



Jesus will reign forever

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ "I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

Our truth to live by this week is Jesus will reign forever, which can more simply be described as Jesus will be king forever. This is only good news because we know what Jesus is like. We thought about God being good last week, and Jesus is good too.

Something that you will probably need to do throughout the "Truths to Live By" series is explain to your children what's been happening in the bible before our passage.

Here's my attempt at a brief summary.

Daniel grew up as one of God's people living in Judah. He was taken away by soldiers to Babylon along with lots of God's people. This shouldn't have been a surprise to God's people because God had warned them that they would be sent away from their own country if they ignored God. Daniel was chosen to work for the King of Babylon, and although he was in a strange place, he kept on following God. A new King started to rule in Babylon. Our bible story today tells us about one-night when God showed Daniel a picture of Jesus, (one like a son of man) and what happened when he came to God (the Ancient of Days) who was on his throne.

The highlighted section can easily be missed out for younger children

Things to think and talk about

For every age group it is good to know that Jesus who, is the best and most powerful king is ruling.

Forever is a difficult concept especially for the very young, one possible way to think about it is in terms of birthdays. When you had one candle on your birthday cake Jesus was king, when you had 2 candles etc... and Jesus will still be king when you have lots more candles on your cake.

For Daniel his situation was difficult and strange, but God showed him he was ruling wherever Daniel was.

It's the same for us at the moment. We're at home almost all of the time, when we go out we can go to the park, but we can't play on the swings. Mummy and Daddy might be at home all the time, but they have to do work too. School work has to be done at home, and we're not able to visit friends and family.

But Jesus who is a good King is still ruling, and whatever happens he knows all about us and he loves us.

Something to pray

Thank God that Jesus will be King forever

Ask God to help us remember that even when things are different and strange, Jesus is still King and he loves us.

Activities

There is a template for a crown that can be cut out, stuck together and then cut to size. You can colour it or find things to stick on and decorate it. Do send your pictures of finished crowns to me, and we should be able to put a gallery together to show church family one Sunday.

The flag activity really is just a bit of fun, (if your children are into flags, and I know some are.)

Answer the following questions using the passage to help:

1) What name is given to God in today's passage?

_____ _____

2) What is the name given to Jesus in today's passage?

3) What three things were given to Jesus?

1. _____ (this means to be put in charge of)

2. _____ _____ (this means honour or all of God's specialness)

3. _____ (people and a place to rule over)

4) What is special about Jesus' dominion?

5) What will never be destroyed ?

_____ _____

Use the letters in the to complete the main point of the passage which we have looked at today.

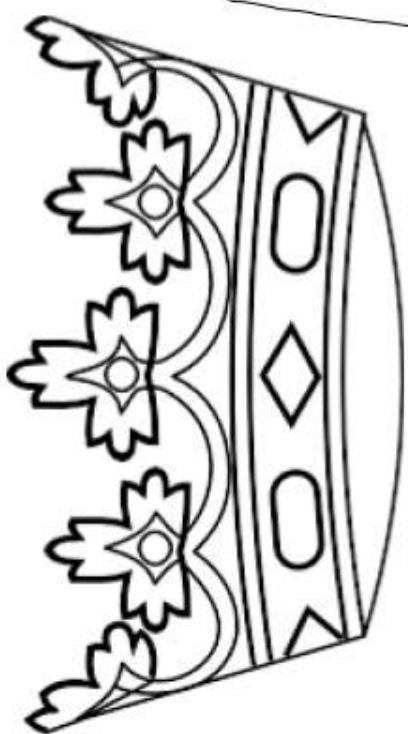
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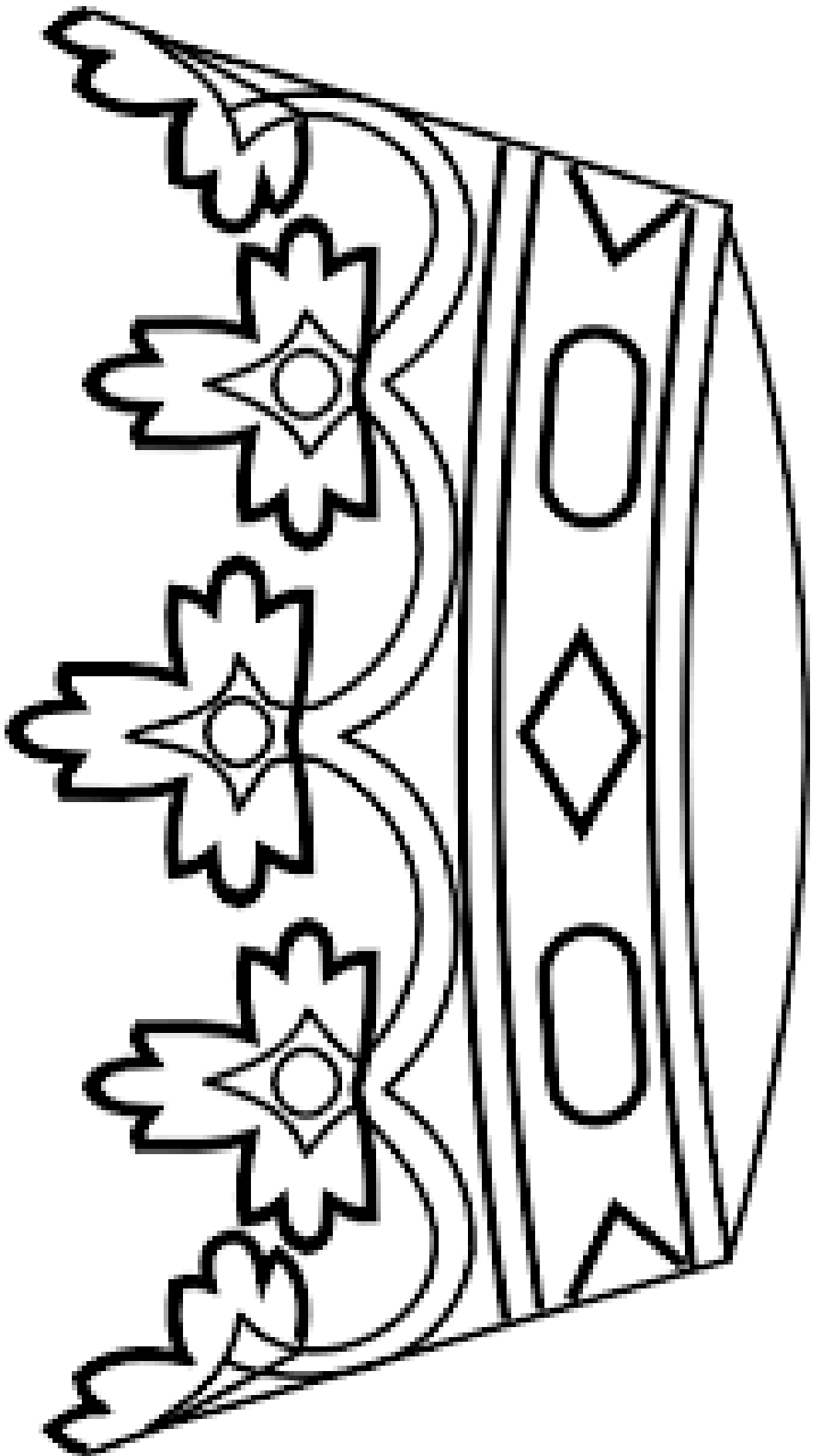
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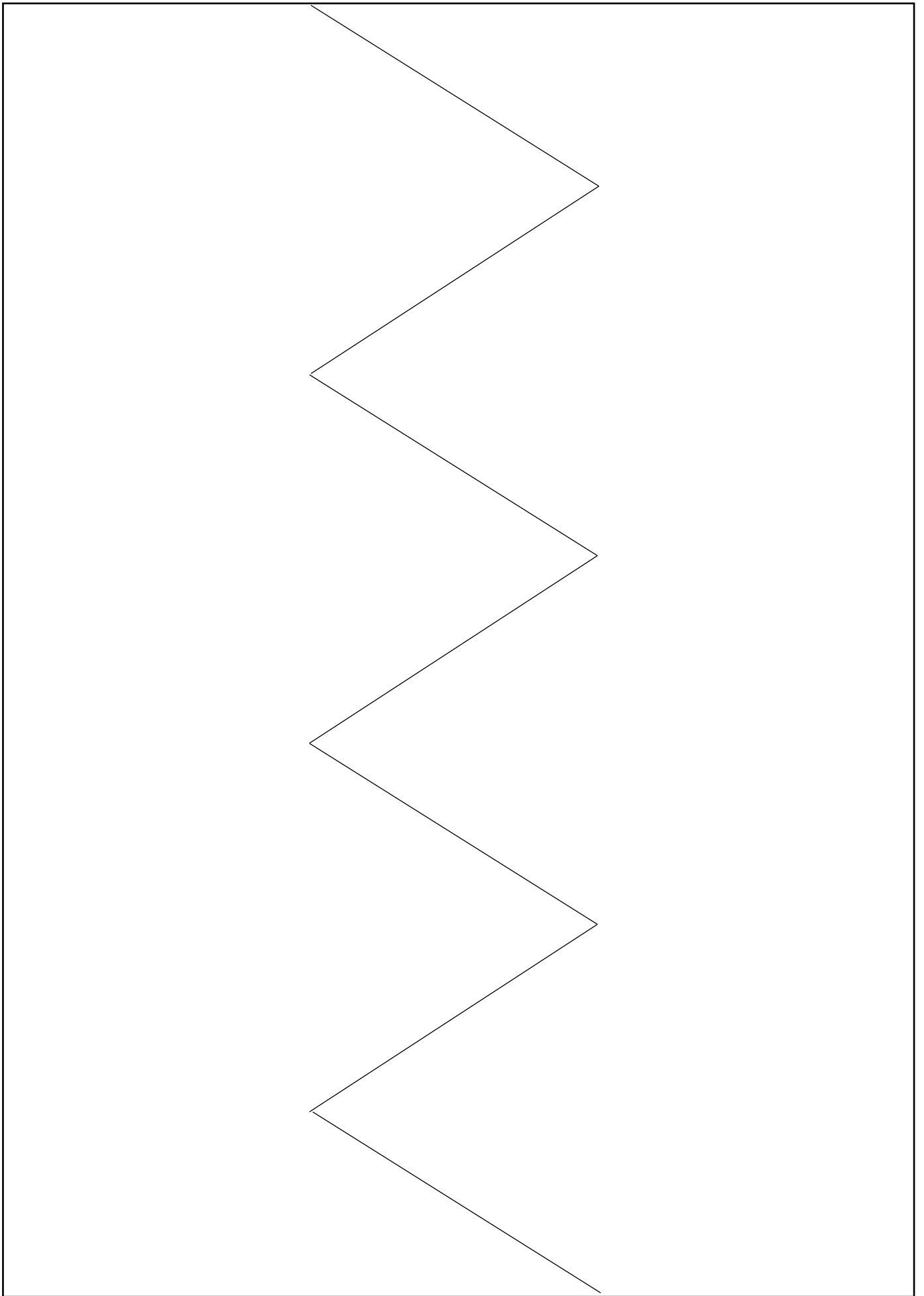
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Jesus will reign over all peoples, nations and languages. Colour in the crown and draw flags from different countries in the flag shapes below.

