



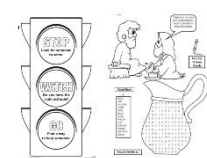
Prep-5: April

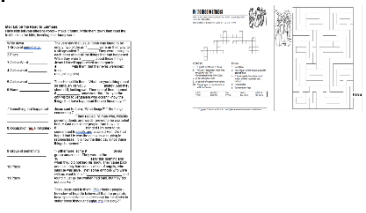
Kingdom Surprise



Surprising ways Jesus is our King: Humble King, Servant King, Crucified King, Comforting King, Risen King, Returning King

KEY VERSE FOR THE MONTH: “...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” *Philippians 2:10-11 New Living Translation (NLT)*

Bible Story	Key Concepts	PRIMARY PREP-2	PRIMARY 3-5
1-2 April Humble King - Triumphant Entry Key Passage: Matthew 21:1-11	LESSON: When Jesus came, He did come as a king, but He had no interests in ruling over an earthly kingdom the way His followers expected Him to. It was a surprise to them. He had no interest in elevating His followers to positions of earthly privilege and entitlement. His interest was much bigger than that. He came to establish a kingdom with no end that reached far beyond any political border. BIG IDEA: “SURPRISE! I can give praise to Jesus because He is my Humble King.”	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 2: - Craft: - Discussion Questions –optional	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: - Ice-breaker – guess the picture - Activity sheet, while asking questions. 
7 April – Good Friday Servant King - The Last Supper Prep-Primary 2 only Communion Key Passage: Matthew 26:17-20, John 13:3-16	LESSON: Jesus showed us how to be a servant. He didn't come to earth to rule as a traditional King, but to show us the Kingdom of God is about love and servanthood. As His followers, we are to emulate Him, serving one another in lowliness of heart and mind, seeking to build one another up in humility and love. BIG IDEA: “SURPRISE! I can follow Jesus' example because He is my Servant King.”	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 2: - Craft: - Discussion Questions –optional	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: Activity Sheet, while asking questions 
8-9 April Crucified King - Crucifixion Salvation Call Key Passage: Matthew 27	LESSON: When Jesus is called "King of kings and Lord of lords" in Revelation 19:16, it indicates that, when the end comes, Jesus' dominion, both earthly and heavenly, will be absolute. He will reign supreme over all kingdoms and rulers and any opposition will be futile. Other prophecies hint at the same outcome. BIG IDEA: “SURPRISE! I can give my heart to Jesus because He is my Crucified King.”	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 2: Craft:	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: Crown activity and discussions 
15-16 April Comforting King - Mary sees Jesus Key Passage: John 20:10-18 Quiet Time/Encounter on Comfort	LESSON: Mary devoted herself to Jesus. You can imagine her heartache when she was at the empty tomb. But Jesus, as our King, steps in to comfort her. Not only does He comfort her, but he empowers her. Jesus could have easily appeared to all of his disciples first, or to everyone at once, etc. So why did he start with a few women? This is to show how we all have been called as workers for God's harvest (Luke 10:2). BIG IDEA: “SURPRISE! I can give comfort to others because Jesus is my Comforting King.”	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 2: - Craft: - Discussion Questions –optional	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: Activity sheet while asking questions 

22-23 April Risen King - Road to Emmaus Key Passage: Luke 24	LESSON: On the road to Emmaus, Jesus gave a lesson on the prophecies of the Old Testament which were fulfilled in His death and resurrection. What a lesson that would have been! The Author of the Book explains His work, making connections from Scripture to the events they had recently experienced. The disciples' reaction to Jesus' lesson was one of deep conviction of the truth of what He was teaching. BIG IDEA: “SURPRISE! I can have hope because Jesus is my Risen King.”	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 2: • Craft: • Discussion Questions –optional	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: • Mad Lib Activity sheet as a group • Individual Activity Sheet per child, while asking questions 
29-30 April Returning King - Ascension Key Passage: Matthew 24: 1-44	LESSON: It's been a little less than 2000 years since Jesus left earth the first time. That's a long time for us to be waiting for the Second Coming of Christ. In fact, it's within 100 years of the same amount of time between God's first encounter with Abraham to establish a nation to send Jesus through, and the death of Jesus. God is patient, and doesn't feel the passing of time the way we do. It is difficult to find the right balance in our wait. Some believers get so wrapped up in what is to come that they miss their mission today. Others think so little about it they forget that we are not for this world and they lose hold of the hope Jesus gifted all His followers. It is important for us to hold our knowledge of future events the right way. It should give us hope when the world is disappointing, but it should never rob us of our joyful service to the world we live in. BIG IDEA: “ NO SURPRISE! I can be ready until King Jesus returns.”	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 2: • Craft: • Discussion Questions –optional	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: • Activity sheet while asking questions 