

# Short All Age Worship Service

(ShortAAW010)

## The Big Story of God 10: Jesus is King

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## THE BIG STORY OF GOD 10

### JESUS IS KING

#### Service Aim:

To teach that Jesus is King and to encourage a response of worship and obedience.

This service can be used on its own or as part of a series of services covering major biblical themes from Genesis to Revelation.

#### Biblical Reference(s):

Acts 1:8-11, Luke 24:46-52, Matthew 28:16-20, Philippians 2:9-11, Ephesians 1:20-21

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#### Outline of Service:

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| Welcome:        | Introduce the theme  |
| Opening Prayer: | Matthew 18:20 and prayer   |
| Opening songs:  | <u>A couple of songs to draw people into worship</u> (See Appendix 1)  |
| Bible Drama:    | Presentation of Jesus' Ascension.  |
| Talk 1:         | Jesus is King. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What sort of King is King Jesus? <b>P</b>erfect, <b>P</b>owerful and <b>P</b>resent</li> <li>• Our response is to worship Him.</li> </ul>                |
| Song:           | <u>Songs worshipping Jesus the King</u> (See Appendix 1)   |
| Talk 2:         | Jesus is King <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our response is to obey Him.</li> </ul>   |
| Film:           | "Lord, Lord"   |
| Response:       | Pray the "King Jesus reign" prayer.  |
| Prayers:        | Project pictures and pray, "Come and reign King Jesus"   |
| Lord's Prayer   |  |
| Summary:        | Forty days after Jesus was resurrected, He ascended to heaven. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is King and will one day return</li> <li>• Our response is to worship Him and obey Him.</li> </ul> |
| Final song:     | <u>Final song</u> (See Appendix 1)   |
| Blessing:       | Numbers 6:24-26  |

## Notes for the service:

General notes and instructions for the service are in black font.

**Prayers or responses said by the congregation together are in bold purple font.**

The full script of a talk or other activity is in purple font.

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## Welcome:

Welcome everyone to the service. Explain that the theme of the service is “Jesus is King.” If you are using this service as part of the series: “The Big Story of God”, explain that too.

## Opening Prayer:

You may choose to open the service with:

- an informal prayer
- a prayer from a book like “New Patterns for Worship”<sup>1</sup> that the congregation can say together,
- or the following verse and prayer:

Jesus said, *“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them”*  
(Matthew 18:20)

As you promise to be with us Lord Jesus,  
**We welcome you here today.**

**Help us Lord to worship you,  
To listen to your Word,  
And to pray in faith,  
That we might grow in our love for you and for one another.  
Amen.**

## Opening Songs:

A couple of songs to draw people into worship as per Appendix 1

## Bible Drama:

The Bible reading is a dramatic presentation of Jesus’ ascension, using Matthew and Luke’s accounts (see Appendix 2). The drama is set in a court room and the two witnesses, Matthew and Peter tell the story under cross-examination from the judge.

## Talk 1:

This talk works well if the key points are power-pointed. Before the service give out a script to four different people with words describing Jesus’ character (see Appendix 3). Explain to your volunteers that you will invite them forward to read the words.

Forty days after Jesus had been raised from the dead He returned to heaven.

- On entering heaven, Jesus was made King of heaven and earth and is now reigning as the most important King of all – the “King of Kings” (Project a picture of a crown)

### So what sort of King is King Jesus?

- I will give you three P’s to describe King Jesus.
- He is **P**erfect, **P**owerful and **P**resent...let’s look at each one of these words briefly.

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1) King Jesus is **Perfect** in his character.

- There is nothing unkind, proud, rude, selfish, grumpy or mean about Jesus. He has the most beautiful character.
- Listen to some of the biblical words that describe him. If my four volunteers could come forward now and let us hear some words that describe Jesus' character. (Volunteers read out the words from Appendix 3 to describe Jesus' character.)
- King Jesus is perfect in his character.

2) King Jesus is **Powerful**

- Whilst on earth Jesus said to his disciples, *"With God all things are possible"* (Matthew 19:26)
- We can often find that powerful kings and people on earth use their power in bad ways to hurt and control others, but Jesus uses His power to bless and to bring about His good and loving purposes in our lives.
- King Jesus is powerful.

3) King Jesus is **Present**

- His last words on earth recorded in Matthew 28:20 were: *"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age,"* so unlike other kings, we don't have to make an appointment to see Jesus.
- He has promised to never turn away anyone who comes to him (John 6:37) and so we can rely on Him. He is always available to help us and lead us on the right path.
- King Jesus is present.

So how should we respond to King Jesus?

- Firstly **Jesus is worthy of our worship.** (Project a picture of a bended knee)
- That means that Jesus needs to take first place in our hearts and our lives. We are to love Him above everything and everyone else.
- Do you love Jesus more than your friends, more than your career, more than your bank balance, your car, your hobbies.....?

One of the ways we can show our love for Jesus is by honouring him in song, which we are going to do now. Let's worship King Jesus.

### Songs:

Use the following response, which leads straight into a couple of songs worshipping Jesus the King as per Appendix 1.

God has exalted Jesus to the highest place,

**We will worship Him.**

God has given Jesus the name that is above every name.

**We will worship Him.**

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,

**We will worship Him.**

Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

## Talk:

This talk works really well if it is illustrated with the appropriate pictures using power-point.

We have said that Jesus is worthy of our worship.

- Jesus is also **worthy of our obedience**. (Project a picture of a sign with two arms – with one arm saying “My way” and the other arm saying “Jesus’ way”)

In life there are all sorts of people that we have to obey aren’t there?

- As children we need to obey our parents and our teachers at school.
- When we become adults, we need to obey our bosses and other people who are in authority over us.

The most important person we need to learn to obey is Jesus.

- Not only do we obey Him because He is the King of Kings, but we also obey Him because He knows what is best for our lives and for other people’s lives. He is the Good Shepherd who leads us on paths that are safe and will ultimately be for our good and for other people’s good.
- So when Jesus tells us to do something, either in the Bible, or directly, then we need to do it.

Jesus told his first disciples to go into the world and tell everyone the good news about His love and what He had done for them on the cross, which they did.

- As a result of obeying Jesus, many people came to hear that God loved them and had forgiven their sins.

Today, Jesus still wants his followers to go into the world and tell people about his love and what He has done for them on the cross.

- Jesus also wants his followers to heal the sick, care for the poor, fight against injustice, show practical love to those in need and serve him in all sorts of different ways as we seek for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- The question is: “Are we willing to obey Jesus and go His way or do we want to hold onto the control of our lives and go our own way?”

Watch this.

## Film:

The film is called, “Lord, Lord”<sup>2</sup> and helps show what allowing Jesus to be Lord over our lives really means in practice. At the end of the film you might say something like:

Can I encourage you this morning to not only worship Jesus as King, but also to obey Him, allowing Him to be the Lord of your life?

One day Jesus will be coming back to earth. This time He won’t be coming as a baby, but will be coming as King to judge the earth.

- The Bible tells us that no-one knows when that day will be, but on that day we will meet King Jesus face to face.
- Let’s prepare for that day by worshipping Jesus as King and by obeying Him.

<sup>2</sup> This film is made by “onetimeblind” and is called “Lord Lord.” It can be found on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlf9t8w5NoY> or by putting onetimeblind Lord Lord in the search bar of YouTube.

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**Response:**

Give out a “Crown prayer” (see Appendix 4) to each person present. Explain that this is a prayer of surrender to King Jesus; inviting Him to reign over every part of their lives. Give people time to read what is on the card – you might want to read out the prayer. Then invite people to pray as much or as little of the prayer as they are able to.

**King Jesus come and reign over my life.  
Reign over my heart and my emotions,  
Reign over my mind, my thinking and my beliefs,  
Reign over my will and all my decisions,  
Reign over my family and all of my relationships,  
Reign over my work and my service for you,  
Reign over my money, my possessions and my time,  
King Jesus come and reign over me. Amen.**

**Prayers:**

Prayers could be led by the service leader or by a family etc. I suggest three prayers:

- Praying for a situation locally
- Praying for a situation in the country
- Praying for a situation in the world

You might like to project a picture of each situation as you pray. For each prayer use the response: **Come and reign, King Jesus.**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

End by saying the Lord’s Prayer together.

**Summary:**

Summarize the teaching points of the service ie:

Forty days after Jesus was resurrected, He ascended to heaven to reign as King, which is where Jesus is now.

- One day Jesus will return to earth as King.
- Our response to Jesus should be to worship Him and obey Him.

**Final Song:**

Final song as per Appendix 1

**Blessing:**

Pray a simple prayer to end the service, something like the blessing prayer from Numbers 6:24-26 ie:

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**[Notices:** If your church gives out verbal notices my suggestion is that you do that just before the final song. That way the flow of worship is unbroken]

## Appendix 1 - Ideas for Songs and Hymns:

### i) Opening songs. Ideas include:

- Come people of the risen King (Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend © 2007 Thankyou Music)
- Far and near hear the call (Graham Kendrick © 1995 Make Way Music)
- Great is your faithfulness (Chris Tomlin © 2002 sixsteps Music)
- Here's a song bursting out (Alan Price, Matt Redman © 1998 Thankyou Music)
- Let everything that (Matt Redman © 1997 Thankyou Music)
- Open the eyes of my heart Lord (Paul Baloche © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)
- Water you turned into wine (Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman © 2010 SHOUT! Music Publishing)
- Welcome King of Kings (Noel Richards © 1991 Thankyou Music)
- You're the Word of God the Father (Keith Getty, Stuart Townend © 2002 Thankyou Music)

### ii) Songs worshipping Jesus the King. Ideas include:

- All of my heart (Doug Marks-Smircich © 1991 Right on the Mark)
- At the name of Jesus (Caroline M. Noel)
- Crown Him with many crowns (Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring)
- He is Lord, He is Lord
- Here I am (Majesty) (Martin Smith, Stuart Garrard © 2003, 2004 Curious? Music UK)
- I give you all the honour (Carl Tuttle © 1982 Shadow Spring Music)
- Jesus my King, my wonderful Saviour (Andy Bromley, J. M. Harris © 2005 Thankyou Music)
- King of Kings, majesty (Jarrod Cooper © 1996 Sovereign Lifestyle Music)
- The splendour of the King (Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves © 2004 sixsteps Music)
- Who's the King of the jungle? (Annie Spiers © 1978 Spiers, Annie)
- You're King and you reign over all things (Carey Luce, Geraldine Agatha Latty © 2003 Thankyou Music)

### iii) Final song. Ideas include:

- And He shall reign (Graham Kendrick © 1991 Make Way Music)
- Every move I make (David Ruis © 1996 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing)
- From the sun's rising (Graham Kendrick © 1988 Make Way Music)
- Jesus is exalted to the highest place (Alan Rose © 1999 Thankyou Music)
- Jesus is Lord – the cry that echoes (Keith Getty, Stuart Townend © 2003 Thankyou Music)
- Lo He comes with clouds descending (Charles Wesley)
- Over all the earth (Brenton Brown © 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire))
- Soon and very soon (Andraé Crouch © 1971 Bud John Songs, Inc.)
- There is a higher throne (Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, © 2002 Thankyou Music)
- You are my vision O King of my heart (Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Rend Collective © 2011 Thankyou Music)

## Appendix 2 – Drama - “The Ascension of Jesus”

**Cast:** Judge, Matthew, Peter, Usher

**Props:** Gown and wig for judge, table and chair at the front of church for the judge to sit at, couple of “witness boxes” for the witnesses to stand on, piece of paper with the words of the “Witness affirmation” on ie: “I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that the evidence I shall give shall be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth.”

**Staging:** This drama is set in a court-room. The judge could have his words affixed to a clip-board. Peter and Matthew could have their words on clipboards too.

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*(Enter Usher who walks to the front of the church and addresses the congregation)*

**Usher:** Silence in court. Please stand for Lord Justice.

*(Enter Judge who walks to the front of the church and sits at the table)*

**Judge:** Bring in the two witnesses.

*(Usher exits and brings on the two witnesses. They stand on the “witness boxes” to one side of the judge. The usher gets a Bible and gives it to Peter and Matthew. They then hand over a piece of paper with the “Witness affirmation” on it)*

**Usher:** Please take the witness affirmation with your hand on the Bible.

**Peter & Matthew:** *(Speaking together and with both of them having a hand on the Bible.)*

I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that the evidence I shall give shall be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

*(The Usher takes back the Bible and the “witness affirmation”)*

**Judge:** You have been brought before me today because I gather that you are witnesses to what happened to Jesus of Nazareth. Is that correct?

**Peter & Matthew:** Yes sir

**Judge:** We have a man in prison by the name of John who claims that Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified only a few months ago, is alive today. Not only that, but John claims that this Jesus is King. Even after he was flogged, John still claimed that Jesus is King and so we need to get to the bottom of this. As far as I am concerned, there is only one King and that is the Emperor Tiberius. Peter can you tell us what you saw after Jesus was crucified by the Roman execution squad?

**Peter:** Yes sir. I saw Jesus’ dead body placed in an unused tomb and then a large stone rolled across the entrance. I also saw a Roman guard standing outside the tomb.

**Judge:** I thought so.



- Peter: But on the third day, sir, everything was different. Some women came and told us that Jesus' body had been removed from the tomb, so I quickly ran there to find out for myself. I saw that the Roman guard had gone, the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty.
- Judge: Empty?
- Peter: Yes sir. Jesus was no longer in that tomb. The strips of cloth that had been wrapped around his body were still there, but Jesus wasn't. I was very confused until later on that day when Jesus suddenly appeared in the room where my friends and I were meeting. I am telling you, your honour that Jesus has been raised from the dead and I have seen Him with my own eyes.
- Judge: Matthew, did you see Jesus after he was supposedly "*raised from the dead?*"
- Matthew: Yes sir. I saw him too. Not only that but I ate with Jesus a few times over the forty days that he was around.
- Judge: I see. The strange thing is that Jesus cannot be found anywhere. He seems to have disappeared. Has He gone into hiding?
- Peter: Oh no sir, He is with His Father in heaven. We saw him leave earth.
- Judge: You saw Him leave earth?
- Matthew: Yes sir. We had gathered together on the Mount of Olives and when we saw Jesus we worshipped Him. After that he said some words to us...
- Judge: What did he say?
- Matthew: Jesus said: "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"
- Peter: Jesus also told us that we were to wait in Jerusalem until He gave us the gift of His Holy Spirit.
- Judge: This is getting stranger and stranger.
- Peter: After Jesus had spoken to us, he disappeared and a cloud hid him from our sight. We were looking up into the sky when suddenly we saw two angels.
- Judge: Angels....whatever next? Do you want me to prosecute you for contempt of court? You do know that you are under oath to speak the truth?

Peter: Yes sir...I am telling you the truth. I saw two angels and they said: "*Men of Galilee. Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.*"

Judge: So what you are both saying is that Jesus has not only been raised from the dead, but He is now in heaven with His Father.

Peter and Matthew: Yes Sir. We are witnesses to those facts.

Judge: Perhaps John our prisoner is right then in claiming that Jesus is King. PAUSE

*(Exit all)*

## Appendix 3 – Words describing Jesus’ character

**Cast:** Person 1 (P1), Person 2 (P2), Person 3 (P3), Person 4 (P4)

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*(Enter P1, P2, P3, and P4 who stand in a line at the front of the church. The words need to be spoken fairly quickly, gathering momentum. The Bible verses are for reference only and not for speaking out)*

- P1: Jesus is Loving,** (John 15:13)
- P2: Jesus is Good,** (Psalm 34:8. 1 Peter 2:3)
- P3: Jesus is Generous,** (Matthew 20:15)
- P4: Jesus is Kind,** (Romans 2:4)
- P1: Jesus is Faithful,** (2 Thessalonians 3:3)
- P2: Jesus is Wise,** (1 Corinthians 1:30)
- P3: Jesus is Patient,** (2 Peter 3:9)
- P4: Jesus is Joyful,** (John 15:11)
- P1: Jesus is Gentle,** (Matthew 11:29)
- P2: Jesus is Just,** (John 5:30)
- P3: Jesus is Gracious,** (Luke 4:22)
- P4: Jesus is Merciful,** (Hebrews 2:17)
- P1: Jesus is Holy,** (Luke 4:34, John 6:69)
- P2: Jesus is Forgiving,** (Luke 7:48-49)
- P3: Jesus is Courageous,** (Matthew 26:39)
- P4: Jesus is Humble,** (Matthew 11:29)
- P1: Jesus is Self-less,** (Philippians 2:7)
- P2: Jesus is Honest,** (John 1:17)
- P3: Jesus is Compassionate,** (Matthew 14:14)
- P4: Jesus is Awesome.** (John 1:1-5)

*(Exit P1, P2, P3 and P4)*

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## Appendix 4 - Crown Template Prayer

