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"Thy Kingdom Shall Be Established for Ever"

1. David's Son Solomon – Summarize the story of David's son, Solomon, who had a valuable gift to understand and discern between good and bad.
 - From the manual: *If the Lord said to you, "Ask what I shall give thee" ([1 Kings 3:5](#)), what would you ask for? What impresses you about Solomon's request? Ponder why "an understanding heart" to "discern between good and bad" ([verse 9](#)) is a valuable gift. What can you do to seek this gift?*
2. Good/Bad Discernment Practice – Have kids make the signs on page 4 below. Let them practice showing that they have the gift of discerning between good and bad as well. Discuss how the Spirit helps them know what is good or not. Follow directions on page 4 below. Then do the scripture draw on page 3 below.
3. Lamb Activity from The Friend – Does the Spirit tell us that we should be kind to others or rude to others? Follow directions in [The Friend magazine for "The Lamb Story" Come Follow Me activity](#).
 - If desired, share the story of David and Bethsheba in 2 Samuel 11.
 - The Friend has some [kid-friendly stories discussing pornography](#) if you feel the need to elaborate more on pornography with your own children.
4. Jesus Christ is Our King – How do you feel inside when you learn about Jesus? If you feel good, that is the Spirit letting you know how important He is to us. The family CFM manual suggests, "Perhaps your family would enjoy creating homemade crowns while discussing why you are grateful that Jesus Christ is your Eternal King."
5. Jesus Christ is Our King Scepter Activity – Make the adorable [scepters from theredcrystal's website](#). From the manual: Invite one of the children to pretend to be a king or queen. If possible, give the child simple props to hold. What is a king or queen? What do they do? Tell the children that David was a king, and he was an ancestor of Jesus Christ, who we call the "King of kings" ([Revelation 19:16](#)). Help the children think of ways we can show that we believe Jesus Christ is our Eternal King.



6. Dance Party – Holding their scepter (and crown if they made that as well), dance to songs that refer to Christ as our King, such as “[He Died That We Might Live Again](#),” “[Called to Serve](#),” “[Rejoice, the Lord Is King!](#)” or “[I Believe in Christ](#)” (*Children’s Songbook*, 65, 174–75; *Hymns*, nos. 66, 134). Ask the children to listen for the word “King” and hold up their “Jesus Christ is Our King” scepter when they hear it. How do we feel when we sing about Jesus? (based on idea in manual)
7. Candy Scepter – Use Life Savers and a sucker to make a candy scepter. Idea and image from [this website](#).

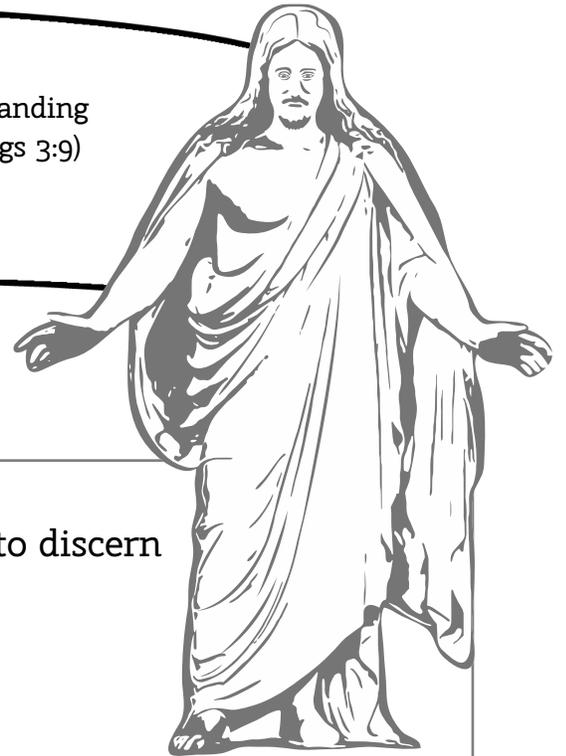


Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org
[Old Testament Cartoon Videos from the Church Website](#)
[“King David” video from the church](#)

1 Kings 3:9

Solomon asked the Lord to give him an “understanding heart” to “discern between good and bad” (1 Kings 3:9)



Write or draw a picture of one way you will try to discern between good and bad.

Discerning Good/Bad Practice

Give each person a good/bad sign. Fold it on the dotted line so that one side shows the thumbs up picture and the other shows the thumbs down. If you don't want to print anything for this, you can just have them show you a thumbs up or down for each thing. Name things we might participate in and have them hold their sign on the appropriate side to show you if that is something good or bad. Explain that the Spirit gives us these feelings to help us know what is good or not, and it's important to listen to those feelings, especially as we get older and come into even more complicated situations that might be confusing to figure out.

Possible Things to Discern:

- *Going to the temple/Preparing to go to the temple*
 - *Reading the scriptures*
 - *Being reverent in church*
- *Looking at inappropriate pictures or videos*
- *Telling a trusted adult if you have seen something inappropriate*
 - *Saying meaningful prayers*
- *Disobeying rules your parents have set*
 - *Loving others*
 - *Helping others*
- *Taking something from somebody else*
 - *Sharing with somebody else*
 - *Making fun of somebody else*
 - *Saying kind things to somebody else*
- *Learning about Heavenly Father and Jesus*

