



LESSON 8 SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

OBJECTIVE: Kids will learn “Jesus deserves our love, our faith, our everything.”

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 9:25 & Revelation 4:1-11, Lay Down Your Crowns

MEMORY VERSE: “I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, “Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God.” Revelation 21:3 (NIRV)

SUMMARY: The one who runs the Sweet Shop gets to wear a licorice robe and candy crown, but neither one lasts for very long because. . . well, they're candy. Paul wrote that those who follow Jesus will one day receive a crown that will last forever. In a vision, John saw that when we get to heaven, we will lay those crowns at the feet of Jesus.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

Help us to remember to give you all the glory because we depend on You, and You are the one who provides and is our King!

In Jesus' name,

Amen



MEMORY VERSE

"I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (NIRV)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

"I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them." Revelation 21:3 (NLT)

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Ask the kids to try to recite the memory verse together by memory. Then post the verse on the big screen. Tell the kids to read it one more time and then play a worship song in celebration of God and everything He has done for us!

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SMALL GROUP:

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Ask the kids, "Why aren't people able to be the perfect king? Why do we need God?" Give kids an opportunity to recite the memory verse if they feel comfortable!



SKIT PAGE 1

TITLE: Silly Swonka's Sweet Shop (Part 8)

ITEMS NEEDED:

Brightly colored top hat, cane, a large pretend rock, red vines made out of rope to look like licorice, a robe made out of red rope "licorice", and a cardboard crown with candy glued on it in the place of gems.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

Silly Swonka – Candy Shop Owner

Kara – girl

Sean – boy

Mom – woman

Dad – man

Oofa Loofas – two men and one woman

CHARACTERS:

Silly Swonka

Kara

Sean

Mom

Dad

3 Oofa Loofas

Begin with Silly Swonka walking on stage from stage left wearing his top hat and holding a cane. Following him are Kara and her mom.

SILLY SWONKA: We are getting close to the end of our tour. You have seen almost everything. Our last section of the candy factory is where the licorice grows like vines. It is so big that the last two years the Oofa Loofas made a robe out of it and crowned me King of the Sweet Shop and Candy Factory.

MOM: You've got to be kidding me.



SKIT PAGE 2

SILLY SWONKA: Nope. They really enjoy festivities like that. A way to commemorate the day I found them near the Island of Loau! They celebrate it and crown me King every year. Although it doesn't last long, let me tell you...anyway... I think I have something else in mind for this year.

KARA: What's that?

SILLY SWONKA: Well as today marks 10 years since I found the Oofa Loofas and they have just finished sticking together the licorice robe and candy crown...today we will have a race!

MOM: A race?

SILLY SWONKA: Yes, a race for the victor to be crowned king (or queen) of the Sweet Shop and Candy Factory. I'm just getting a little tired of being crowned every year...you can imagine.

MOM: Yes, well...

SILLY SWONKA: So, we will begin the race over here.
(Silly Swonka points to stage left and shows Kara to start here and run all the way to the end of stage right.)

KARA: So, I get to be in this race!?

SILLY SWONKA: Oh, yes my dear... you definitely do. In fact, as far as I can see, it's a guaranteed win from where I'm standing. You see the only other one who was going to race you was Sean, and he isn't here yet, is he? He must still be napping from those snoozeberries.

KARA: Oh, I see. You sure are a Silly Swonka!

SILLY SWONKA: Thank you, Kara. Now stand at the line. On your mark, get set, go!

(Kara begins to "run" in slow motion making it look like it is a very long way to go. Sean comes out at stage left with his dad.)

SEAN: What's going on? I was asleep.



SKIT PAGE 3

SILLY SWONKA: Run Sean! Run! It is a race against Kara to be crowned King of the Sweet Shop and Candy Factory!

(Sean begins to run in slow motion too and catches up to Kara. They are neck and neck. Sean beats Kara by a few feet.)

KARA: Aw man! You woke up in time.

SEAN: Apparently.

KARA: Congrats, Sean!

(The 3 Oofa Loofas work together to carry out the licorice robe and candy crown. They place it on Sean's shoulders and head.)

Oofa Loofas: Woohoo!

SILLY SWONKA: Sean, just in the nick of time, you became King of the Sweet Shop Candy Factory! What do you have to say for yourself?

(Oofa Loofas get close to the robe and crown and begin to pretend to eat it while it is still on Sean.)

SEAN: Um. I feel a bit weird. I think the Oofa Loofas are eating my crown and robe.

SILLY SWONKA: They are made out of candy after all. And they never last long...- because...well they are candy!

KARA: Oh, Silly Swonka!

(Silly Swonka, Kara, Mom, Sean, and Dad all laugh. End Scene.)



OBJECT LESSON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Medal, plaque, or trophy

You see this award. It is so cool to get one of these, isn't it? No matter how we win something like this, it probably took a lot of work to achieve. Maybe you got a spelling bee award, a swimming medal, or a trophy from a race. When this happens, we feel celebrated. And it's very cool. But when we win awards, the feeling we get from it eventually fades away. Trophies begin to collect dust on our shelves and it's fun to think back to when we achieved it, but life moves on and the award becomes less and less important to us.

Just like the licorice robe and candy crown didn't last very long on Sean's shoulder and head, our achievements quickly faded away. This doesn't mean we shouldn't do our best and enjoy and celebrate. But it is a reminder that the only one who is crowned with glory that lasts forever is Jesus! While we make mistakes and aren't perfect, Jesus is perfect in His love! While we move on to the next thing, God never changes and remains constant. All the glory and honor go to God forever.

So next time we get an award. Remember that it was God that helped us to achieve it. Next time we accomplish a task, thank God for that opportunity! Next time we have something to celebrate about, remember that the celebration of Jesus is the only celebration that will last forever! We should lay down all of our crowns, trophies, and awards at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for making it possible!



LARGE GROUP GAME

THE HELPER AND THE RUNNER!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Plastic rings, bean bags, or something easy to pass in a race

INSTRUCTIONS:

Have kids team up with a partner. Begin on one side of the room and ask kids to decide who will be the first one to race and who will be the helper. The helper will hold 3 items for the racer to race with. Encourage helpers to cheer the racer on. When you say go, the helper will hand one item to the racer who will run all the way to the other side of the room, put the item down, and run all the way back to the helper for the second item. Then they will run all the way down, place the second item down and go back for the third. Once the racer has gotten all three items to the end of the race, they have finished. Announce kids as first, second, third, etc. Next, have the racer and the helper switch places and do one more race.

VARIATION:

For a very small group use chairs as the “helpers”.

WHAT'S THE POINT:

Without the helper, the runner could not accomplish their task of winning the race. The runner depends on the helper. We depend on God when we accomplish tasks and we should really be celebrating Him when we succeed because He made it possible! (One name for the Holy Spirit is “helper”.)



LARGE GROUP LESSON

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INTRO:

Hello sweet tooth kids! This has really been a SWEET trip at Silly Swonka’s Factory and Sweet Shop. I hope you enjoyed all the amazing candy that he had. And while I’m mentioning the candy, what did you think of the licorice robe and candy crown? Would you take a bite out of it the way the Oofa Loofa’s did? Raise your hand if you would take a bite!

A candy crown doesn’t last forever...probably because it tastes so good. Things in this world are fleeting; meaning we can’t depend on them to last forever. But we can depend on God to last forever! He has invited us into His Kingdom to live with Him forever! This is the best invitation that we could ever receive. And we can lay down any crowns we receive and give them back to Him because He is the one who laid down His life for us so that we could be saved! He deserves all of the glory and praise!

Let’s read where it talks about this in scripture and learn a little bit more about our King Jesus!

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9:25 & REVELATION 4:1-11

MAIN POINT:

Jesus shares His crown with us, in that He gives us eternal life with Him in heaven! This is the only award that really truly matters! And when He gives us this crown, we will lay them down and worship Him! This is because we realize that God is the reason that we have the crown in the first place. He is the one who created us, He is the one who loves us, He is the one who sent His son to die for us, and God is the one who gets the glory!



LARGE GROUP LESSON

When we read this passage, it was a bit difficult to imagine these creatures and what it is like to be in heaven. What we do know is this: “God himself will be with them and be their God.” From our memory verse Revelation 21:3. We know that we will be with God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

JESUS DESERVES OUR LOVE, OUR FAITH, OUR EVERYTHING! JESUS IS THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS! He is the only perfect King and He has the only perfect kingdom!

DRIVE IT HOME:

So when you think about what heaven will be like, what things are to come, you can trust in a God who is faithful, loving, and has saved me and you! One day we will be in the perfect kingdom and we will lay our crowns down in worship of the King who laid down His life for us. What an amazing future!

JESUS DESERVES OUR LOVE, OUR FAITH, EVERYTHING! And we can serve Him now and always. Let’s pray together and celebrate with the song we sang earlier one more time.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Revelation 21: 3

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Ask the kids, "Why aren't people able to be the perfect king? Why do we need God?" Give kids an opportunity to recite the memory verse if they feel comfortable.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

(Ahead of time gather one toy plastic penny and one real penny.)

Play "Which Hand". Mix the pennies up and give every kid a chance to guess "which hand" has the real penny. Then explain, "Fortunately, it is not a guessing game when it comes to our salvation. We know that the things of this world are fleeting and the only thing that lasts forever is our faith in Jesus!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1 Corinthians 9:25 & Revelation 4:1-11

Who is the King of Kings?

How can we receive a crown from Him?

Who deserves all of our praise and worship? Why?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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What is the crown that will last forever represent?

How can we receive this crown?

Who deserves all of our praise and worship? Why?

What is one thing you've placed too much importance on that isn't as important as following Jesus?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Jesus deserves our love, our faith, our everything!
TRUE
2. The awards, plaques, and trophies of this world will last forever.
FALSE
3. God gets all the praise and glory.
TRUE
4. If we lay down our crowns at Jesus' feet, we are humbly admitting that He is the one who made our eternal life possible!
TRUE
5. When we place importance on our relationship with God, we are investing in something that will last forever.
TRUE

MAKE IT STICK

CANDY FACTORY LESSON 8

4 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week: What will last forever? Our relationship with Jesus! We shouldn't place too much importance on the fleeting things of this world, but instead, give our praise and worship to Jesus! The King of kings and the Lord of lords. 1 Corinthians 9:25 & Revelation 4:1-11, Lay Down Your Crowns



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real: Ask your kid why don't earthly possessions or trophies make us happy forever. Ask your kid what is a "crown" you want to lay at Jesus' feet and thank Him for making it possible.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:
Who hands out the crowns that last forever?
How can we give God the praise and glory He deserves?
What do you think is the most fascinating description of heaven from Revelation 4:1-11?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:
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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:
God gets all the glory, honor, and praise. We encourage you to spend some time singing worship songs in the car or at home with your kids this week.

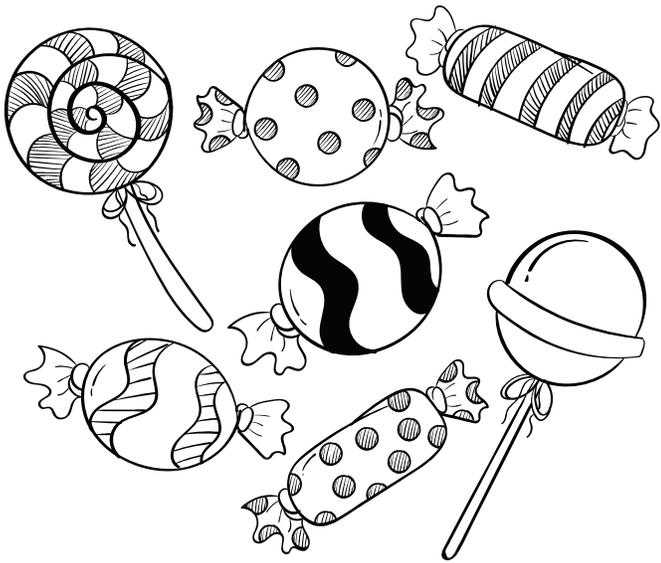


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

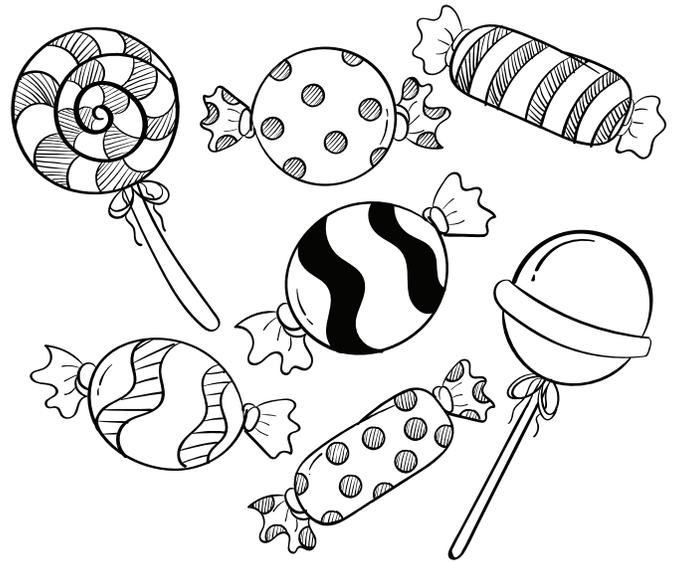
ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

Paper, markers, and pencils

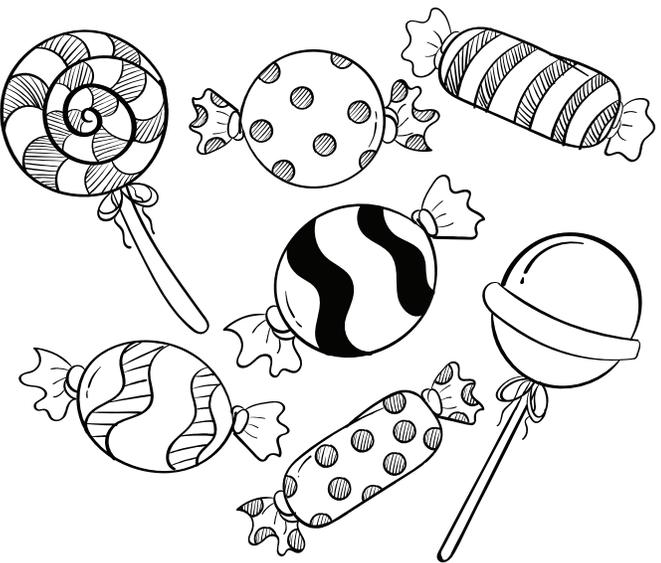
Ask kids to write and draw something that God has given them as a gift that they want to praise and thank Him for. Every good and perfect gift comes from God! As they draw it, ask them to say a prayer in their head and lay this gift God gave them down at His feet. The only reason they have it to begin with is because He provided it for them!



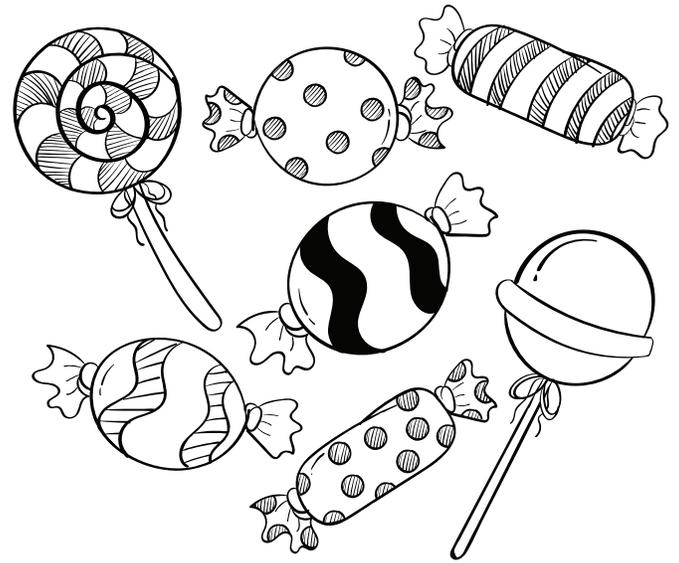
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