



### **TODDLER Unit 10.1 Israel wants a King**

**Date:** Sunday March 1, 2026 **Teachers:** Christina S (lead), Jess S, Laura N

**Props: from home:** none. **At centre:** make crown before class, activity sheet, crown/donkey printables

**Invite kids to sit in a circle, you can start with a snack.**

**Rules: Let's listen with our ears. We are going to sit in a circle before we play.**

**BIBLE STORY WITH TODDLERS: p. 72 GOD'S BIG STORY BOOK BIBLE "Where is the Ark?"**

**Sing to the tune of "God Is So Good":**

"Who is our King? Who is our King?

Who is our King? Our King is Je-e-sus."

God's people wanted a king to lead them, but later God sent Jesus to be our King. JESUS IS OUR KING!

**ACTIVITY: "Sort the crowns" materials:** (crown printable, cut apart)

Print and cut apart the "Crowns" printable. Mix up the cards and invite kids to sort the cards into piles of matching crowns. The Israelites did not trust God. They wanted a king. God told Samuel to give the people a king. God chose a king for Israel. For now, that king would be Saul, but one day, God would send His own Son to be King. Jesus would not just be King over Israel but King over the whole world. King Jesus would come to rule not by a force of power, but by the force of love, laying down his power by giving his life for his people. This gift of grace from King Jesus, is the gift offered to us, by trusting in Jesus to give us new life, and unite us to God.

**ACTIVITY: "find the donkey" materials:** (donkey printable, cut out)

In our story today Saul needed to go find the missing donkeys, when he came back the donkeys had been found and he received big news! He wouldn't be looking for donkeys anymore; he was going to be the King of Israel. Saul wasn't going to be a very good King, the power he had as king, he would use for himself, instead of the good of those he led. Jesus is the true King, the only King, who would lay down his power by giving his life for the people he loved- US! First, hide the donkey and then have kids find it, then kids can take turns hiding the donkey for other friends to find it.

**ACTIVITY: "make a crown" (make a crown before class with paper from the PK blue bin)**

Cut construction paper into a zigzag pattern to make a crown shape. God's people wanted a king. Kings sometimes wear crowns with jewels. JESUS IS OUR KING forever. King Jesus rules with love, He gave his life for his people.

**ACTIVITY: "shoulder to shoulder"**

Invite toddlers to stand next to each other in order from shortest to tallest. Adult helpers may also line up shoulder to shoulder. Saul was the first king of Israel. Saul was tall and looked like a king. Later God sent Jesus to earth. JESUS IS OUR KING.

**FREE PLAY AND PLAY MUSIC FROM BLUETOOTH SPEAKER**