

Listen carefully to our Biblereading. It's from Mark's Gospel, chapter 10, verses 42-45.
It's printed out here...

⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them,
"You know that those who are considered rulers
of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great
ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall
not be so among you.

But whoever would be great among you must be
your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among
you must be slave of all.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not
to be served but to serve, and to
give his life as a ransom for many."

In verse 45 Jesus explains WHY he came to earth at the very first
Christmas. There are 3 reasons. Can you spot them and fill in the
blanks? Jesus came...

NOT to be _____

BUT to _____

AND to give his life as a _____

Here's the first big thing we're going to learn today...

Christmas is a royal visit!

Imagine that the Queen came to visit. How might you feel?

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But now imagine that the greatest ever King is coming. Jesus! He's called "the Son of Man" - this is a royal title from the Old Testament.

THINK:

What are some of the things you know about Jesus that show he is God's Great King? Think about what Jesus is like... and what Jesus has done...

Write OR draw your answers in the box below.



Here's the next big thing we're going to learn today...

Jesus the King came to serve

Jesus is God... Jesus is God's Son... Jesus is the awesome "Son of Man"... He is the one who made the stars and planets and everything else!

Yet he **humbled** himself and became a servant.

This means that though he was HIGH...
... he chose to make himself LOW.

He brought himself down...

(1) By becoming a man

Draw the baby in the manger

(2) By dying on the Cross

THINK:

Do rulers and kings normally behave like this?

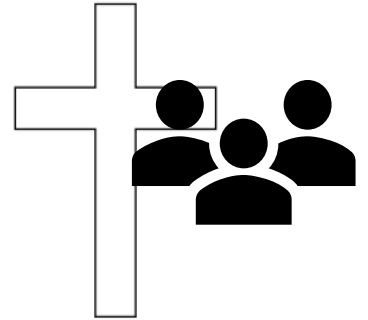
Look at verse 42. How do they often treat people?

Draw the Cross

Here's the last big thing we're going to learn today...

He came to ransom many people

"Ransom" means to **pay a price to free a person who cannot free themselves.**



It's a bit like we are trapped by our _____.

Jesus paid that price by _____.

We know that some people don't WANT Jesus to be their servant or their rescuer. Why? Because they don't want Jesus to be their King.

But there's nothing more important EVER than start following Jesus. He forgives our sins and brings us into God's family. And He's only ever a prayer away.

Here's a prayer. It's as easy as ABC.
Heavenly Father...

I **a**dmit that I need your forgiveness.

I **b**elieve that Jesus died for me as a ransom on the Cross.

I **c**ommit to following Jesus, with his help.

Make sure you know Mark 10:45 by memory...