Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King

"Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9 (ICB)

Lesson - I can Live for the King!

Victory Kids, we have learned so much in Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King! This month, we learned that God is our King, and we can show that we belong to Him by the way we live. Today, we're going to remember what Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Daniel, and Esther taught us about living for the King!

First, we met three men with some BIG names: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! (Have the children repeat the names after you.) King Nebuchadnezzar told everyone to bow down and worship a golden statue. Did they bow down? NO! They knew that only God deserved their worship. The king had them thrown into a fiery furnace, but God protected them. They came out safe! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego teach us that living for the King means putting God first and worshiping Him only.

SAY IT: I worship God only!

DO IT: Point both hands toward heaven.

Next, we met Daniel. Daniel loved God and prayed to Him every day. When a new law said he could not pray to God, did Daniel stop praying? NO! Daniel kept following God just as he had always done. He was thrown into a lions' den, but God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths, and Daniel was safe! Daniel teaches us that living for the King is something we can do every day. We can pray, obey God, tell the truth, be kind, and make choices that please Him.

SAY IT: I live for the King every day!

DO IT: March your feet in place.

Then we met Queen Esther. Esther learned that her people were in danger. She said YES when she had an opportunity to help them. Esther went to King Xerxes, used her voice to tell him what was happening, and kept helping until something was done. Esther teaches us that God can use us right where we are! We can use our words to make someone feel better, our hands to help, and look for ways God gives us to do what is right. We don't have to wait until we are older. God can use us now!

SAY IT: God can use me to help others!

DO IT: Point to yourself, then reach both hands out.

Wherever we are, we can make choices that show that God is our King!

SAY IT: I can live for the King!

DO IT: Point toward heaven and then point to yourself.

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, You are our King, and we want to live for You. Help us worship You only, follow You every day, and use what You have given us to help others. Help our words, choices, and actions show that we belong to You. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lesson Questions - 10 Mins

2 & 3yr olds

1. Did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worship the golden statue? **(No)**
2. Who was in the lions' den? **(Daniel)**
3. Did God keep Daniel safe? **(Yes)**
4. Did Esther keep helping her people? **(Yes)**

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1. Why wouldn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bow to the golden statue? **They worshiped God only.**
2. What did Daniel keep doing even when a new law said he could not? **He kept praying to God.**
3. How did God protect Daniel? **God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths.**
4. What did Esther use to help her people? **She used her voice or her influence**

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Activity 1: Living for the King Course

Items Needed: Cones, Hula Hoops, Tunnel, crown, tape to mark finish line

Connection: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Daniel, and Esther showed us different ways to live for the King. This course reminds us that wherever we go, we can choose to live for God, our King!

Step 1: Create a simple course where children weave around cones, jump into hula hoops, and crawl through a tunnel.
Step 2: Give the first child the crown. Have the child carry the crown while completing the Living for the King Course.
Step 3: When the child reaches the end, have them place the crown at the finish line, and say, "I can live for the King!"
Step 4: Return the crown to the next child and continue until everyone has completed the course.

Activity 2: Living for the King Bowling

Items Needed: Bowling Game

Connection: This month, we learned different ways we can live for the King! Let's knock down the pins and remember what we learned.

Step 1: Set up the bowling pins.
Step 2: Let each child take a turn rolling the ball and trying to knock down as many pins as possible.
Step 3: After each turn, remind the children of one thing they learned this month, such as worship God only, follow God every day, say yes to God's way, or use your words and actions to help others.
Step 4: Reset the pins and continue until everyone has had a turn.

Activity 3: Bubble Party or Story Time

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

Craft or Coloring Sheet (use 1 or 2 options depending on class age & time)

Craft 1: Dare to Be Like Daniel Craft

Items Needed: Dare to Be Daniel Sign Kit

Connection: Daniel had courage to keep following God even when it was hard. This sign reminds us that God can give us courage to follow Him too!

Step 1: Give each child one Dare to Be Daniel Sign Kit and help them identify the pieces.
Step 2: Have the children assemble the sign by attaching the pieces in their correct places.
Step 3: Allow the children to decorate or finish their signs using the materials included in the kit.
Step 4: Help children write their names on the back of their finished signs.

Craft 2: I Can Live for the King Coloring Sheet

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: This month, we learned that God is our King and we can live for Him

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

I Can Live for the King!



We can trust God when it is hard.

This month, we learned that God is our King and we can live for Him!



We can keep following God every day.



We can say yes to doing what is right.



God is our King and we can live for Him!