

THE CROWN THAT SERVES

Children's Ministry Lesson Guide

Theme: Lead Like Jesus - Serve With Love | **Scripture:** Mark 10:45 | **Ages:** 4-9 | **Time:** 20-30 Minutes

KINGDOM TRUTH

In God's Kingdom, being a leader isn't about being the boss, getting your way, or being first. Jesus showed us a different kind of leadership. **Kingdom leaders love, help, encourage, and serve others.** When we serve others with a loving heart, we are following the example of Jesus.

READ TOGETHER

Read *The Crown That Serves* with the children. Encourage them to notice what happens when leadership becomes about being in charge instead of serving others. After reading, ask: **What did the story teach us about what makes someone a good leader?**

DISCOVER KINGDOM LEADERSHIP

A Kingdom Leader Loves - I can show God's love through the way I treat others.

A Kingdom Leader Helps - I can notice when someone needs help and choose to serve.

A Kingdom Leader Encourages - My words can help others feel loved, valued, and confident.

A Kingdom Leader Shares - I don't always have to be first or have everything for myself.

A Kingdom Leader Serves - I can follow Jesus' example by putting love into action.

LET'S TALK

What is the difference between being a boss and being a servant leader?

What is one way you can serve someone this week?

KINGDOM SERVICE CHALLENGE

Challenge every child to choose one person to serve this week.

This week, I will serve _____ by _____.

Remind them: **You don't need a throne to be a Kingdom leader. You need a heart willing to serve.**

KINGDOM DECLARATION: I am a Kingdom leader! I will love like Jesus, help others, speak with kindness, and serve with a joyful heart. I was created to make a difference for God's Kingdom!

PRAY TOGETHER

Father God, thank You for showing us how to lead through Jesus. Give us hearts that are willing to love, help, encourage, and serve others. Help us remember that true leadership isn't about being first - it's about following Jesus and putting His love into action. Use us to make a difference wherever we go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TAKE THE LESSON HOME

Encourage each child to take *The Crown That Serves* home and talk with their family about what it means to **lead like Jesus**. Challenge the whole family to choose one act of service they can do together this week.