



Christadelphian Sunday School Union Spring Newsletter 2023

Editorial: Welcoming the King

***“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2. 9-11**

May 6th will see the coronation of King Charles III. It is set to be a spectacular event, lasting over a long weekend, with pageantry, tradition, hereditary, ceremony, music, crowds, excitement, an RAF fly-past and much more. Charles will make his coronation oath. He will sit on the 700-year-old chair known as King Edward’s chair, will receive an anointing, be given the orb and sceptre, symbols of his kingship and will have King Edward’s crown placed upon his head. His wife, Camilla, will be his Queen and be crowned with Queen Mary’s crown. They will both dress royally, Charles in his military uniform and they will ride in the gold state coach. Many will cheer them on; some will dissent.

The new king will have the intention to rule and to lead others wisely, to serve his country to the best of his ability

for the rest of his life, following the example set by his mother.

We may live in Great Britain and have Charles as our king but of course, as Christians we are well aware of the promise, soon to be fulfilled, when our true king will come to reign. The upcoming coronation affords opportunity in our Sunday Schools to focus on this reign to come, what it might be like, what it will change, what our part in it might be and how we might prepare ourselves for it.

In this newsletter we offer some practical suggestions which you might like to try out. If you do, please, please share them with us through this newsletter. Our aim in producing this is as a forum for us to pool our ideas, ideas from CSSU certainly, but equally important, ideas, issues, suggestions from you, our teachers and from our children. There is much good practice out there and we can all benefit from sharing this, so do not be shy, send us your photos, summaries of activities, questions or issues you may need help with, exciting things that happen in your schools and with your children. Thank you in anticipation of a greater response.

With love in the Lord, [Ali Lawrence & Caz Parsons](#)
Newsletter Editors

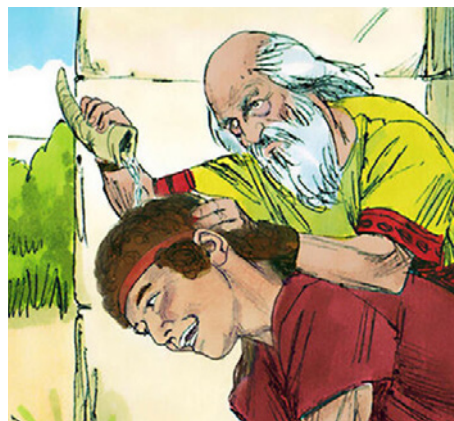


Quick Teaching Tips for the Coronation

Infants: make a crown for Jesus

The crown King Charles will wear is all about his rich heritage and traditions stretching back over many centuries. What might Jesus have on his crown and what would it tell us about him or about his reign to come? Would there be colours to reflect those of the tabernacle, significant numbers or words such as grace, mercy, truth (young children might suggest words like kind, helpful, good, etc).

Juniors: compare & contrast the natural vs the spiritual



Create a comparison chart between King Charles' coronation and what we know about when Jesus returns as King. Get the children to look up information

from sources such as the BBC or the Royal Family website www.royal.uk

	King Charles III of UK	King Jesus Christ of the Kingdom of God
Event that triggers ascension		
Date of ascension to the throne		
Date of coronation		

Answer questions such as 'Who decides who will be the next monarch?' 'what powers does the monarch have?' 'how will their coronation be announced?' to get the children thinking about the amazing hope we have of Jesus' return!

Seniors: A Kingdom Trail

Choose some relevant Bible verses (or references if you want to make it more challenging) and hang them from trees in your grounds or the local park. Verses could range from preparation for the kingdom, such as 'Seek first the kingdom of God' and 'Watch', to verses about Jesus as King, such as Psalm 72, where we are told he will defend the cause of the poor and needy, through to 'the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus'. The verses are collected and brought back to base to discuss the content - you could challenge them further by asking them to find a key word from each passage and use it to make their own wordsearch. They can swap puzzles and solve each other's and then decide which verse the word came from.

Alternatively split the group into teams to find picture clues or actual objects mentioned in Kingdom verses. Give them one Bible verse at a time as a clue. When they have found that object, they can then come back for more until they have completed the challenge. The team who collect the most or complete the challenge the quickest are the winners.

E.g. Isaiah 2:4 - '...They will hammer their swords into ploughshares...'. You could hide a toy sword. Or, Luke 1:32-33 - '...will give him the throne of his father David and he will reign...'. Hide a laminated picture of a baby or of a royal throne.



Free Gift!

The CSSU Lesson Cards are rarely ordered now and so we will not be printing any more. If you'd like some added to your next order free of charge please let Christine Walker know via the 'comments' section on your website order form.

The Big Help Out Day - May 8th

The Royal Family want to encourage everyone to get involved in their neighbourhood or community on the Coronation Weekend - what a great excuse to reach out to those around us, sharing our love for God and the gospel message. When our King is here, we will surely have plenty of work to do for him, so why not encourage your Sunday School to get practising now!

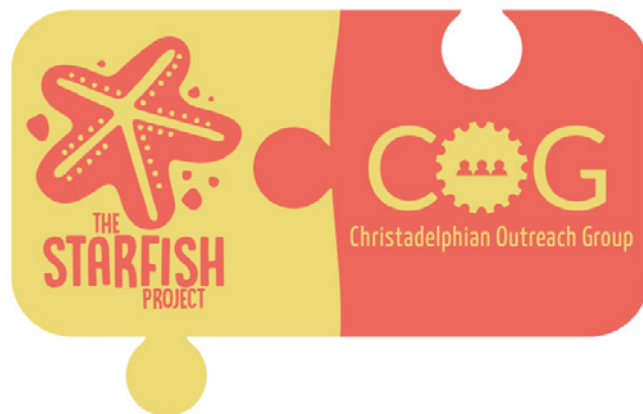
See what it is all about at <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/> and <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-coronation-big-lunch-form>

We contacted COG (the Christadelphian Outreach Group) to find out if they have suggestions for what could be done on the Big Help Out Day. This is what Cilla Palmer has sent us:

“Children respond very positively and naturally to giving to others and this year COG is keen to focus on the young people in our community. We are working on a new ‘Starfish Project’, based on the thought that we can make a difference, even if just to one person. To launch this we have produced project packs containing suggested activity ideas and examples for ‘Random Acts of Kindness’, encouraging children to leave gifts around their community such as flowers, seeds, Greggs vouchers or chocolates. The pack

contains ideas, samples and stickers and also some sample ‘I’m not lost’ tags with space for their own message that can be attached to the gift.

COG is keen to fund your project and would love to hear from you. We hope to introduce our young people to this exciting part of discipleship, using outreach and showing love to others, serving our neighbours just as Jesus did.



Watch out for your project pack in the post or please email our youth rep Abi Davies on christadelphianoutreachgroup@gmail.com”

www.cog-uk.org

News from the CSSU



Here are some suggestions of Coronation-themed books from our website:

Hannah Hayles’ books on the life of David both before and after his coronation are a gripping read!

Kids Corner

Competition!!

Design an emblem for Jesus



The Coronation emblem King Charles has chosen reflects his love of nature and includes the national plants of the four nations of the UK.

We'd love you to challenge your children to create their own emblem for Jesus - think about what he will stand for, what is important to him and use words, pictures or colours to convey this. You might need to discuss what Jesus stands for and look at some appropriate Bible verses to give ideas.

*Please send your children's designs to caz@cssu.org.uk by 31st May along with name of child and Sunday School - and yes **there will be prizes!!***

Contributions from other Sunday Schools

Celebrating the Coronation!

Miranda Peel from Worcester has shared what they are getting up to in their community for the Coronation:

We are blessed as a church to meet in a community centre in a tight knit community.

We have started planning a street party for the local community. We can even get funding from the town council to help offset the costs.

Jesus asks us to love our neighbour and we think this is one way we can show our love for our church neighbours. We know God loves celebrations as he put lots of them in the Old Testament as feast days.

Our plan is to do the following: Invite people to book a seat at a table and bring their own lunch, we will serve hot & cold drinks.


We will decorate all the tables in union jack colours with bunting/balloons - hopefully outside but maybe in the community centre if the weather isn't agreeable.

Kids can participate in some crafts we will have out on tables, as well as a bit of face painting.

Each table will be given a sponge cake to decorate in union jack/coronation style as a bit of a competition.

We are looking forward to working together as a church and we hope the event will enable us to get to know more people who live near our church, as well as help the local community celebrate together in a safe environment and have fun! It also gives us a great opportunity for us to let people know all about what we get up to on Sundays and invite people along.

We LOVE your contributions!

To encourage dialogue between our readers and the CSSU we have included a  sign wherever we'd like you to get involved!

Please share any good ideas you have up your sleeve on our Facebook page or send to caz@cssu.org.uk for inclusion in our next newsletter so others can benefit!

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