

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



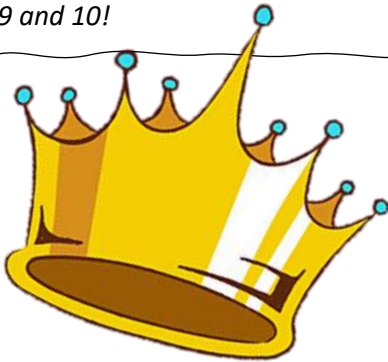
Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of the Israelites asking God for a King. You can find it in your Bible in:

1 Samuel 8 v 4–20

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.

Find out who was chosen as King in 1 Samuel 9 and 10!



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of the Israelites asking God for a King. Thank you that even though we make mistakes you can still use us as leaders in the world.

Help us to listen to you and be guided by you, recognising you as the King of Kings!

We pray for all those who are leaders in our schools, workplaces, churches, nation and world. Would you be with them and help them to live for you and serve you this week.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why did God's people want a King?

There were two reasons that the people asked for a King. Firstly they didn't believe that Samuel's sons would make good leaders, secondly they saw that the other nations had Kings in charge of them. They wanted to be like the other nations rather than standing out and being different and living God's way. When they asked for a King they were rejecting God's plan for how he wanted their lives to be.

A question to answer together

What do you think makes a good leader?

A question for children to ask adults

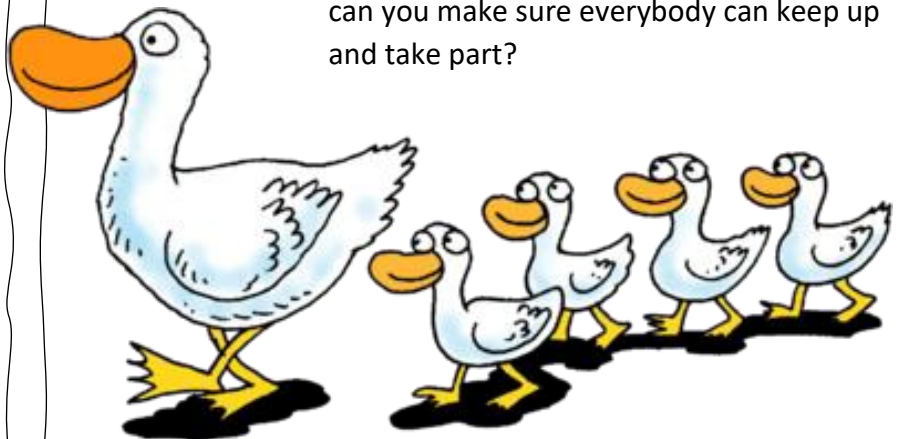
What do you think is the hardest thing about being a leader?

God knew that no human King would ever be as good a leader as Him, but He honoured the request of his people. When we look at the human leaders and Kings in the Bible none of them are perfect, they all make mistakes or have flaw in their characters.

Family Activity 1

Play a game of **Follow the leader** taking it in turns to be the leader and have everybody else copy you.

Think about what makes a good leader – can you make sure everybody can keep up and take part?





A verse to remember

Psalm 138 v 4

**Lord, let all the kings of the earth praise you
when they hear the words you speak.**

This verse comes from a Psalm written by David who knew all about what it was like to be a leader and King. David's prayer was that all the Kings of the earth would praise God as their Lord! Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it. Why not decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week?

Active Prayer

God wanted his people to recognise Him as their King. Just like Jesus we can pray "your Kingdom Come" welcoming God's rule and reign in the world.

Go for a walk in your community and pray "your Kingdom Come" inviting God to be in charge. What might it look like if everybody followed God as their leader and King in our schools, workplaces, shops and streets?



Family Activity 2



Crowns: Make your own crowns together from any cardboard / craft materials you have around the house. Why not see what you can find to create with in your recycling? Once you have made your crowns why not have your own royal fashion parade!

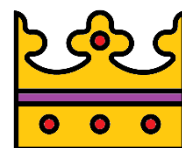
Family Activity 3

Musical crowns: God's people wanted a King, they didn't want to be led by Samuel's sons. Play a game of musical crowns, put on some music and for as long as the music is playing dance around passing a hat between you (even better if you have a crown!) – when the music stops that person is the King or Queen for the round and controls the music.

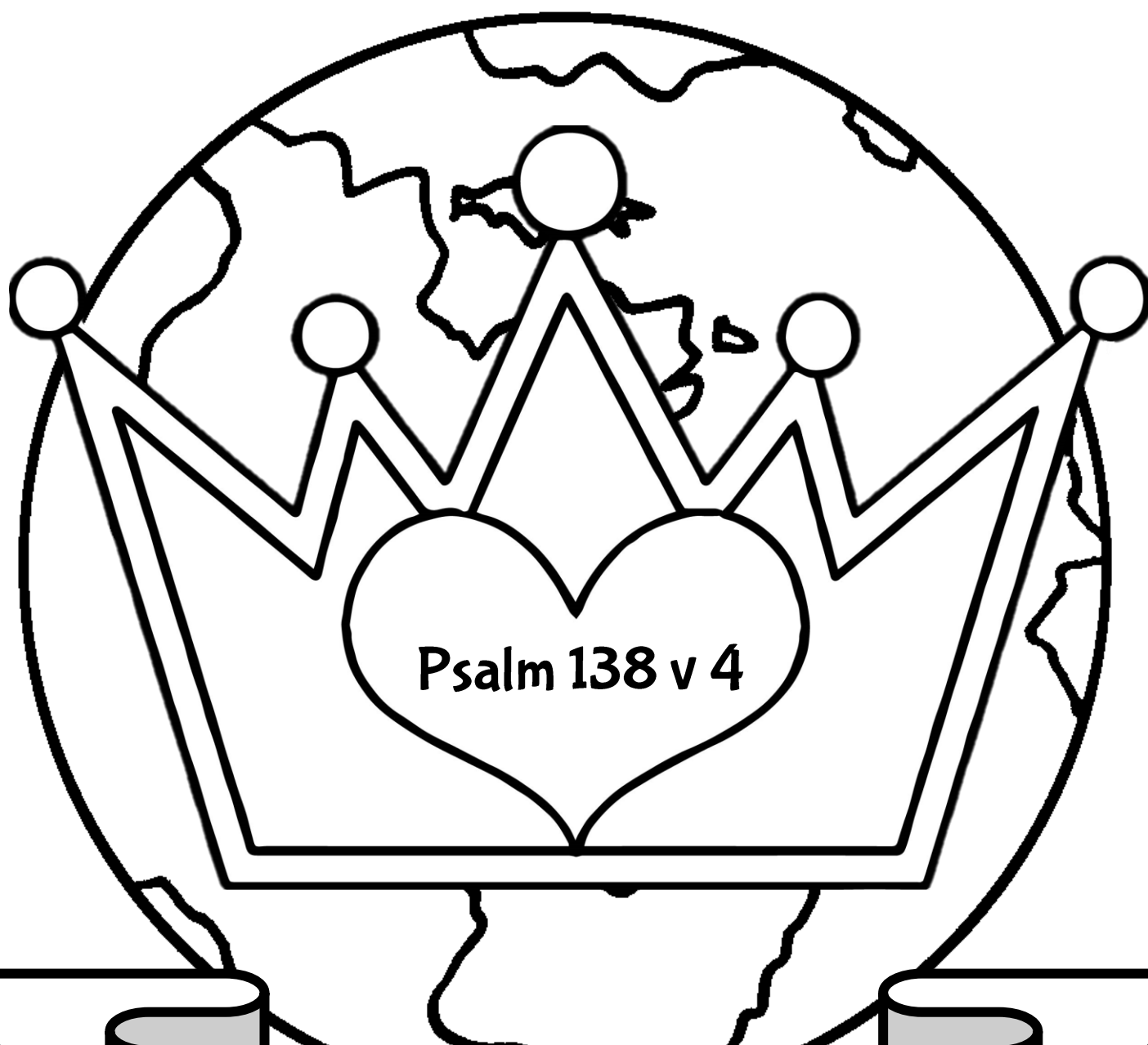


Royalty Prayers

More ideas for praying for our own Royal Family and thinking about our royal identity as children of the King of Kings can be found at www.chidrenchangingnations.org.uk.



A colouring page you could print and colour together



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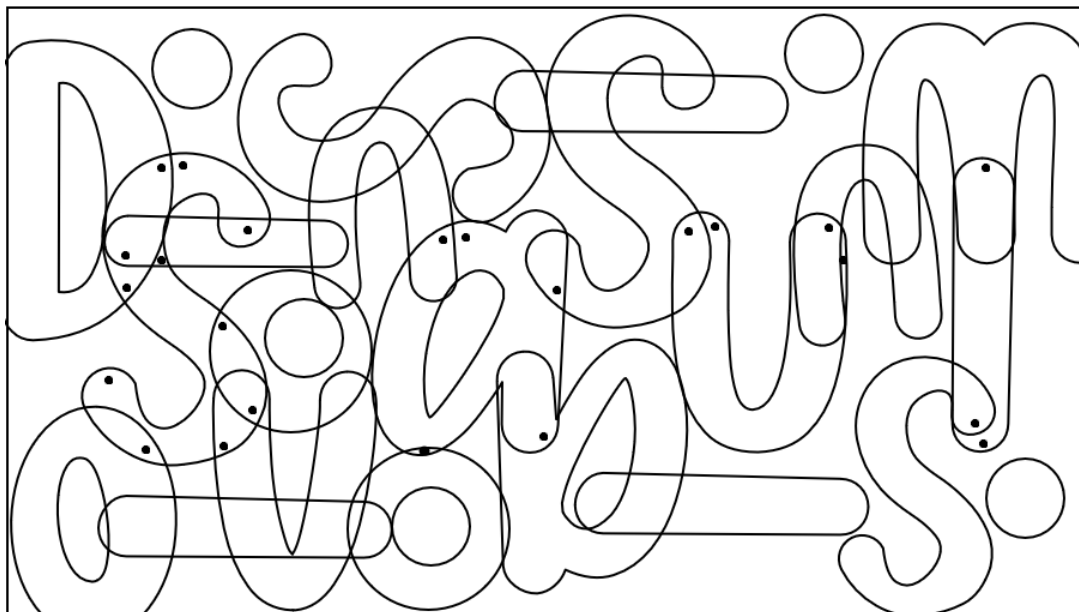
PUZZLE SHEET



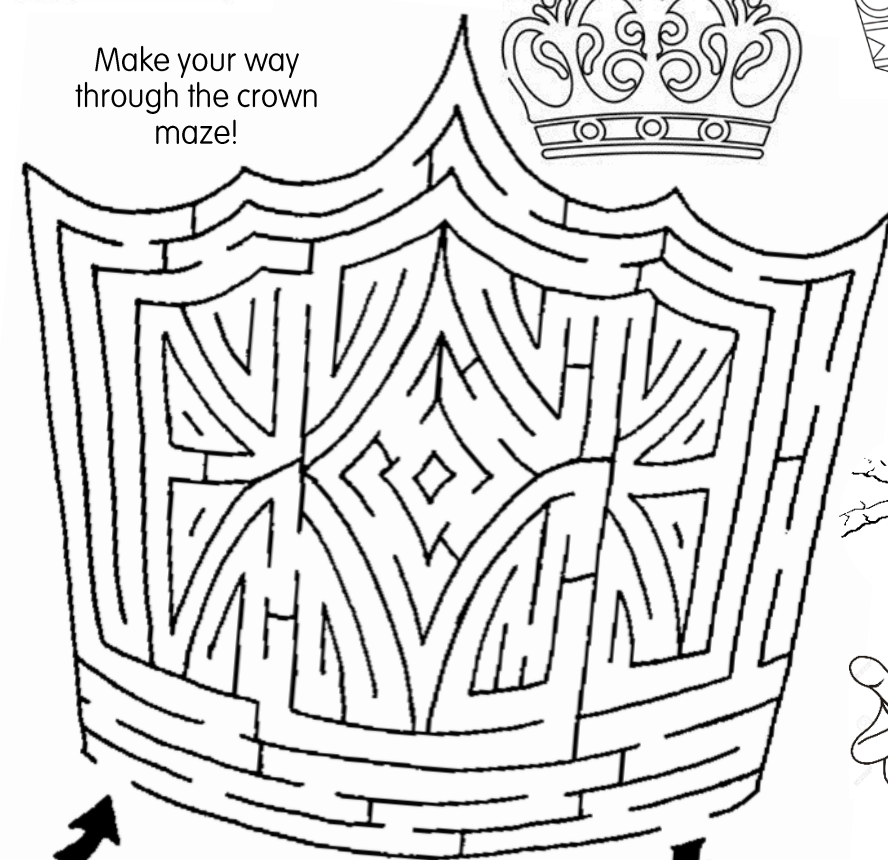
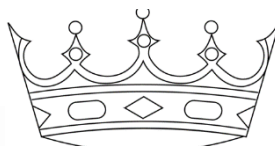
Colour in all the shapes containing a dot to reveal the name of the person who was chosen to be the first King of God's people.



Find the matching crowns and colour them the same.
Which crown does not have a pair?



Make your way through the crown maze!



START

FINISH

Change one letter at a time to turn the word **rule** into the word **lead**.

Use the picture clues to help

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