

November 21, 2021
John 18:33-37

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“...I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”

(Common English Bible)



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From the Common English Bible (CEB)

Feel free to use the Faith5 process and the Bible reading in whatever way is best for your family: at dinner, in the evening, before bed, etc.

Also, if your children are very young, you might want to use a children's story Bible.

SHARE your highs and lows for the day (or week).

PRAY about your highs and lows: celebrate your highs and pray for help with your lows

READ John 18: 33-37

This reading may seem as if it belongs in Holy Week. The backstory is this: Jesus has been arrested and is brought before Pilate, the governor from Rome. Pilate presses Jesus to confess and/or explain who he is and what he has done to be arrested. Jesus explains that his truth and his kingdom are different from that of Pilate and most people.

³³ Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?"

³⁵ Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶ Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here."

³⁷ "So you are a king?" Pilate said.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice."

TALK about the readings

1. *What is happening in this story?*
2. *What does Pilate want to know?*
3. *What does Jesus say? What is the truth Jesus is talking about?*
4. *How is Jesus' kingdom different? How might following Jesus change the way someone thinks and acts? How does it change the way you think and act?*
5. *How does the reading relate to you highs and lows?*

BLESS each other.

Make this as simple or as complex as you want. Examples: Trace the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or on the back of your hands. Say, "God bless you" or make up a blessing based on one of the readings.

ACTIVITIES

CROWN CAKE

Supplies: cake mix or purchased cake; frosting; sprinkles and/or other decorations; ice cream

Activity: Together frost and decorate the cake to make it look like a crown or a regal cake. After decorating, recite the Bible verse and enjoy some cake together. Ice cream with sprinkles always makes the cake taste better!

CROSS AND CROWN

Supplies: large pieces of poster board; pencils; markers or crayons; decorations (sequins; glitter, etc.)

Activity: Decorate a crown and write KING OF KINGS on it. (A pattern for the crown follows this page.)

1. Print the crown pattern and cut it out. Trace it onto poster board. Use it as the pattern for the crowns.
2. Place the pattern along the bottom center of the poster board. The pattern only shows one half of the crown so you will need to turn the pattern over and trace the other half to form the entire crown. Use the head band to add length to the crown according to the age of the participants. Use the short side of the poster board (22 inches) if you have younger children. You may need to use the long side for older children and possibly add an extra piece to it for adults. You should be able to fit four crowns on one piece of poster board.
3. Decorate the crowns with sequins, glitter, and whatever you can find to make a crown "fit for the King."
4. Talk about how Jesus was different from other kings. Did he wear a crown? Did he wear fancy clothes? Why? How does putting the cross on the crown indicate that there is something different about Jesus?

LEARN A SONG: "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

Our hymn for Reign of Christ Sunday, "Crown Him with Many Crowns," may be done in different ways. Check it out. (Find the lyrics of the hymn online so you can follow the words!)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" by Getty Kids Hymnal: Family Hymn Sing

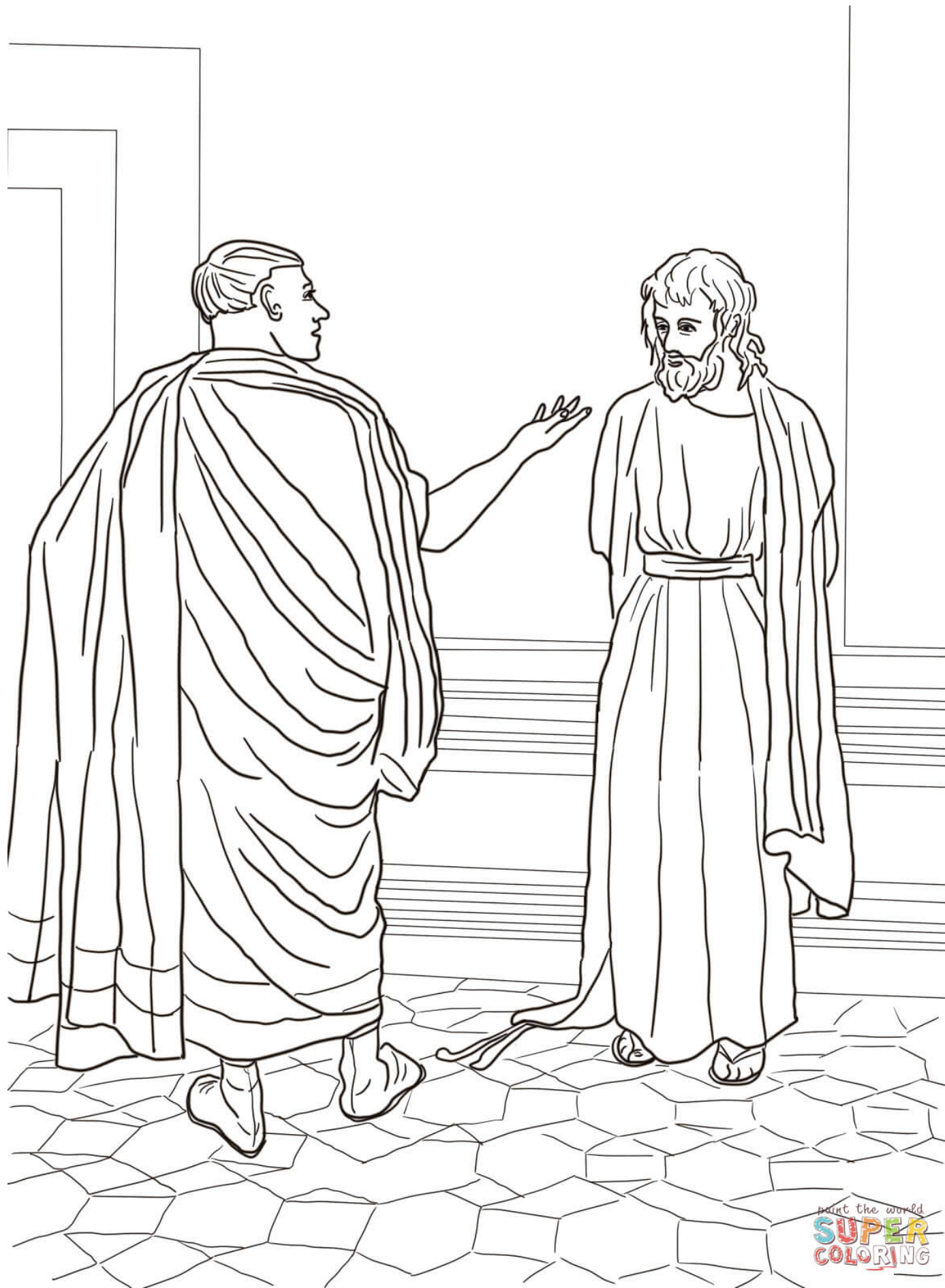
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nG_sMsWfk0U

A version for younger kids.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yd_u58cQpMI

Michael W. Smith at the GMA Awards with soloists and choir (1995)

Hear the version we're familiar with – and then rock out with another version. Which versions do you like? Why?



paint the world
SUPER
COLORING

Jesus before Pilate



Born to Be King

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." John 18:37 (NIV)

Based on John 18:33-37



T E S T I F Y F C Z N U H E Y
 C D U Y W R T K I A W N U H Y
 S E R V A N T S I G R O A G F
 V W T A Q Z V P T N H R R F T
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IDEA

TESTIFY

FACT

SAYING

PLACE

KINGDOM

PEOPLE

PALACE

RIGHT

TRUTH

REASON

PRIEST

WORLD

ARREST

BORN

KING

SERVANTS

LISTENS

FIGHT

EVERYONE

Jesus before Pilate Word Search

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N C U T W Z M M H Y M D L H Q M P
K S U Y W L J Q W H B U I A G V V
W O R L D C O U L M P E O P L E A
D G H J E S W E J O F L H M F I B
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C V X G N I K K R O C O N Z R G O
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King

Jews

Chief Preists

Kingdom

Purpose

Followers

Condemn

Pilate

People

Truth

World

Jesus