



## A King is Born!

### IN

#### Introduction

- If you had the opportunity to be a King / Queen – would you want it? Why or why not?
- Whatever you answer above, if you were made King/Queen what would you most want to achieve in that role?

### UP

#### Explore

**READ Isaiah 9:6-7** Spend a while discussing the idea of 'King'. What do you understand by the role of 'King' (as opposed to other positions of power and authority)? And what does it mean for us that Jesus is King? What is (a) easy (b) hard about Jesus being our King?

Throughout the Bible, there is a repeated stated desire for a King to rule over God's people (eg Judges 21:25). Initially God raised up judges to govern God's people – and Samuel was thought to be the greatest of God's. **Now Read 1 Samuel 8 (esp v6-9)**

Why do you think that even though God raised up judges like Samuel it was a rejection to God for the people to want a King instead?

Finally, **Read John 6:14-15 and then John 12:12-19**. Discuss whether you think it was right or wrong for the people to behave as they did in each case. Now ask: What in our culture do people want to make 'King' as opposed to God being King?

### OUT

#### Impact

Jesus came to earth as a human baby. He then calls us to submit to him as King. One day he will be King of all as all creation bows before him. (See Phil 2). **Discuss & Pray:** For your personal witness that Jesus is King to others, and for them that they may know Jesus as King of their lives.