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Background Reflection

This Chapter focuses on Christ the King. In the time before Christ, Isaiah the prophet spoke of a great and wondrous ruler, a successor of King David, who would be powerful and just. Isaiah said this ruler would take the people out of darkness and bring them to the light, enabling them to rejoice and be happy.

We know now that this ruler is Christ. He was not an earthly king—he is the King of Heaven. He brought us from darkness to light by establishing the New Covenant and freeing us from sin. He opened the door of salvation and showed us how to live. His many titles show us how great he is. We sing praises to Christ our King!



Family Activities

- Read with your child the Featured Story on page 1102 in *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Isaiah 9:6–7), and invite her or him to explain to the family the meaning of the titles Isaiah gives Jesus.
- Mark the Feast of Christ the King, the season of Advent, and the Feast of the Ascension of Christ on a family calendar. These are three times in the Church year when we honor Jesus as King. Make sure to watch out for these celebrations and remind your child to celebrate every day that Jesus is our King.
- Watch the video "The Promise of a Savior Isaiah 9:6–7, Micah 5:2" (YouTube, 1:53) together. Discuss with your child how prophets were sent to the Israelites to give hints about the Savior God promised. How do those hints foretell the coming of Jesus, our King?

People of Faith

Mary, Queen of Heaven

Mary is the Mother of Jesus, who is King of Heaven and Earth. She always said yes to God's will for herself and her Son. Mary has been called Queen of Heaven since at least the sixth century. Her title as Queen of Heaven reminds us that Jesus won the final victory over sin and death. We celebrate the Queenship of Mary on August 22.

Prayer

Pray this prayer together as a family, beginning and ending with the Sign of the Cross.

Dear Jesus, Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace, teach us to always work toward peace on Earth. Help us to always remember that you alone are our King. Amen.