



**Level I Curriculum for Ages 7-9
Young Ladies Passionate for Christ**



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Beforehand

Preparation prior to the lesson:

1. Pray for the girls to have open hearts for the Lord's Word, Godly interaction, and blessed discourse. Pray also for the Group Leaders to receive God's wisdom and direction every step of the way.
2. Collect the items you need from the Group Leader kit.
3. Read through this lesson, and briefly review the Recap from the last lesson.

Materials

What you need that is provided in this kit:

1. Cardstock crowns
2. Art works box
3. Glue stick
4. Jewels and stickers
5. Worship lyric sheets for Lesson #5

What you may want that is not provided in this kit:

1. A CD player to play the worship music if you wish to use the music CD for musical accompaniment.
2. A camera to take pictures of the girls with their decorated crowns.

The Lesson

World's view = If you're a good person, you go to heaven
v.

Biblical Truth = Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Lesson Theme:

Jesus loves you so much, He left His throne to come to earth to make a way for every person to get to heaven, no matter who you are.

A. Opening Activities:

Time: 30 minutes

1. Open in prayer – lead the girls in prayer, take prayer requests, then pray for those needs.
2. Worship the Lord – hand out the lyric sheets and praise Him!
3. Recap from last week – read aloud the "Recap" from Lesson #4.

B. Lesson activity:

Total Time: 60 minutes

Part I: Creativity Activity

1. Handout the cardstock crowns, jewels, glue sticks, color markers, stickers.
2. Have the girls decorate their own crowns in their own personal and creative way using the materials that are provided.
3. The Group Leader also decorates a crown for herself.
4. While you are decorating, discuss what it would be like to be queen, the privileges, luxuries, and amenities that you would expect. Let each of the girls take turns describing the things that come to mind that would make being queen pleasant and enjoyable.

Part II: Imagination Activity

1. When the crowns are complete, allow everyone to try theirs on. Take some photographs if you can.
2. Ask the girls how they would feel about having to give it all up. What if they were asked to leave their throne and all their comforts and luxuries to go down into the village, to help find a peasant girl that was lost.
3. Discuss what it would be like if many of the villagers did not believe you when you told them you were the queen. How would you feel?
4. What if they ridiculed you and accused you of being a liar and a criminal when you told them you were queen? How would it feel to be rejected?
5. Would you be willing to leave your throne if you knew that you would be mistreated by the villagers?
6. Discuss what it would feel like to give up the luxury and surroundings of your throne with servants who tended to your every need.

Part III: Exploring God's Word

GROUP LEADERS NOTE:

This lesson builds upon the Gospel lessons 1-3 that were presented earlier. This lesson expands upon the concepts of who Jesus is, what He came to earth to do, His crucifixion and resurrection, and His return. Please be prepared to remind your students of those lessons as needed to support the points of this lesson.

1. Have all the girls find in their Bibles Psalm 123:1. Then have one of the girls read it aloud:

I lift up my eyes to you,
to you whose throne is in heaven.

This Scripture verse tells us that Jesus' throne is in heaven.
2. Remind the girls of the previous lessons where we learned about Jesus' arrest and ultimate crucifixion. Read aloud from John 18:35-37. Say that here, Pilate, the governor, asks Jesus who He is:

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."
"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.
Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

3. Remind the girls that Jesus is one with God, and that He is King of heaven and earth. Explain how Jesus, though He is King, willingly came down from His throne in heaven to the earth for one reason. He wanted to give everyone on earth the chance to live forever in heaven with Him. He knew he would be arrested and then crucified, but He loves us so much, that He came anyway.
4. Describe how Jesus was in Heaven, reigning at the right hand of the Father. How He left his heavenly throne to come down to find those who were lost. How His act was selfless and loving. How Jesus did this even though He knew ahead of time that he would be mistreated and crucified. He came down expressly for this purpose, because He loves us so much. SO that ANYONE, ANYWHERE, no matter who you are, can be saved and find the way to heaven by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If we do that, God guarantees us eternal life in Heaven.
5. Reiterate the lessons already learned about Jesus being our Lord and Savior. Remind them that God is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Being born again means asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and asking the Holy Spirit to come and dwell in you.
6. Encourage the girls to imagine what a sacrifice it was that Jesus undertook for us. Imagine leaving your throne, just to come and be mistreated and crucified. Imagine how much Jesus loves us to do such a thing for us.
7. He made it so that anyone, anywhere can live forever in heaven with God, but He is the only way. There is no other way to heaven. Jesus says in John 14:6:

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Being good does not get us to heaven. Only by asking Jesus to forgive our sins and be our Savior, and then following Him as our Lord and the King of our loves, can we get to heaven.

C. Closing:

1. Ask the girls to state some of the things that they learned today in their own words. Help them along and make sure they have understood the main points.
2. Give the girls their **assignment for the week**:
Ask the girls to go home and look up a Bible verse on God's love and bring it with them the following week. They can search either using a computer or the Bible index at the back of their Bibles as they were taught in lesson #4.
3. Close in prayer.

Recap

To be reviewed by the Group Leader prior to and in preparation for next week's lesson:

1. The world's view is "If you're a good person, you go to heaven," but the Truth from God's Word is that Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

2. Jesus, though He is King, willingly came down from His heavenly throne to the earth for one reason – so that he could die for us. He wanted to give everyone on earth the chance to live forever in heaven with Him. He knew he would be arrested and then crucified, but He loves us so much, that He came anyway.
3. SO now, ANYONE, ANYWHERE, no matter who you are, can be saved and find the way to heaven by asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. When you do, you can trust His promise that you will live forever with Him in Heaven.
4. There is no other way to heaven, Jesus is the only way.

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Note: All Scripture verses are quoted from the New International Version.