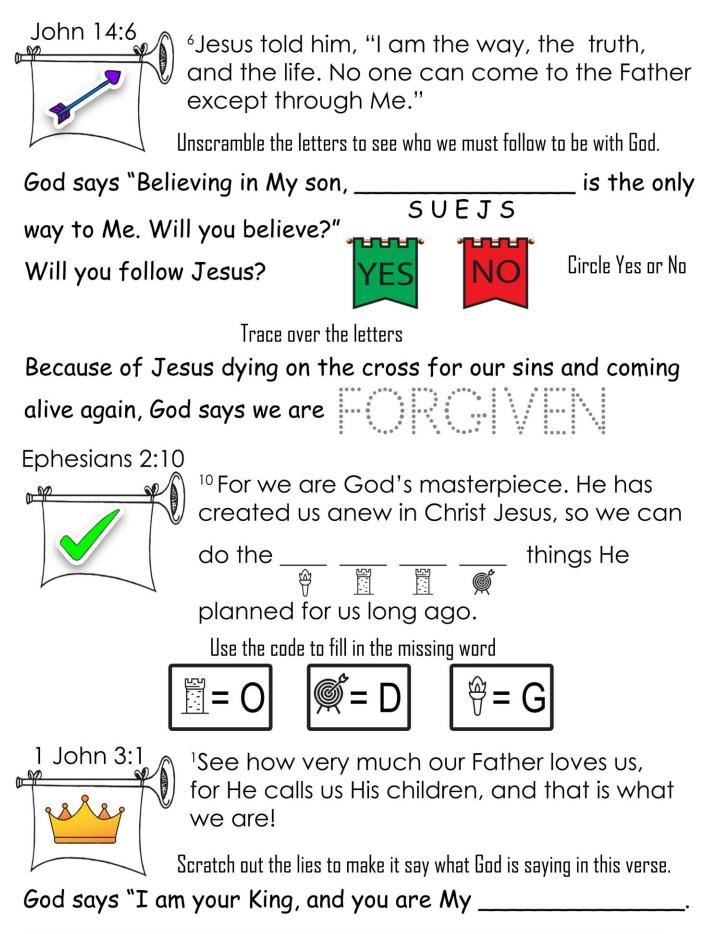
Circle Yes or No

- We know God **is** in charge of everything and we have read about king David who let God be in charge of his life.
- Israel, God's chosen nation, stopped living like God was in charge. They were hurting each other and doing many things that were against God.
- If you were king and your kingdom stopped listening to you what would you do?
- God had the power to destroy them but instead He chose a messenger, Jeremiah. He sent Jeremiah to go to the potter and watch what he did with the clay. God wanted Israel to let Him change their hearts like the potter did to the clay. What does that tell you about God? (Showed love even when they didn't deserve it, He is forgiving)
- Pass the playdough to help them understand what a potter would do and what God wants their hearts to be like. Make sure they return it or they will be distracted as you continue to speak.
- As you explain God's message to Israel, make each shape out of the playdough (heart, arrow, tick and crown)
- Some people let God change their hearts and other's hearts were like this stone. (Pass the stone around and let the children try and change it into the shapes)
- God knew that like the people of Israel even our hearts would need changing and so He sent the most important messenger of all. He sent His son, Jesus.
- His message is... (mould a heart out of the playdough)
 - $\circ\,$ I love you, love me too!

Look up John 3:16 and let the children work out what God's message is to them. God "I love you so much that I have sent My son to die for your sins so that you can live forever with Me."

What the children do:

Children fill in their name Children circle "yes" or "no"



STUDENT SLAVE	ENEMY	CHILD	WORKER
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Follow me (Mould an arrow out of the playdough)
Look up John 14:6 and let the children decide what God's message is to them. Following Jesus and believing in Him, is the only way to be with God in Heaven. God is asking you to follow Him but lets us choose.

Jesus takes away our sins and now we are forgiven. Does this mean we can just keep on sinning? No. God is asking you to accept His forgiveness and do your very best to do what is right and live like Jesus shows and tells us to.

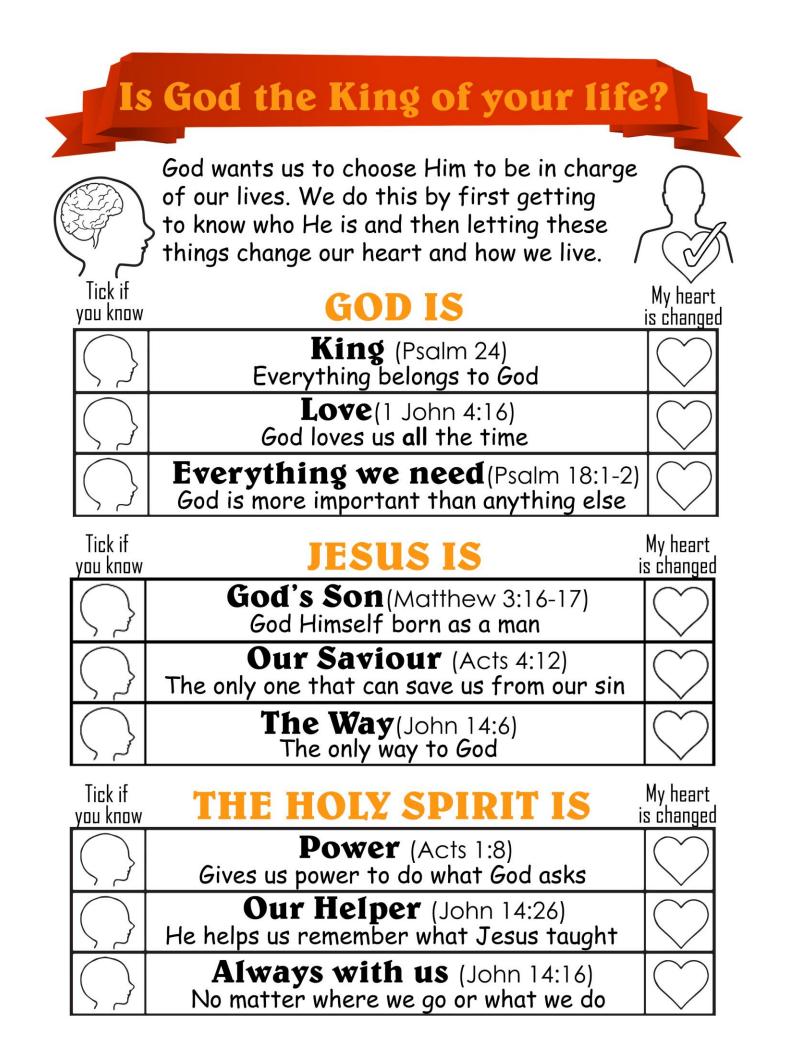
Do what is right (Mould a tick out of the playdough)
Look up Ephesians 2:10 and let the children decide what God's message is to them. God is saying "I want you to do the good things that I have already planned for you."

I am your King (Mould a crown out of the playdough)
Look up 1 John 3:1 and look what God calls you. CHILDREN! That is who God says you are. Let that sink in. God, the greatest King of everything, calls you His child.

- If the King of everything is sending a message, do you think it is important to listen? (Yes!)
- Which do you think God wants your heart to be like? Like the stone which is hard. Or changeable like the playdough?

What the children do:

Children unscramble the letters to spell "JESUS" Children circle "yes" or "no" as they decide to follow Jesus Children trace over the word "FORGIVEN" Children use the code to fill in "GOOD" Children scratch out "student", "slave", "enemy" and "worker" and fill in the word "CHILD".



- God doesn't want us to only know things about Him. He wants us to believe them so much so that they change the way that we live and think. E.g. If I read that God provides and I believe this, then I won't worry because I rely on Him.
- Let the children look up some of the verses and discuss how knowing these things changes how we live. Will their hearts be like the playdough or the rock?

$_{\odot}\,$ Everything belongs to God

Do you live as if everything belongs to God? Your money? Your time? The things you like or are good at?

$\circ\,$ God loves us all the time

None of us deserve to be loved **all** the time, yet God does!

God is more important than anything else

We need God. Nothing comes close to having Him as our King.

$\circ\,$ Jesus is God Himself born as man

If Jesus is God, do you think His example is one we should follow?

Jesus is the only one who can save us from our sin
We need saving! And Jesus is the only one that can.

$\circ\,$ Jesus is the only way to God

Unless we believe Jesus died for our sins and is now alive, we cannot be with God.

$\circ\,$ The Holy Spirit give us power to do what God asks

God gives us everything we need to do the things He has asked us to. He has sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and help us.

 $_{\odot}$ The Holy Spirit helps us remember what Jesus taught One of the ways He helps us it to remind us what Jesus says.

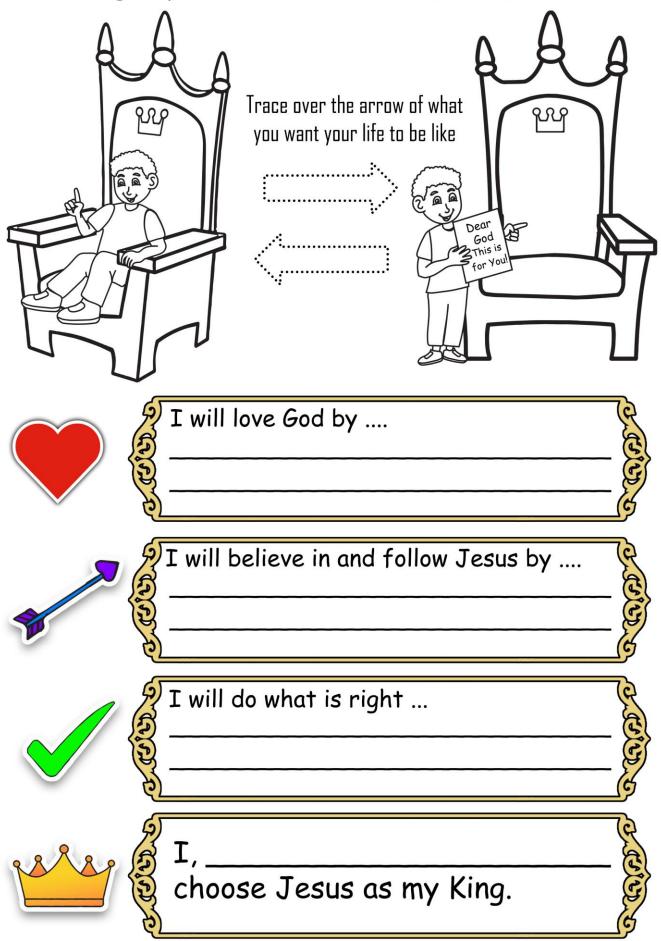
\circ The Holy Spirit is with us always

No matter where we go or what we do, He is with us.

What the children do:

Each child ticks what they know and then personally decides if they will allow this to change their hearts as God intends.

Is God King of your life? _____



• Is God King of your life?

We understand that a king sits on the throne and is in charge of his kingdom. He leads and directs them. God wants to be King of your life so He can lead and direct you.

- God wants you to love Him.
- $\circ\,$ God wants you to follow and believe in Jesus.
- God wants you to do what is right and do His good plans.
- $\circ\,$ God wants you to choose Him as your King.

That is why He has sent all these messages to you, that is why He has given you the Bible, that is why He sent His son Jesus, that is why He has planned good things for you to do and that is why He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always.

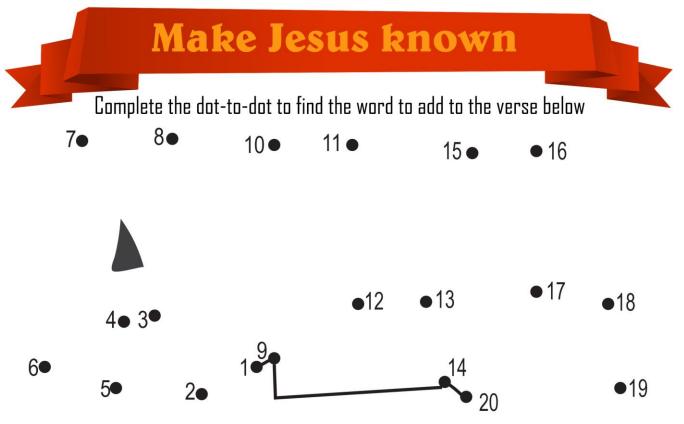
• Will you give God your throne?

The few things we have learnt about God as our King should already make this decision be an easy one. He loves you, He is greater than anything else and the more time you spend with Him you will see that He is the perfect King. God allows us to choose... us on our throne or give Him our throne? What will you choose?

- How do we make God King of our lives? He already told us exactly how.
 - \circ Love Him.
 - $\,\circ\,$ Follow and believe in Jesus.
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Do what is right and do His good plans for you
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Choose God as your King so He can lead and direct you

What the children do

Children complete the sentences of practical things they will do as they choose to make God king.



Write this word on the scrolls to complete the verse

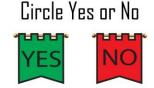
Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Jesus came and told His disciples, "I have been given authority in Heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of the Father and the Son and the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you ways, even to the end of the age."

1) Draw a circle around who is speaking in this verse.

2) Draw a rectangle around who He is speaking to.

3) Did the people who Jesus was asking to do these things know Him?



• Who is speaking in this verse? (Jesus)

• Who is Jesus speaking to? (*His disciples.*) The disciples are men who gave up everything to obediently follow Jesus for 3 to 4 years.

• Do they know Jesus? (Yes)

Do you notice that Jesus is speaking to people that know Him? He's telling them go and help others choose Him as King too. If we don't know Jesus we aren't going to be able to tell others about Him. Jesus wants us to spend time getting to know Him better so that we can tell others who He is to us personally.

What the children do

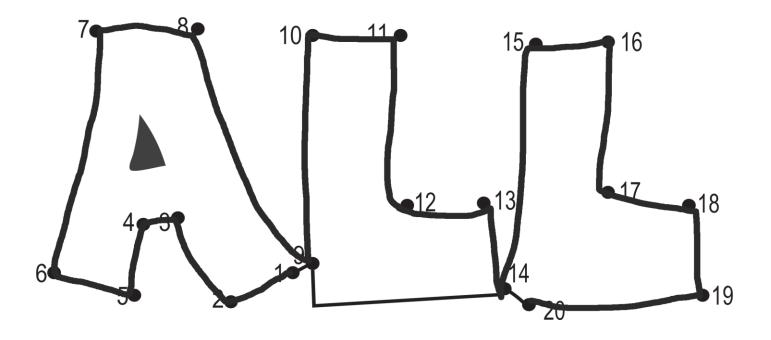
Children complete the dot-to-dot and then fills in the words "all" to complete the verse.

They can find this verse in their Bible.

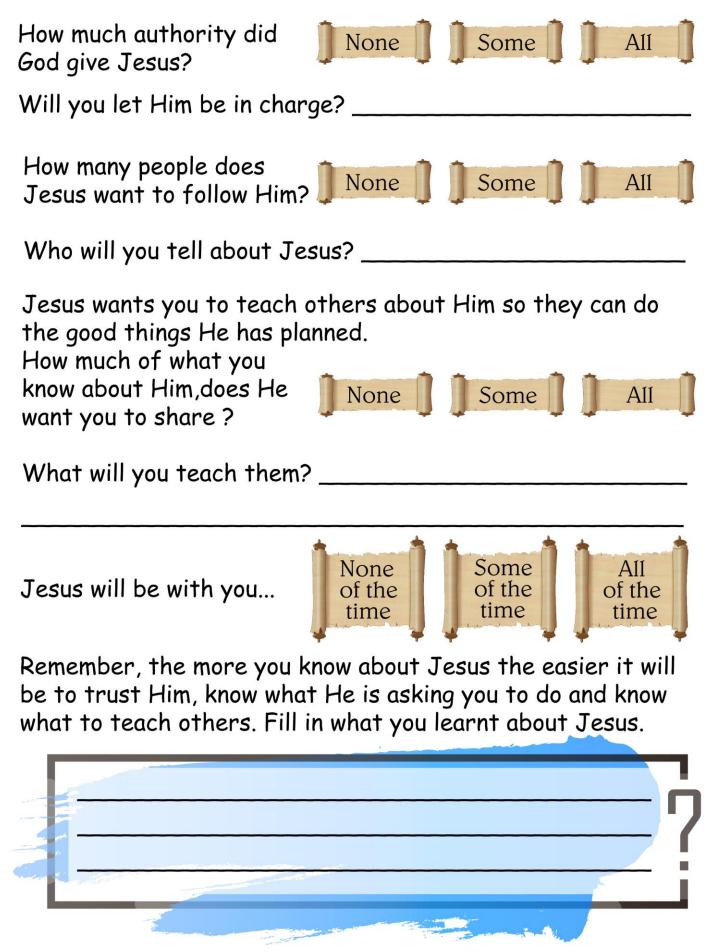
Children draw a circle around "Jesus"

Children draw a rectangle around "His disciples"

Children circle "yes"



Use the verse to circle the correct answer



• Giving someone authority means they are put in charge. How much authority does Jesus have? *(ALL authority)* Jesus has been put in charge of everything. He is reminding us that He is King.

- Will you let Him be in charge? Think about what letting God be in charge will be like and how you will feel knowing that God is in charge.
- How many people does Jesus want to follow Him? (ALL nations) Jesus wants everyone to choose Him as King.
 - Who will you tell about Jesus? Encourage the children to think of particular people that they can tell about Jesus.
- How much of what you know about Him does He want you to share? (ALL)
 - What will you teach them? Can you remember some of the things Jesus has said to us that we could tell others? (Love Me, follow Me, do what is right like the good things I have planned for you and choose Me as King)
 - Let the children share what they think is the most important thing about Jesus that they can teach someone.

• Jesus will be with you.... (*ALL of the time*) God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us **ALL**ways.

What the children do:

Circle the correct answer Children fill in their personal answers Children keep filling in things they learn about Jesus so they can teach others.



DAY 1 Take a moment before you pray to think about who you are speaking to.

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The greatest most powerful and loving King. The only perfect **Father** and He calls you **His child.**

DAY 2



DAY 3 Read Exodus 16. DAY 4 Read John 6:1-14

God provided food when there was nothing.

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Thank God every day for what He has given you $\bigcirc \lor$ and do not worry for God gives you everything you need.

