



THE PALACE OF THE KING



« A GREAT AND JOYFUL TIME TO BRING THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN TO
THE KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS-CHRIST AND ENABLE THEM TO LIVE THE
REALITY OF HIS KINGDOM »





VISION

« A great and joyful time to bring thousands of children to the knowledge of Jesus-Christ and enable them to live the reality of His Kingdom »

Periodically, these children discover the love of God, the reality of his Kingdom and learn how to put them into practice and live accordingly.



On take-off, there is
a great noise
and fire

Games, songs of praise and
dancing

**The King
loves Joy**



With power

the rocket reaches for
the sky

A witness is given

**The King is strong
for you**



The satellite is
released in the sky,
it transmits

A clear message is given by a
story or sketch

**The King
loves you**



We adjust to the
frequency

A call to receive the
communication

**The King is patient
and waits for you**



**We put into
practice**

what the King has said

All together or in small
groups of children
or parents

**The King loves
courage**





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Historic

During our campaigns in Africa, we saw so many children respond and offer themselves to Jesus, sometimes even several hundred on one night ! One morning, the day before the final meeting of a campaign in West-Africa, God gave us this vision :

From the red and prosperous earth, children came forth from all sides, from valleys, from the forest and from the bush. The more they approached, the more joyful their faces appeared. They finally passed us by shining with happiness.

In the evening, on the campaign field, something special happens during the moment of answering the call of Jesus. The crowd that steps ahead was composed only of children. We never saw that. And who will take care of them after us ? Who will look after them when we leave ? We developed and launched «The Palace of the King», a Palace where the King invites the children of all nations.

François Lehmann

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN
COME TO ME, AND DO NOT
HINDER THEM, FOR THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS
TO SUCH AS THESE

MATTHEW 19 :14





GENERAL EXPLANATION



The five parts of a meeting

A meeting is composed of five parts. Each one is important. If one part is missing, the Palace is not full. The detail of each part is given in this manual.

Relations with churches

The Palace of The King is at the service of churches. The leaders originate from them. However the Palace of The King does not preach in favour of any particular denomination. The church partners can be involved on two fronts : by prayer and/or by encouraging their church members to join the team leaders.

Leaders and trainers

This section covers the dynamics between the different leaders and describes the different tasks to enable all to assume their role during the preparation or during the meeting, without forgetting any important point.

The heart and attitude of a King's servant

This section describes the values and motivations which should inhabit the heart of each leader and which will be transmitted to the children and people present.

Development of The Palace

This section will help the team to find an ideal place, remember the material needed and collect everything together so that a meeting will take place in the best conditions.



Examples of meeting files

These files compose the basis on which to build a meeting. The theme, games, songs, stories, etc. : all is there to allow the team to just put all into place. The games, songs, and story have been developed with a theme-plan.

Ideas, notes, contacts

The last pages will help you to organize the meetings and transmit your ideas and contacts to the leaders who will replace you.



1. THE KING LOVES JOY

Time for games, music, dance, worship

2. THE KING IS STRONG FOR YOU

Time for witnessing

3. THE KING LOVES YOU

Time for the story

4. THE KING IS PATIENT, HE WAITS FOR YOU

Time for calling and prayer

5. THE KING LIKES COURAGE

Time for putting into practice





THE FIVE PARTS OF A MEETING

1



The King loves joy

Games - worship - dances

25 TO 40 MINUTES

This is party-time! Take time to play, worship, enjoy, in full joy and happiness.

Accent on :

- songs with rhythm
- songs to share (with movement for the children)
- short songs (that can be memorized)

Do not hesitate to invite the children to participate in the music with drums (tambourines, barrels, etc.) or other instruments.

CONTENTS

- Time for play in music
- Time for worship and dance
- Form small groups and the same groups will be sharing during « The King likes courage »

2



The King is strong for you!

Testimony 5 MINUTES

One or two very short testimonies, if possible in relation to the theme, which challenge and illustrate the power of God working in all lives and/or his presence in our weakness. It is important that the children can testify. Testimony prepares, but does not replace the biblical content which follows.

CONTENTS

- Children's short testimony, or perhaps a leader, on what God has done in their life

3



The King loves you

Story / sketch 15-20 MINUTES

A story told or played in a sketch. This is the biblical content, where children discover in a creative manner the daily theme and a commented extract from « The King's book » (the Bible).

This exercise should be dynamic, short and telling, so that the meaning can be received easily, without much explanation.

CONTENTS

- A story, illustration or sketch illustrating the theme of the meeting.
- An extract from « The King's book » (The Bible)

4



The King is patient and waits for you

Calling 5-10 MINUTES

This is a moment when the children can respond to God in a personal manner. The leader can pray for all the children from the platform. It is important to each time invite the participants to receive Jesus as Saviour if they so wish. A flyer will be distributed to those who take this step to help them on their way (this can also be given at the small group which follows).

CONTENTS

- Introduction applying to a calling and testimony
- Calling to conversion
- Calling to receive more, within the theme

5



The King loves courage

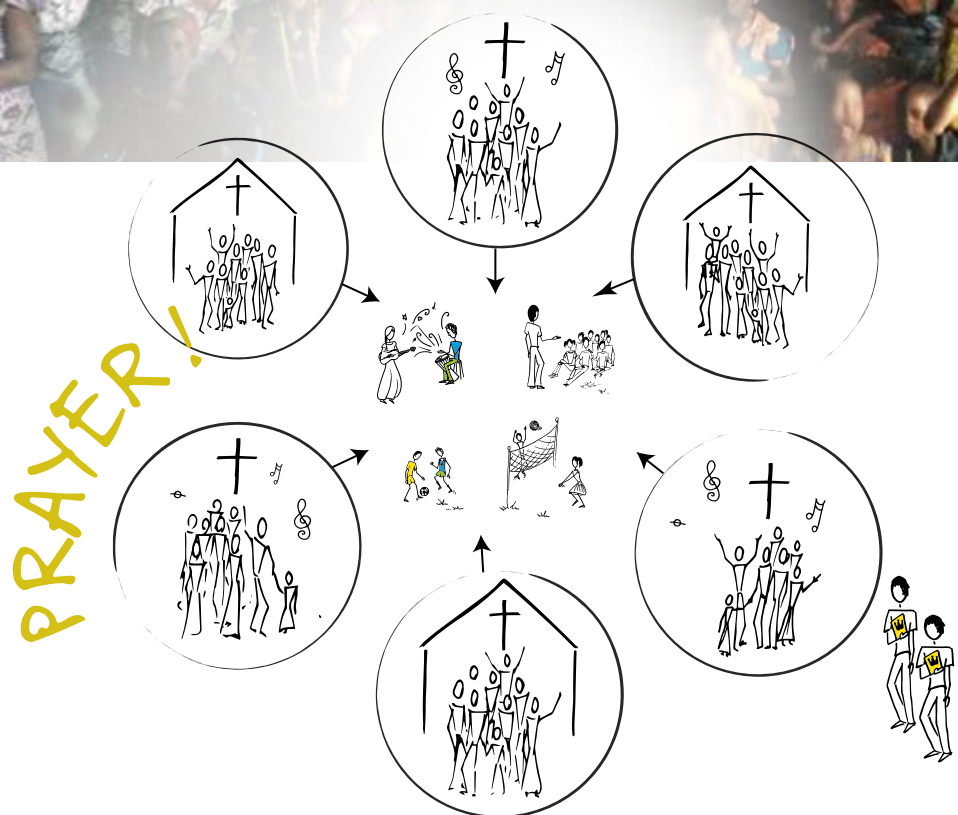
Putting into practice 15-30 MINUTES

The children gather in small groups. This is a time for putting into practice the theme of the meeting. The aim here is to help the children to understand that God qualifies them and that he wishes to act through them. The children can also share what they have experienced during the meeting, receive personal prayer and pray for each other.

CONTENTS:

- Time to share and/or prayer
- Time of encouragement and exhortation
- Closure by send-out prayer and a joyful song

RELATIONS WITH CHURCHES



THE CHURCHES

- They undertake to support the Palace of The King meetings by praying and/or encouraging the members of their community to join the leadership team. And sometimes to join in the party.

THE LEADERS

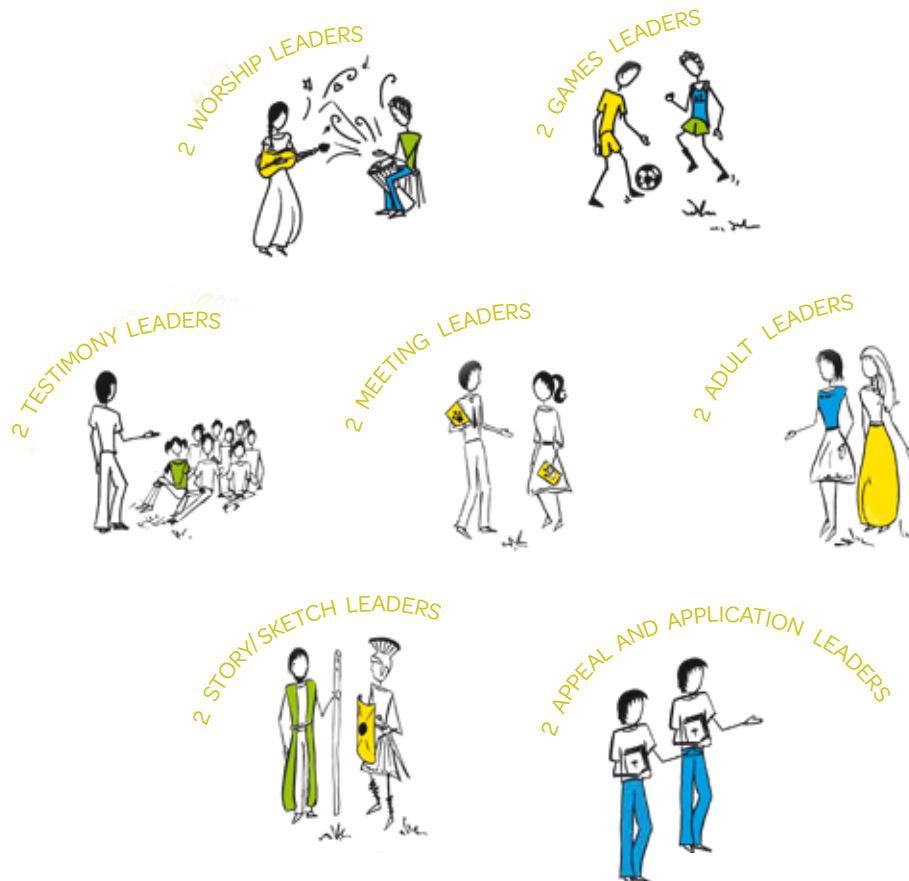
- They undertake to collaborate and serve with members of other churches to constitute a team of the Palace of The King.
- They remain in contact with their churches and they transmit news and prayer subjects.

THE TRAINERS

- They serve the Palace of The King.
- They are in relationship with the local groups and give information and the necessary training to form the leaders of the Palace of The King.



CHIEFS TRAINERS



CALLING THE TWELVE TO HIM HE SENT THEM OUT
TWO BY TWO
MARK 6:7

TWO BY TWO

Like Jesus who sent his disciples out two by two, each leader will have a team-mate. Why two by two?

- Because responsibility is easier to assume by two people who can support each other.
- Because if someone can not be present at the meeting, the other leaders need not be weighed down by a responsibility which is not theirs.

To enable other Palace of The King's to happen in your region, it is necessary to multiply and train an apprentice in your domain of responsibility.





JOB DESCRIPTION

Leaders are always by two. They organize and take responsibility for their activity. They have a gift, a favour from God, which corresponds to their job.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of each responsibility.

THE TRAINERS

- They are the representatives of the Day of Joy. They establish a relation with the churches, they transmit the vision for The Palace of The King and they show them in practice how to organize an event.
- They help the leaders of The Palace of The King to start and release them when the event is running properly.
- They are carriers of the vision and help the different actors to fulfill it in its various elements (parties, joy, love, respect, declaration of the Good News in Jesus, etc.)



THE LEADERS

- They are members of different christian communities.
- They are the organizers of The Palace of The King
- They undertake to respect the vision and to collaborate in the unity of the Body of Christ.

COORDINATION LEADERS :

General

- They are the reference for The Palace of The King and they manage the leaders
- They take care of the leaders, in a pastoral way. So it is important that they are sent out and supported by their church or by an organization
- They carry the vision and the values which they communicate regularly to the leaders
- They take care to entrust responsibilities to capable youngsters in all sectors
- They manage the timing and the coherence of the meetings (follow-up and diversity of teaching)
- They are responsible for the cohesion of the five parts, of the team and church relations
- They stay in contact with the trainer of the Day of Joy
- They stay in contact with the other groups of The Palace of The King

Before the meeting

- They meet the leaders to prepare the meeting (if necessary)
- They coordinate each part of the meeting with each leader to ensure the good running and theme cohesion of the meeting
- They verify that all the leaders are well prepared and that they have transmitted all necessary information for the coordination of the meeting
- They can delegate the chairmanship
- They communicate to all the time and place of meeting before the meetings

During the meeting

- They manage the time and coordination of each part of The Palace of The King





RECEPTION LEADERS FOR ADULTS

Before the meeting

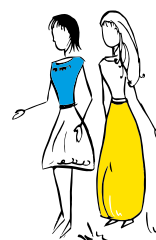
- They prepare a welcoming place for the adults, for example with mats, chairs or under a tree, according to their free imagination

During the meeting

- They approach parents or observers who gather round the place and invite them to join in if they wish
- They reconfirm that the Palace is not reserved for a particular church, they inform without bias the existence of various christian communities in the vicinity

They are ready to

- answer questions
- invite people to take their place
- pray for needs, give words of grace
- hand out a flyer « A New Day » to new converts (to download on website)



GAME LEADERS

Before the meeting

- They choose games
- They plan for necessary material : balls, ropes, etc.
- They explain to the team with them how the time should be spent, if they need helpers and how many
- They harmonize with the different leaders to coordinate the playtime and transition with other activities

During the meeting

- They lead the meeting (or appoint another leader) with joy, liveliness and good humour



WORSHIP/DANCE LEADERS

General

- They invite a worship group from a local church and try to change groups each time
- They can invite well-known singers or not
- They share the vision with them and communicate the theme

Before the meeting

- They harmonize with the different leaders to coordinate the worship time and the transition with other parts of the program
- They reunite their dancing team, if there is one, to rehearse in advance
- They check, if applicable, the installation and working of the sound-system

During the meeting

- They ensure good humour and communicate joy



TESTIMONY LEADERS

General

- The leaders are responsible to cut short a testimony which is too long or inadequate. To avoid this in advance he takes time to prepare with the speaker and verify their speech content. For spontaneous witness by children, the leader can hold the microphone, make questions and lead this moment like a radio or TV interview. He gives the framework (time-length, subject, etc.)
- The spontaneous witness by children must be very short (1-2 min) and on one subject only
- The prepared testimonies can be longer, but with a length fixed in advance

Before the meeting

- They harmonize with the different leaders to coordinate the testimony time and the transition with other parts of the program
- They find persons who are willing to give a testimony, if possible in relation with the theme of the meeting (ask the children, the adults and leaders)

During the meeting

- They present briefly the person giving their testimony, if there is someone
- They coordinate the different testimonies



STORYTELLING AND SKETCH LEADER

Before the meeting

- They prepare the Bible reading which can be mimed, acted out by youngsters, narrated from the point of view of another person in the story, etc. without exceeding 15-20 minutes. Beyond this time-limit, the children are unable to concentrate
- They plan for rehearsals
- They come to an agreement with the different leaders to coordinate the duration of the story and the transition with the rest of the program





During the meeting

- They tell the story or have someone tell the story, presenting that person briefly. That's a very important moment. The person who speaks must be lively, putting the emphasis on the grace and the love of God. It's not a time to be moralistic. The Gospel of Jesus is Good News. « The goodness of God leads to repentance. » (**Romans 2:4**)



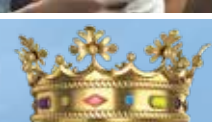
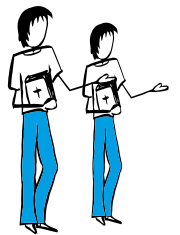
APPEAL AND APPLICATION LEADERS

Before the meeting

- They prepare an appeal which suits the theme and challenge to accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord and to follow Him
- They prepare the application time
- They agree with the other leaders to coordinate the appeal and application times, and the transition with the rest of the program

During the meeting

- They coordinate the appeal time or delegate to someone else
- At this point, they include the adults: « It's also for you »
- They look after the follow-up of those who take the step of following Jesus either during or after the meetings. They invite them to church without any kind of pressure on the children and giving them time. If some family realities don't allow them to go to church, the Palace of the King will be their home port until their coming of age and their own responsibility to find a church
- They can delegate the visiting work (always 2 together) to other young mature Christians
- They preside the prayer time
- They invite the children to form small groups for the application time
- They introduce the application time which will be directed by the small group leaders





THE HEART AND ATTITUDE OF A KING'S SERVANT

The « heart and attitude of a King's servant » is very important to understand. This will allow all teams of the Palace of the King to function in the same spirit. This form explains, through the text of Isaiah 58, the aim of this work with children, the values to respect and the attitude to adopt when working with children. It's important to remember that children learn by example. They will treat others as they themselves have been treated.

1. GOALS : ISAIAH 58:6

*« Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke? »*

Based on this verse, our goals for the children are that they:

- ...evolve in a secure, free and joyful environment and atmosphere. It's a mighty way for them to open up to others, to their monitors and above that to their Creator and Lord.
- ... be freed from the yoke Satan puts on their life and on their family (spells, bad habits, ancestor's sins, etc)
- ... abandon the principles of this world (violence, criticism, corruption, etc) for those of the Kingdom of Heaven (sharing, hospitality, honesty, etc)

2. VALUES : ISAIAH 58: 7-9

*« Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe him,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness[a] will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.
If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk... »*



Here are our values in our work for children :

- We want to learn to recognize their needs (food, a roof, a family, good health, to be loved, etc), be they expressed or hidden, and learn how to meet them.
- See children beyond their appearance and reputation, for « the Lord watches the heart »
- God sees the potential, the future heroes they can be. He sees the tree and not the fragile plant
- To accept everyone of them, whatever their background
- To be open-hearted with them, generous and welcoming

3. A SERVANT'S HEART : ISAIAH 58:10

« ...and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. »

- Work among children is demanding because they depend a lot on adults
- One must not be self-centered but ready to serve and give yourself

4. GROW A RELATIONSHIP AND SUBMISSION TO GOD : ISAIAH 58:11

« The Lord will guide you always, he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. »

- Discern and submit to God's will
- Always trying to listen to God and resource in His presence

5. HIS AUTHORITY IN JESUS : ISAIAH 58:12

« Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. »



By working amongst children, we can be people...

- who heal what others have inflicted, who build where others have broken and distorted
- who bring reconciliation in the lives, the families and the church
- who are instruments of peace
- who change the future of a country



6. SEEK GOD'S KINGDOM : ISAIAH 58:13-14

«If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.» The mouth of the Lord has spoken..»

- Live church
- Know how to rest
- Obey God and rejoice in him to enter into his inheritance

SO WE BELIEVE THAT A GREAT
BLESSING, FAITHFULNESS, THE
PROVISION OF JESUS-CHRIST AS WELL
AS THE REALITY OF HIS PRESENCE AND
THE SIGNS OF HIS KINGDOM, WILL BIND
TO HIS SERVANTS AND THAT THEY
WILL FULLY ENTER THE CALL AND THE
MINISTRY
GOD ENTRUSTS THEM.



THE SET-UP OF THE PALACE



IT'S A PARTY!
CREATE EACH TIME
A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE

A FAVORABLE PLACE

PLACE:

The choice of place is important. Pray that God leads you to

- A place in a popular area where there are lots of lodgings
- The place which held the evangelization campaign
- A place where children play and are already present, like a football pitch in the area

COMFORT:

- A plot with some trees or other available shadow areas

SECURITY:

- Be aware not to be too close to a dangerous road, a bridge, a river, etc

AUTHORISATION:

- Ask for permission from the local authority and maintain good relations



MUSIC, INSTRUMENTS, SOUND

- If possible, have volunteering musicians from different churches with their instruments, and if possible with a battery amplifier (the sound should not saturate eventual loud-speakers; and so it will be more audible even with less power). One can also use barrels or pans to beat the rhythm. Worship and music will attract people, the use of banners will also attract and give responsibility to certain children..

THE PLACE SET-UP

- Provide a meeting place, there could be for example, a banner, a fixed stage, a tree, a house...
- Fix big flags
- Define a place for:
 - the musicians
 - the story telling and the testimonies
 - the children (they can sit on covers on the floor)
 - the adults, parents, grand-parents and other interested persons. They can also be invited to sit down (benches, chairs, under a tree) if possible in a place a little further away from the children.
- For 200 expected children, prepare at least 20 places for the adults

ANIMATORS CLOTHING

- All wearing the same T-shirt, if possible the one of « The Palace of the King », or another similar T-shirt to be easily recognizable

MATERIAL

The official versions have to be used for the banners, flags and T-shirts

- Banner (to be fixed 2 or 3 days before the event in a high place showing the event dates)
- Sound-system
- Palace flags (to be hung on the day)
- T-shirts (for the leaders)
- Balls, games, etc.



FILES AND THEMES OF MEETINGS



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The meeting files guide us through the program of a « Palace of the King » event. The aim is to give a reference to the leaders that they may follow the outline (but of course one must adapt to reality)

In order to balance the teaching throughout the different weeks, it's important to arrange your files by themes (joy, strength, love, patience, courage) and to organize a rotation. For example, if the last time, the theme was : «The King is strong for you», then the next time, the theme could be: « The King loves you». Be aware to classify the stories and the teaching in the right themes to simplify the work and help the next monitor.

Proposal of theme classification

- The King loves joy: evangelization message
- The King is strong for you: the supernatural - the power of God - healing - intercession - prayer
- The King loves you: forgiveness - listening to God
- The King is patient, He awaits you: repentance, consecration, reconciliation
- The King loves courage: God's calling - open up for healing - witnessing - prophecy

Below, you will find a detailed example of a meeting to give some sense of what a « Palace of the King » can be. When you prepare your files, make them simple and easy and keep details to a minimum (except for the story).

We invite you to let your imagination move freely, to create new files with the help of God and to transmit them to us so we can stimulate and inspire other teams in the world of The Palace of the King.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF FILES CAN BE DOWNLOADED ON :
WWW.PALAISDUROI.COM





A KING FOR A KINGDOM



The king loves joy

GAME 1 - LISTEN TO THE RIGHT KINGDOM

Two teams face each other. In the middle a small circuit to be run by players. Pieces of wood or clothes can be laid down to define the path and the obstacles. Each team names 5 to 7 persons who will do the run. They will have to do it with their eyes closed. The team whose players are running shout clues to help them find their way and the other team tries to confuse them by shouting other clues. Each time a player goes the wrong way, he has to go back 2 meters. The purpose is to listen to the right team and to achieve the run with the least errors possible. Each player crossing the Finish-line, gets a round of applause from both teams.

GAME 2 - THE GOOD KING, THE BAD KING

A leader gives advice and the children must guess if the advice is from the good or the bad king. Example: « Go and steal an apple, hit your neighbor, you're stupid » = bad king.

« I love you, you're worthy, you're strong, feed your young brother » = good king.

The voice of the good and the bad king come from the same leader. The advice can also be written on bits of paper which will be read by different persons.



The King is strong for you!

Testimony of someone who submitted his life to God.



The King loves you

I will tell you a story. It takes place long long ago in a very very very far country, a country of milk and honey. On the edge of a sacred mountain is a palace. At it's foot, there is a valley called « the valley of the King ». This mountain is right in the middle of the earth and the universe. Still today, all eyes turn towards that mountain, because its kingdom, which is not an earthly one, stretches throughout all known nations.

One day, all the kings of the earth will meet there to offer presents to the King of Kings, because he is the most handsome, the biggest, the wisest and the strongest of all kings...

The king loved to walk in his valley and his garden. He met his people, they feasted, rejoiced and all shouted : « Glory to the King! Honour to the King! » (The speaker addresses the children): « Get up children and shout: « Glory to the King! Honour to the King! he is the most handsome, the biggest, the wisest and the strongest of all kings ! »

But today that valley is a dry place, a place of great danger. A place which must be guarded. Because at the bottom of the valley, very very far from the palace is a path built by the first man. A path the king didn't want, didn't desire, didn't authorize. The first man took that path to go further away from the palace. That path brought a lot of misery to mankind, because it led men far away from the palace. The palace is guarded by angels and seraphims so that only the persons who make allegiance to the King could go to the palace.

A very long time after that, in the valley of the King, a strange meeting took place. The meeting of three kings.

The King of Sodom came with his guards. He left the depths of the earth, a place of fire and flames (Sodom means « a burnt place ») to claim his rights.

Abraham, chief of his house and his family, Father of faith, Father of the people of God, left his country to come and live near Salem, the city of peace.

And of course, the king of Salem, king of peace and priest of the very-High.

But the King of Sodom is not here to find or give peace. He takes what is not his, he's a thief and a destroyer. With his deep and tempting voice, he declares: « Take the goods, I want the souls » (**Genesis 14**). He's not interested in money or worldly things. He doesn't want your car, your bicycle or your money. He claims your life to bring it to his dark and burning place, where thirst and despair rule, so that you work for him. But Abraham replied : « I won't take anything of yours. » He can't be bought. And then, Melchizedek, king of peace and priest of God Almighty, he brings Abraham blessed bread and wine and says: « Blessed be the Almighty who put your enemies in your power. » (**v.20**)

Come on children, stand up and shout to the end of the world (have the children standing and shouting 2 or 3 times) : « Blessed be the Almighty who put your ennemies in your power. » (the narrator greets them for their powerful voices) « Congratulations! They even heard you in China! »

Abraham offers Melchizedek, king of peace and priest of God almighty, 10% of all his belongings, and he refuses to get anything from the king of Sodom. This means that he chose Melchizedek, king of peace and priest of the Almighty for his king.

- A class can have only one teacher
- An army can have only one general
- A plane can have only one pilot
- A car can have only one driver
- A village can have only one chief
- A country can have only one president
- The Valley of the King can have only one King

EXPLANATION OF THE STORY

- the Valley of the King represents your heart
- Melchizedek, King of peace and Priest of the Almighty, represents Jesus and God
- The king of Sodom and his guard represent the devil and the evil spirits
- Abraham represents your person, your will

God invites us to choose him. If several persons want to be the boss, peace is not there. God wants peace for your life, because He loves you and has good things for you.

The bread that Melchizedek, King of peace and priest of the Almighty, gives to Abraham represents the body of Jesus and the will of God for your life. The Bible says: « For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. » (*Jeremiah 29:11-13*)

The wine represents the blood of Jesus, his life, his forgiveness and the healing He grants you despite your errors: « But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! » (*Romains 5:8-9*).

Becoming a child of God means giving up the Devil, accepting nothing from him. And it's letting Jesus be the King of our life.



The King is patient, He waits for you

CALLING TO ACCEPT CHRIST:

« Who agrees to give up of what comes from the devil - anger, lies, bad habits, praying the spirits, fetishes (mascots), etc. - and to accept Jesus as unique King ? »

(Invite the children to close their eyes to pray)

Who wants to give up the devil and wants to accept Jesus as unique King? Raise your hand.

(The children then repeat a prayer after you).

Example: « I give up the doings of the devil, the lying, the stealing, etc. » Invite to give-up fetishes (mascots) and false gods in your region. « I ask your forgiveness for... Come into my life, Jesus. »



The King loves courage

Form a small group in which the children pray. The other children pray for those who raised their hands, imposing their hands and giving them words of encouragement.





The King loves joy

GAME 1 - SHOW YOUR FACE

A ball game like 2 camp ball or hot ball (be careful with the smallest by aiming for the legs and softly)

Song themes : Jesus is King, Saviour...



The King is strong for you !

Testimony by someone who made a big mistake and who has been forgiven.



The King loves you

PLAY - SENT OFF SCHOOL TO SAVE HER

Someone has put poison in the school well. The children are ill and the teacher is cross. « Who did that? » The class remains silent. « If no-one admits to it, then all the class will be punished! » The teacher is so cross that he threatens to close down the entire school. Young Jules admits it's him and is expelled from school. But he didn't poison the well. As he was unable to finish school, he will never be able to do training for the job of his dreams: to be a teacher. But thanks to him, the village school did not close down.



THE THRONE OF GRACE

[The following story is a proclamation of the Gospel more than a story, it has less pictures than other stories of the Palace of the King. We believe that the many Bible verses and realities told in all simplicity will not return to God without effect. We encourage you to have someone who reads them who is convinced of the reality of God's Kingdom and who can detach himself from the text. Allow time between sentences, place emphasis, respect pauses to reach out to the audience]

I'm in Jerusalem, the city of the great King. There have been many kings in Jerusalem, but no one has been, or will be like Him. He is the King I will talk about now. He is the King of kings; He is great, powerful and strong, beautiful and admirable, full of love and compassion, He heals, delivers, He saves. [The speaker addresses the children]: « Stand up children and repeat after me so that one can hear you as far as the extremes of Africa, and even to Jerusalem ». [The children get up and repeat] « The King is great! The King is powerful and strong! The King is beautiful and admirable! The King is full of love and compassion! The King heals me! The King delivers me! The King saves me today! »

[The children sit down] What I tell you today is written in the big book of the King, the Bible.

Close to a Jerusalem's gate, there is a hill: Golgotha.

And not far from there was God's temple. It's the temple of the only real God, in which was God's ark, also called the Throne of Grace. The Throne of Grace is covered with pure gold. Once a year, the high priest brought blood and poured it on the righthand side of the Throne, which contained the stone tablets. Two flat stones on which the ten commandments are written.

[A different narrator can proclaim the ten commandments]

- 1. Worship no God but me*
- 2. Do not make idols for yourself*
- 3. Do not use my name for evil purposes*
- 4. Observe the day of rest*
- 5. Respect your father and your mother*
- 6. Do not commit murder*
- 7. Do not commit adultery*
- 8. Do not steal*
- 9. Do not accuse anyone falsely*
- 10. Do not be jealous of other people's belongings*



The blood poured on the throne for the sins and the mistakes of the people was the blood of a small lamb, who had done no wrong and who had no bad marks.

- It's as if someone would have done a big mistake and you would be punished instead of him
- It's as if someone would have been hit very badly and you would feel the pain
- It's as if you would be sent to prison for no reason.
- It's as if you'd get a fine, although you haven't broken the law.
- It's as if you would die for the sake of someone else.

This little lamb hadn't done anything wrong but he had to shed his blood for the mistakes of the people, because all mistakes must be punished. The little lamb died but the people could stay alive.

At Golgotha, 2000 thousand years ago: tears of despair went up to God. There are the cries of a woman. Her name is Mary. Thirty years before, she gave birth to a little baby boy, although she hadn't slept with a man. She was a virgin.

It was a great miracle in Israel, it was a miracle for the entire world. A miracle like never before and never since. It was the accomplishment of the prophecy of Isaiah ([Isaiah 7:14](#)) «Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel », even the stars in the sky announced his coming, one could see a big star when the child was born. His name is JESUS.



« Children, repeat after me: Jesus! All together now, we get up and shout JESUS! »

Prophets talked about him centuries before his coming and they promised that through him:

- the blind will see
- the deaf will hear
- the lame will jump like an antelope
- the tongue of the dumb will explode with joy

(Isaiah 35:5-6) He will be called Son of God, and will be of the descendance of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He will be from the tribe of Juda, the house of David. His family line goes back to ancient times (Micah 5).

He will be called Lord, he will be a prophet, judge and King of kings. He will do miracles and the Holy Spirit will cover him with power.

The prophets also tell us that he will be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:10), be sold for 30 drachmas, and that he will be abandoned by his closest friends, beaten, humiliated, falsely accused, hurt and broken, hated by those who should have accepted him.

Tell me children, tell me parents: have you ever been hurt or humiliated? Or abandoned? Maybe some of you have been hit although you hadn't done anything wrong. Or falsely accused. Or beaten up for no reason. Did you know that: Jesus, although he was Almighty, has been hurt, humiliated and beaten up. He could have rebelled and call an army of angels to rescue him. First, he was beaten up, then nailed to a cross. They took big nails, very big nails and a big hammer and they pierced his hands and his feet. His blood flowed out, out, out. [Silence] He was abandoned. He was alone. Absolutely alone. [Silence] And the rules of law accused him of the evil of mankind, although he had done nothing wrong. But when he died, there was a big earthquake and his blood flowed onto the throne of grace. Three days later, the earth trembled again and Jesus came back to life. Then he went up to heaven to sit at the righthand-side of God.

One day there will be a great judgement. The King of kings will be on his throne. On one side there will be the ten commandments which accuse us and no-one will pass the test. All will be condemned because all will be found guilty and unfit of the glory of God. Nobody will be good enough, saintly enough.

But on the other side there will be blood, his own blood he shed to forgive us. And his blood speaks louder, much louder. « Children, repeat after me: « louder! » than all the accusations from the law. He wipes out every accusation. It's the blood of forgiveness which allows us to go to heaven. God loves you, you're precious. Thanks to Jesus, we can approach God and He can approach us. And He is among us today.



The King is patient, He awaits you

An appeal to accept Jesus the King in their life, to receive his forgiveness and to be saved.



The King loves courage

Make small groups. Pray for those who have committed their lives to God. Then every child can open-up and say things which have hurt them, or deceived, like injustice, or sins for which they want to be forgiven. [When a child shares something, encourage him and tell him how courageous he is to do that] Then the others pray and proclaim forgiveness and then it will be somebody else's turn.

Just be yourselves children and listen also to the Holy Spirit and you will surely receive words of encouragement.

=> The parents are encouraged to do the same.



OPEN UP TO BE HEALED



The King loves joy

GAME 1 – SHOW YOUR FACE

This game consists in passing your hand in front of your face from top to bottom. First of all, you make a sad face. Then you pass your hand from the bottom to the top of your face (in order to hide it) and when it can be seen again, it is all happy. Then the hand goes down again and the expression changes.

You can tell the children: « Now we are happy! » then your hand goes down again, and you show an angry face and during a few minutes, you can pass from one expression to another: joyful, sad, happy, angry, in love, discouraged, full of happiness, cross, afraid, intelligent.

The Bible says: « Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. » (Samuel 16:7)
We will now sing 2 or 3 songs. He knows everything about us and he loves us.

Choose songs which talk about God's love or his consideration for us..

GAME 2 – INTERNATIONAL GREETINGS

Place two teams opposite each other. The children will have to run when the animator says: « go! » They will have to stop about one meter away in front of a person, without touching her and greet her as requested.

Hello children. How are you? Do you know how the Eskimos say hello to each other?

They rub their noses with each other. Now you do that with your partner.

- The Israelis make a hug, tap each other's shoulder and say « shalom! »
- The Japanese greet with a light bow and incline the top of their bodies, without any contact or word.
- The russians say: « Privièt! »
- The chinese say « Ni Hao! » and bow slightly their heads
- The swiss shake their right hand, not too lightly but not too strongly either
- The young americans say. « Hey buddy, give me five! » and clap each others hand
- In New Zeland, the « hongi » is the traditional maori salute. It's done by pressing the nose and forehead against the one of the other person (gently)
- In Argentina, you say « Hola! » and give a kiss on the cheek.
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The King is strong for you

Someone explains how he dared to open up about his problems or illness and how God then operated in his favour.



The King loves you

« Hello children. Who can show me the Japanese greeting? Come on, 2 persons please ! »

The animator or the narrator calls 2 kids to the stage and asks them to do one of the greetings. Everybody claps and then 2 others come for another country, etc. Once they've gone through all the different countries (China, Israel, Switzerland, Japan, etc):

« I will now show you how the knights greeted each other ». The narrator asks the children to get up and asks them to do a military salute.

« You know, soldiers and policeman do that salute too, but a lot of people don't know where it comes from. » « I will explain it to you! » (The children sit down).

The knight is the protector of the kingdom, the soldier of the King. He is submitted to the orders of the King. The knight wears a wonderful metallic armor which can be of tin sometimes even partly covered with gold. It hides all his body and protects him from attacks. The knights travel on a horse. A horse is a bit like a camel, but without any hump and they run very fast.

In the ancient times, when two knights met on the way, they had a sign to show that they were friends.

With their right hand, they lifted the visor of their helmet, the piece of metal which hid their face. It's where the military salute comes from. It was a way to show they were friends, because by doing that they became vulnerable. Why? Because they showed their faces. So they could see if the man opposite was maybe very young and inexperienced, or old and weakened by age. Showing their faces made them vulnerable. They were also vulnerable because they used their right hand. The right hand is the one the knights normally used to hold their sword. So when they saluted, their sword remained in its sheath. You know, you can also see a lot of things on a face: joy, sadness, sometimes you can even see that the person has been hurt through his life.

But it showed they were friends. They were true to each other and they served the same King. The Bible tells us that Jesus is King and that we all are his children, that we are part of God's family. It's important to share our problems, not to hide them. You know, the Bible also says: «confess your sins to each other and pray for one another in order to be healed». If you hide your problems, it's not easy to help you. If you hide your weaknesses, it's not easy to protect you.

Let's play a little sketch.

It's the story of a little boy called Sami who fell on the road and hurt himself. His wound was deep and dirty. The little boy hides his wound underneath his trousers. He meets his big brother who asks him: « how are you Sami? » « I'm fine ».

Then he meets his parents who ask him: « How are you Sami? » « I'm fine »

The days pass and his wound is more and more painful, but he doesn't tell anyone. His wound gets yellow, with pus and all red around it. It would just need a bit of disinfectant and a plaster on it to get better. But Sami still doesn't say anything. He starts to have fever and this little wound finally puts him in danger.

God loves us so much. He doesn't want us to be more and more hurt because we hide things. It's so important to dare to talk about our problems.

CONCLUSION

(Matthew 8 and 9) In the book of the King, the Bible, a corrupted chief called Zacchaeus told Jesus his problems and he found peace. During a wedding in the village of Cana, there was no more wine left. The waiters talked about the problem and there was a miracle. A leper came to Jesus and told Jesus:





« If you want to, you can make me clean! »

And Jesus healed him from that awful illness. Then, an army officer came to Jesus to tell him his servant was very ill and Jesus healed him. Later, in a boat during a big storm, his disciples were afraid. They said: « Save us, we are going to die! », and Jesus calmed the storm. Then a tormented man threw himself at Jesus's feet. Jesus chased out the demons and the man went free. Later on, people brought a paralysed man, lying on a bed. Jesus said to him: « Get up and walk! » and the man was healed. After which, a chief knelt down before Jesus and said: « My daughter has just died, but come and place your hands on her, and she will live. » Jesus took hold of the girl's hand and she came back to life. And again, a woman who had suffered a lot tried to approach Jesus in a very big crowd. She thought: « If only I could touch his clothes... » and Jesus healed that woman. And to finish with, two blind men who followed Jesus from afar shouting: « Have mercy on us, son of David! » When Jesus reached home, the blind men approached him and Jesus asked them: « Do you believe I can heal you? » « Yes! » they answered, so he touched their eyes and healed them.



The King is patient, He waits for you

You know, children, all these people who have been helped or have seen a miracle have something in common: they didn't hide their problem. They showed up as they were. They asked for help and God intervened. Now, we will all close our eyes to concentrate on Jesus. Close also your eyes, you adults who listen. Imagine Jesus healing, delivering and bringing life. He touches the blind and they see, he talks to the storm and the storm stops, he talks to the paralytic and the paralytic walks, he touches the leper and the leper is healed. It's time to ask him for help. All of you, right now, you can ask him something. It can be for yourself, for your family or for someone you love. Let's go, each of you asks in his heart for something he desires. [Leave some time in silence]

All of those who asked for something, raise your hand.

In the name of Jesus, we liberate love, the action of the Holy Spirit on those children. And you Devil, we chase you from their lives and from their families in the name of Jesus. We call upon your healing from heaven, we call upon your deliverance, the power of the resurrection of Jesus-Christ in their lives.

CALL TO ACCEPT JESUS

You know, here is the Palace of the King. And we are here to talk about Jesus and the Bible. If Jesus made all these miracles, it's because he loves us. He is God who walked on our earth to save and deliver us. Jesus is alive, he is the King of kings, he is the only true God. If you haven't already done it, we invite you to say « **yes** » to God now, to recognize Jesus as King and to do what the Bible says. To say to Jesus: « **Come into my heart, be the King of my life** ». It's very simple, we ask you to close your eyes and those who want to give their lives to Jesus, raise your hand and repeat this prayer: (make a prayer of engagement towards God). And we will pray for you.



God loves courage

The children assemble in small groups, share their problems and pray for healing. If there is a musical background, it has to be very soft, to allow people to hear each other without raising their voices.

HOW TO ADDRESS CHILDREN ?

« Show a gentle attitude towards everyone. » (Phil 4:5) We believe it's important to share the Gospel with love, gentleness and authenticity. We ask you not to shout at the children during preaching of story-telling. Our prayer is that the fruit of the Spirit expresses itself through you. « But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. » (Gal 5:22)



ESCAPING THE TRAP



The King loves joy



GAME 1 – WHAT DO YOU SAY? (VERSION WITHOUT ELIMINATION)

The children are divided into two groups, each with a game leader. The leader will ask the children to give orders every time he says: « Peter says.... ». When he doesn't say : « Peter says.... » the children must not give any order. Example to start the game: « Is everybody ready to play the Jack says game? Okay. Everybody knows the rules? No? It's easy, nobody does anything unless Peter (me) says something, and if he says something, you have to do it ! If you go wrong, you have to change groups. Has everyone understood? Are you sure? Ok. Let's start. Everybody get up! Peter said to get up so that we can start this game! »

When a child goes wrong, he enters the other group where he carries on playing. The children go from group to group so that the game only ends when the leader stops it. If the children are very attentive or know the game well, it is possible to change the game as follows: the leader gives an order but shows something else... The children must do what the leader says and not what he shows. Example: « clap your hands twice » and the leader claps three times.

GAME 2 : ESCAPING THE TRAP

There is a team of robbers composed only of leaders and a team of travellers, composed only of children. The travellers are on the road, when suddenly a gang of robbers place an ambush and trap them in a delimited square. A few travellers manage to escape and wait to see where their friends will be held. The game starts. The travellers who escaped must touch a friend who has been held up and the robbers must touch the free travellers to trap them. If all the travellers are trapped, the robbers win and if all the travellers escape, they win. (Of course, we would like the travellers to win to link up with the next part)



The King is strong for you

The testimony of a person who felt locked up or trapped in something or in a situation and has been helped.



The King loves you

The story I will tell you now takes place a very long time ago. It was even before your parents were born, and a long time before the parents of your parents saw the sun. We also find this story in the Book of the King which is the Bible. It takes place in a very small village called Bethlehem. (The narrator makes a stop and turns to the children) « Did you know that God doesn't choose according to height, intelligence or colour? He looks at the heart and accomplishes his will.



Proclaim: « He watches everyone's heart and he will accomplish his will! »

The narrator or someone reads : **Matthew 2 :1-11**

These Magi (Wise Men) have left their country, because they saw a sign in the sky. They believe that the stars tell the future and the birth of a King. God, in his love, spoke their language and the sign they saw in the sky was so strong, so powerful, so extraordinary, even miraculous, that they left their jobs, their families, their country, to follow that star, that phenomenon that they never saw before or ever since. At the end of their long journey, they found the new-born king. They gave him presents of gold, symbol of royalty ; of incense, symbol that he is God and to be worshipped ; and lastly, myrrh, expensive perfume representing love. Did you know that, children ? God is a God of love. Repeat after me and shout : « God is a God of love ». He loves you and he loves the Wise Men.

The Bible tells us that when the Wise Men saw the baby, they were full of joy. So children let's cry out with joy. So, parents, give a cry of joy ! Once again children, all the way over to Bethlehem ! So, One, Two, Three ! The Wise Men were full of joy, because they found what they were looking for and they bowed down and worshipped. They would no longer look at the stars to see the future, but only to remind themselves that Jesus is their king and God. The Book of The King says : read **Deuteronomy 18 :9-11**. God does not agree with those things. But he is the God of love. He would like us all to recognize him as God and to not consult the stars, fortune-tellers or faith-healers..

SKETCH : THE STORY OF THE WELL

NARRATOR : In a village, there was an old well. Since a longtime it gave no water. At the bottom of the well there was mud and people threw down their rubbish and dirty water. It smelled awful. There were flies, snakes, spiders, all sorts of insects and beasts that like darkness. Little John's daddy often said :

DADDY : John, don't go near that well, it's really dangerous !

JOHN : Ok

NARRATOR : Time went by and Daddy still repeated :

DADDY : Don't go to that well, it's so dangerous.

JOHN : Ok Daddy, don't worry.

NARRATOR : Little John was sincere and in any case, he did not want to disappoint his Daddy. But time passed and John was now a teenager. One day, he said to himself :

JOHN : Now I'm big, strong and courageous.

NARRATOR : His curiosity was strong and he went up to the side of the well.

JOHN : Oh, that smells awful !

NARRATOR : A snake came out of the wall of the well and bit John

JOHN : Owe, Owe ! I'm so scared, what will happen to me ?!

NARRATOR : And he sat on the side of the well to think. The poison started to hurt and suddenly John fell down the well. He tried to climb up, but the wall was slippery, the flies buzzed round him, attacked him and he wounded himself on the wall of the well. John became weaker and weaker and night began to fall. He cried out for help, but the the trap closed in on him. (Pause for silence) John's Daddy was worried when he did not come home.

DADDY : John where are you ? John, where are you ? My son, where are you ?

NARRATOR : Daddy left the other children to go and look for him.

DADDY : John, where are you ?

NARRATOR : He shouted in the village, in the forest, near the river, but still no sign of John.

JOHN : Daddy ! Daddy ! Daddy Help !

NARRATOR : John was so weak that his voice was too soft, but soon he heard his father's voice, but he had no strength left to cry out loud. The snake poison was starting to choke him. He thought he would soon die.

JOHN : Why ? Why ??? If only I had listened, if only someone could help me ...



NARRATOR : Suddenly, a light shone in the well, a ladder dropped down next to John and a man came down. It was John's father.

DADDY : My son ! My son ! My son !

NARRATOR : The father lifted John onto his shoulders and climbed up.

I ask you a question : what will the father do now ? Will he beat his son because he disobeyed, shout at him, will he leave him on the road ? No. I can tell you, the father is happy. His son, who could have died at the bottom of the well, is still alive.

He will not beat him, he will wash him clean. He will not reject him, but will take him in his arms. He will not shout at him but will nurse his wounds and save him from the bite of the snake.

Read Leviticus 18 :30



The King is patient, He waits for you

You know, to be forgiven is not enough. If the father had forgiven his son, but had left him at the bottom of the well, it would not have been enough to save him. If he had forgiven his son, but had not nursed him, that would not have saved him. If he had forgiven his son, but had not saved him from the bite of the snake, his son would not have been saved.

The Bible says that Jesus came to look for and save those who are lost.

Jesus wants to look for you today in your problems. To become a child of God is to say « Yes » to him. The Bible also says : « If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all evil. »

So God does not only want to forgive us but also wants to purify us !

If you have been influenced by ancestral habits, if your family has taken you to the faith-healer, the sorcerer, if they pray to statues or trust in idols, if they invoke spirits, it is time to make peace with God and ask for his forgiveness.

We invite everyone to close their eyes and concentrate on Jesus to give him their lives. To become a child of God is to refuse all evil, all that is of the snake. Repeat this prayer :

« Lord Jesus, please forgive me if my family has practiced magic and if they have been to the sorcerers or faith-healers. Forgive if they trusted in statues, idols or spirits. I ask for your forgiveness, Jesus. I don't want anything to do with all that, I give you my life. I refuse all evil which may have come from that and I accept your love, your forgiveness which wash and purify me. In the name of Jesus, I chase away the Devil, the snake, and I submit my life to God. Jesus, you have vanquished the devil at the cross, he has lost and you have victory for eternity. So be my King. I want to follow you and you only. Amen, amen, and amen.»



The King loves courage

« Who, during the prayer, has accepted Jesus as his King for the first time ? Raise your hand and come forward. All the others, assemble in small groups of seven, if possible of the same age, and with a group-leader. »

The leader invites the children to simply pray for each other, they bless their friend for the step taken and pray for those who have families who have practised in sorcery. They go into the middle of the group and the other children pray for each one individually.



A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a long-sleeved shirt with horizontal stripes in yellow, orange, and purple, stands in the foreground. He has his right index finger to his chin, looking upwards with a thoughtful expression. The background is a blurred scene of a community event or festival, with several people visible, including a woman in a blue shirt and a man with glasses. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. On the left side, there are several large, overlapping circles in shades of yellow, orange, and purple. In the center, there is a yellow rounded rectangle containing the word "IDEAS" in white capital letters.

IDEAS

This page allows to list ideas for the meetings. The themes vary from one meeting to the other and cover many notions of the love of God, his power, our relation with others (forgiveness, reconciliation, etc.), our relation with God, his promises for us, etc. Once the theme is decided, we are to look for corresponding songs, games, stories/sketches, testimonies.

THEME IDEAS

GAME IDEAS

A woman with dark hair, wearing a red and white striped shirt, is leaning over and writing on a form. The form has the text "ANALISI DELLA SITUAZIONE" and "Scheda di lavoro" visible. She is holding a pen in her right hand. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a building.


NOTES











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« God reigns over the nations » Psalm 47 :8

During our evangelization campaigns with Day of Joy in several countries, we see a great harvest of children turning to Jesus the Messiah, sometimes hundreds on one night.

When the spotlights go-off, many will lack follow-up, meaning an adult reference to help them grow. This word of Jesus rings out through the centuries : « Let the small children come unto me.» The King wishes that none are lost.

The Palace of The King is :

- a simple concept, like a parable
- the harvest which continues when the spotlights go-off
- the follow-up of children so they may become disciples
- an inter-active flexible activity, which can be organized where a big campaign could not be

We are at the beginning of the greatest harvest of children that the world has ever seen. It is an honour to serve beside you with The Palace of The King.

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