

Week Two – God is our rightful ruler – Overview

| Passage | Big Idea |
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| SS) Genesis 2:9,16-17;3:1-24 | God is our rightful ruler |
| FBT1) Philippians 2:5-11 | Jesus is the promised ruler |
| FBT2) Psalm 47:1-2 | God is our rightful ruler – Rejoice! |
| FBT3) Acts 4:1-31 | God is our rightful ruler – Those on his team will win in the end |
| FBT4) Psalm 145:10-13 | God is our rightful ruler – His kingdom will last forever |
| FBT5) Isaiah 45:22-25 | God is our rightful ruler – One day everyone will acknowledge this |

Family Bible Time (Day 1) – Philippians 2:5-11

| BIG IDEA | Jesus is the promised ruler |
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| Bible Passage | Philippians 2:5-11 |
| Getting Started | <p>Have you ever had to wait for something really exciting to happen? Maybe a birthday, or a holiday, or a special treat? It can be hard to wait. Sometimes it seems like it takes forever to finally happen.</p> <p>Remember in Sunday School, we learnt that Adam and Eve chose to reject God as their ruler. They wanted to be in charge instead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: Did this work out well for them? What happened?</i> <p>Read Genesis 3:15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: Do you remember who this verse is talking about?</i> <p>God promised that one day Jesus would come, and make things right again.</p> |
| <p>Finding Out</p> <p>1. Jesus is humbled (Phil 2:5-8)</p> | <p>Read Philippians 2:5-8</p> <p>Finally, after hundreds of years, Jesus did come! God’s people had been waiting a long, long time for him to come. Jesus was the promised king who would make everything right again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What kinds of things do kings do? How do they behave?</i> <p>When Jesus finally came as God’s promised King, he didn’t do the things that his people were expecting.</p> <p>Read Philippians 2:7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What did Jesus do that was surprising?</i> <p>When Jesus came, he didn’t sit on a throne, or have lots of servants, or anything else you would expect a king to do. Instead, he became a servant himself! In fact, he did even more than that.</p> <p>Read Philippians 2:8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What else did Jesus do that was surprising?</i> <p>Instead of making sure everyone knew how great he was, Jesus was willing to give up everything. He was even willing to give up his life! He ended up being killed by his enemies. What a surprising king!</p> |
| <p>2. Jesus is exalted (Phil 2:9-11)</p> | <p>Had it all gone wrong? After waiting for so long for God’s promised king to come, it seems so disappointing! He didn’t behave like a king at all. And then he ended up dead!</p> <p>Read Philippians 2:9-11</p> <p>But Jesus didn’t stay dead! He is the only person in all of history who has ever been able to bring himself back to life! Even death was no match for Jesus.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: Do you remember what happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God? What was the result of this? <p>Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they ended up dying. To make things right again, Jesus needed to beat death! When Jesus came back to life again, that's exactly what he did. He beat death. And because he beat death, Jesus is able to put everything right again. He is the rightful ruler over everything. God's plan worked out after all!</p> |
| So What? | <p>God kept his promise and sent Jesus to make everything right again. He is able to do this because Jesus was willing to give up everything and die for us.</p> <p>Read Philippians 2:11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: What does this verse say our response to this should be? |
| Memory Verse | <p>PSALM 145:1</p> <p><i>I will exalt you, my God and King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i></p> |

Family Bible Time (Day 2) – Psalm 47:1-2

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| BIG IDEA | God is our rightful ruler – Rejoice! |
| Bible Passage | Psalm 47:1-2 |
| Getting Started | <p>Can you think of a time when you have felt very happy and excited? What was the occasion? Why were you feeling excited? What did you feel like doing? (Maybe jumping up and down, clapping, singing, shouting, and running around in circles...?) Today we are going to read about a time when God's people were very happy and excited about something.</p> |
| Finding Out 1. God is king over all (Ps 47:2) 2. This is reason to rejoice! (Ps 47:1) | <p>Read Psalm 47:1-9</p> <p>This is a song that was written a long time ago. It was written for God's people to help them celebrate God as their king.</p> <p>Read Psalm 47:2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: What is God described as being king over? <p>God is the greatest king in all the world. He is greater than any other king that has ever existed. He rules over the whole earth.</p> <p>Read Psalm 47:1</p> <p>All the nations of the world are doing something altogether here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: What are the nations doing? Q: How do you think the people of the nations are feeling? <p>The people here are so happy that they are shouting out with joy and clapping their hands! Just like you felt when you had something exciting happen to you (Relate this back to the event you talked about at the start)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: Why do you think the people are so happy and excited? <p>The reason they are so happy is because God is their king! And he is an awesome king! They are excited that God rules over the whole world.</p> |
| So What? | <p>God is the ruler over everything. That's something to be happy and excited about. He is a generous and kind ruler, who can look after us and take care of us. Its great news that God is the ruler over everything.</p> |
| Memory Verse | <p>PSALM 145:1</p> <p><i>I will exalt you, my God and King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i></p> |

Family Bible Time (Day 3) – Acts 4:1-31

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| BIG IDEA | God is our rightful ruler – Those on his team will win |
| Bible Passage | Acts 4:1-31 |
| Getting Started | Find a picture of a winning sports team, and another picture of a team that just lost. Or alternatively just describe the two teams. If you could choose a team to join, which team would you choose? |
| Finding Out 1. Choosing God's side (Acts 4:1-3, 18-20) 2. God's side is victorious (Acts 4:23-31) | <p>Read Acts 4:1-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>Who were Peter and John?</i> <p>Explain that Peter and John were friends of Jesus. After Jesus had come back to life and then returned to heaven, Peter and John went around telling people about him. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus had come to earth, and that he was the true king; the one God had promised would come. Lots of people thought this was very good news – but some people were not so happy about it. The priests and Sadducees were the rulers at the time. They didn't want Peter and John telling people about Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>What did they do to Peter and John?</i> <p>They put Peter and John in prison!</p> <p>Read Acts 4:18-20</p> <p>The priests and Sadducees told Peter and John they needed to stop speaking about Jesus. They didn't want anyone to follow Jesus, but instead to listen to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>What did Peter and John say to the priests and Sadducees?</i> <p>Peter and John chose to keep following and obeying Jesus. Even though it meant they might be put back in prison. They knew that it was right to choose to be on Jesus' side, and to keep on speaking about him.</p> <p>In the end, Peter and John were released from prison. They went back to join the other followers of Jesus and told them what had happened. Everyone was so happy to see them, and they thanked God for rescuing them. This is what they said to God.</p> <p>Read Acts 4:24-25</p> <p>They thanked God that he always wins in the end. Even if whole nations or even kings go against God, they can't win in the end. God always wins in the end, because he is the one in control of everything. After they prayed, something amazing happened!</p> <p>Read Acts 4:31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>What happened to the building they were meeting in?</i> <p>God was saying to them "You are right! See, I am in control! I can even make this building shake!"</p> |
| So What? | God is the rightful ruler over everything. That means, he will always win in the end, and the people who follow him and choose his team will be on the winning team! There are only 2 teams of people in the world – those who are following Jesus, and those who choose not to. Which team have you chosen? |
| Memory Verse | <p>PSALM 145:1</p> <p><i>I will exalt you, my God and King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i></p> |

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| BIG IDEA | God is our rightful ruler – His kingdom will last forever |
| Bible Passage | Psalm 145:10-13 |
| Getting Started | Cut off a short piece of wool, a longer piece and, if possible, have a whole ball of wool as well. Show the short piece. Tell them you are holding the start of the piece and ask them to point to the end of the wool. Do the same with the longer piece. Show them the whole ball of wool. Ask them if you unravelled the whole ball and laid it out in a straight line where they think the end would be. Talk about the fact that no matter how long the piece of wool is, eventually you will arrive at the end of it. |
| Finding Out 1. Something to talk about (Ps 145:10-11) 2. God’s kingdom lasts forever (Ps 145:12-13) | <p>Read Psalm 145:10-11</p> <p>This is another song that was written a long time ago. It was written by a king, whose name was David.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What are God’s faithful people doing here?</i> <p>God’s people have something to say. They are telling other people about something.</p> <p>Read Psalm 145:12-13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What are God’s people telling others about?</i> <p>They are telling everyone about God’s kingdom. There is one thing in particular that they want everyone to know about God’s kingdom.</p> <p>Read verse 13 again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What is it they want everyone to know about God’s kingdom?</i> <p>They want everyone to know that God’s kingdom is everlasting, which means it will never, ever, ever, ever come to an end. If you go 1000 years into the future, God’s kingdom will still be there. If you go one million years into the future, God’s kingdom will still be there. If you go one million years into the future, and then keep going for a million, million more years.... God’s kingdom will still be there!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Relate this back to the piece of wool. No matter how long the piece of wool, you will eventually get to the end of it. God’s kingdom is not like that, you can never reach the end because it goes on forever. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: Do you remember the name of the king who wrote this song?</i> • <i>Q: Did David’s kingdom go on for that long?</i> <p>No, David’s kingdom came to an end. David isn’t alive anymore. He died, and his kingdom ended. But God’s kingdom is not like any other kingdom there has ever been, or will ever be. His is the only kingdom that goes on forever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What did we learn last time about the people who are in God’s team?</i> <p>Remember we learnt that the people in God’s team always win in the end. That’s because the people in God’s team, are also part of his kingdom. And God’s kingdom is the only one that will go on forever. So people that are part of his kingdom will also live forever in his kingdom, with God! Which means even if we die, we still win!</p> |
| So What? | What an amazing kingdom – and what an amazing king! God is the ruler of a kingdom that will never ever end. Do you want to be part of his kingdom? And do you want your friends to know about this kingdom? Just like the people in |

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| | this song, we can tell people about God’s amazing kingdom. You can tell your friends that you know the ruler of a kingdom that goes on forever! |
| Memory Verse | PSALM 145:1 <i>I will exalt you, my God and King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i> |

Family Bible Time (Day 5) – Isaiah 45:22-23

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| BIG IDEA | God is our rightful ruler – One day everyone will see this |
| Bible Passage | Isaiah 45:22-23 |
| Getting Started | Have you ever built a snowman? What happens when the sun comes out and it starts to warm up? It’s sad to see your snowman melting, especially if you spent a long time making it. But there are some things that you can’t stop from happening. Snow will always melt when the weather warms up, and you can’t stop it from happening. We are going to look now at something that God says will definitely happen, and no one can stop from happening. |
| Finding Out 1. An invitation to turn to God (Is 45:22) 2. A command to bow before God (Is 45:23) | <p>Read Isaiah 45:22</p> <p>A man called Isaiah wrote this a long time before Jesus was born. Isaiah was a prophet, which means he was someone who delivered messages from God. This message was telling people to do something.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What did God tell people they needed to do in the message he gave Isaiah?</i> <p>God told people they needed to turn to him. God was reminding people that he is their rightful ruler. And that if they turn to him, and join his team, then they will be safe, forever! God is a good, kind, loving ruler. If we join his kingdom, then he will look after us and give us everything we need. Even after we die, he will look after us and care for us! He is the only one who is able to do this.</p> <p>But that wasn’t the end of the message! God had something else to say.</p> <p>Read Isaiah 45:23</p> <p>First, he wants us to know that what he is about to say is absolutely true, and certain to happen. In fact, it is so important that we understand this, that he says it three times! God is saying “This will definitely happen. This will definitely happen. This will definitely happen”! So it’s very important that we understand what he is saying will happen!</p> <p>Read Isaiah 45:23b again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What is it that is going to definitely happen one day?</i> <p>One day, every knee will bow before God. This message is for every single person that has ever lived, or will ever live. That means that every single person in the world will one day bow before God. Which means one day you will bow before God, and I will bow before God, and all your friends will, and everyone you know will, and everyone you don’t know will too.</p> |
| So What? | God’s message is for us too. God is giving us a choice. We can choose to accept God as our rightful ruler now, and become part of his kingdom forever, with God as our loving, kind, generous king. Then when we bow before him one day, he will smile at us, and welcome us into his home. Or, we can try to take God’s place and be the ruler instead of God. But if we choose to try and be our own ruler, we will still one day have to bow before God. And instead of |

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| | seeing his smile, we will see his frown. He will be our judge, and punish us for rejecting him. Which choice will you make? When you come one day to bow before God, what do you want him to say to you? |
| Memory Verse | PSALM 145:1 <i>I will exalt you, my God and King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i> |

Recap Week 2

God is our rightful ruler. He is the best possible ruler. God has shown that he is a good and kind ruler through everything he has done for us.

Our hearts want to reject God as ruler and instead be the boss of our own lives. What sorts of things do we do that show we want to rule our own lives?

One day, everyone will know that God is the only true and right ruler. Are you ready for that day?