

*Family Worship*

*Priests and Rulers*

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# *Opening Prayer*

Dear God,

We praise you today with our hearts and songs, we praise you for your faithfulness, we praise you for your great power and love. We confess our wrong doings before you. We have set our eyes and thoughts on the wrong things. Please forgive us. Thank you for your presence and care over us. We ask for your spirit to fill us, to draw us near you and to work your purposes through us, as we set our eyes on you.

In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

# May The Peoples Praise You (Psalm 67)



You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ  
May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life  
May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus  
All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EakiLL70s6k>

# *Catechism Time!*

Bible truths for teaching children

# Question 14

**Q:** Did God create us unable to keep his law?

**A:** No, but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve we are all born in sin and guilt, unable to keep God's law.

## Sinful from birth


Every parent can tell us that a child needs to be taught to say "thank you" many, many times, but you never have to teach a child to say "mine". Every human is self-centred, i.e. sinful, from birth.

## Bible verse (Romans 5:12)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.



# Jobs

- ❑ There are different types of jobs.
- ❑ Sadly, because of Covid 19, many have lost their jobs.
- ❑ But even without Covid 19, as societies evolve, jobs have disappeared
- ❑ Have you ever imagined jobs like  ever existed? Why did they disappear?

Bowling Alley Pinsetter



Phone Operator



Steet Lamplighter



Ratcatcher



# Everlasting Jobs!

The Bible tells us that 2 types of jobs will be there forever.

Do you know what they are?

Let's read from Revelation, the last book in the Bible.



# Revelation

There are 2 jobs that God's people will be doing forever. They will never extinct like telephone operators or rat catchers.

The verses below are from Revelation. Can you tell from these verses what these 2 "everlasting" jobs are?

1:5-6 To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

3:21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

5:9-10 And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.'

20:6 They will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

22:5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever



# Well Done !



Priests and Rulers are the 2 jobs that will last forever!

(The words "throne" & "reign" are all to do with kings or rulers)



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# Priests and Rulers

Actually...

Jesus is the Great High Priest and the King of Kings!

God has also desired his people to be **Priests and Rulers**.  
(Ruler = King)

Let's learn from the Bible...

# The First Humans were Priests and Rulers

In the beginning, God made humans in his image

## Humans as Priests

God placed them in the Garden of Eden to **"work and guard"** it (Gen 2:15).

In the same way, Israel's priests were later told to **"serve and guard"** the Tabernacle (Nu 18:4-7).

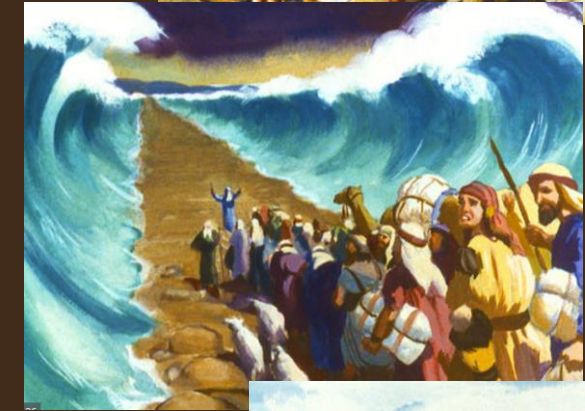
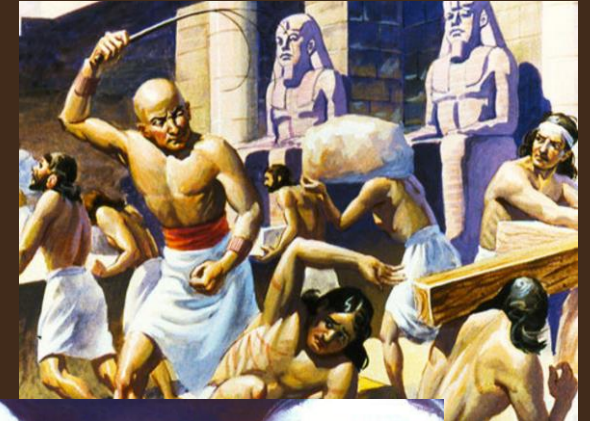


## Humans as Rulers

God blessed them and said, "...Fill the earth and be its master. **Rule over** the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky. **Rule over** every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen 1:28)

# The Israelites Were a Kingdom of Priests

- ❑ God saved the Israelites from the powerful Egyptian army.
- ❑ He opened up the sea so the Israelites could cross over on dry ground.
- ❑ He then gave them a special mission:



“You will be my **kingdom of priests**. You will be a nation that belongs to me alone.” (Exodus 19:6)





# Jesus' Followers are Called to be Priests and Rulers

Peter said...(1 Pe 2:9)

"But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Paul said...(2 Tim 2:12)

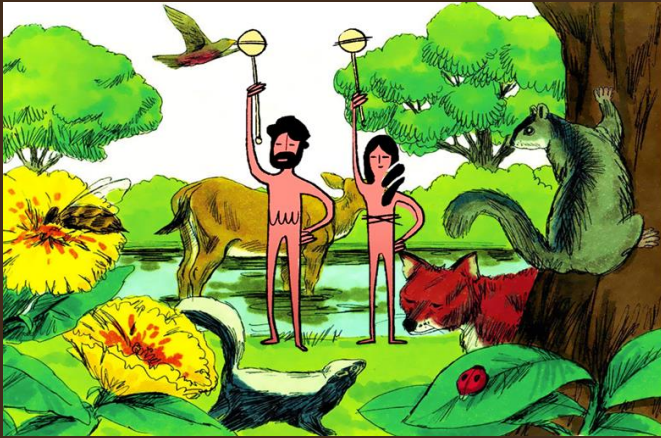
"If we endure, we will also **reign** with him"





# Priests and Rulers

So...from beginning to end, God has desired his people to be priests and rulers serving him



Garden of Eden



Ancient Israel



Here and Now



In Eternity

That means  
you and me!

Priests and Rulers are not only "jobs" for the future, but "jobs" today.

How can we serve God as priests and rulers today?

### **As Priests**

- We praise God with our words and our lives (1 Pe 2:9)
- We make Jesus known to others (Rom 15:16)

### **As Rulers**

- We manage what God has entrusted to our care in ways that please him (Gen 1:28)

# What We Should do as Priests and Rulers

Praise God  
for your  
creation!!



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Time



Work



God's Creation



Money



Talents

## Sharing By Family Members

1. Describe what it means to be a priest and ruler in your own words.
2. How can you be a "better" priest and ruler?

# *Family Prayer Time*

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.



# Trust and Obey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB4KcleYiWM>

