



Kids Church

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After a history of theocracy (that's a government directly ruled by God), Israel asked God for a human king so they could be like the other peoples around them. God warned Israel they wouldn't like it, but Israel insisted. First, Saul was anointed king. He was tall and handsome and ... well ... that's about it. After Saul, though, Israel received their best human king - David! He was a great warrior and he showed it when he defeated a giant when he was young, small, and inexperienced. The people had a warrior for a king - the first of the great traits of kings. After David came Solomon. He wasn't the warrior David was, but he was the wisest person to ever live. Wisdom was the second of the great traits of kings. But Solomon was harsh to the people and they continued searching for the right kind of king. Many came after Solomon - some good and some bad. Eventually, Uzziah (also known as Azariah) came and provided for the people. He built towers to provide safety and cultivated the land to provide food. Provision was the third of the great traits of kings. But Uzziah wasn't perfect, and the people still searched for the right kind of king. When Hezekiah came along, the people experienced a king who was a great spiritual leader - another of the great traits of kings. But none of these five kings put it all together to become the right kind of king. Nearly 700 years later, a man named Jesus came. He was a great warrior, very wise, provided for his people and was the greatest spiritual leader! He had it all! He was the right kind of king! It must have been shocking for the people to hold a coronation ceremony just to have Jesus turn around and go home. In the end, Jesus was the perfect king, but he wasn't exactly what the people thought he would be. He defeated sin and death (warrior), he was very wise (teaching even the Pharisees), he provided for his people (healings and miracles), and he led his people spiritually (teachings). Though he didn't establish a physical kingdom on earth, we know Jesus is the right kind of king and will come back and do just that!