

# February 22, 2026

## 1<sup>ST</sup>–3<sup>RD</sup> Grade Sunday School

### Candy Factory Week 8:

### Licorice Robe and a Candy Crown

#### **Video Game:**

Wacky Words

*It is in the "Sunday School Videos" album and the date is in the comments.*

**Game:** The helper and the runner!

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

- Pull apart Licorice
- Cereal to thread
- Empty cup/kid

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Begin by giving each child one long strand of pull-apart licorice and a small empty cup. Explain to the kids that they will be earning pieces to build a crown, but they will also be learning to tell the difference between things that last forever and things that fade away. Let them know they may not eat the licorice yet – they will use it to build their crown at the end. Keep the tone fun and excited, building anticipation for the final crown-making moment.

Next, lead the "Forever or Fades?" game. Tell the children that you will read different items aloud. If the item lasts forever, they should stand up and shout, "FOREVER!" If it fades away, they should crouch down and whisper, "Fades away..." Read through the provided examples (toys, ice cream, money, Jesus'

love, worship, etc.), keeping the pace quick and energetic. After each correct response, give the children one or two cereal or candy pieces to place in their cup. Use this time to briefly reinforce the point that earthly rewards and treasures do not last, but our relationship with Jesus does.

Once several items have been read and the children have earned their pieces, instruct them to build their crown. Have them thread their cereal or candy pieces onto the licorice strand. When they are finished, help them connect the ends of the licorice to form a circle that fits around their head. As they admire their crowns, remind them that even this fun crown will not last forever, just like the earthly crowns mentioned in Scripture. This will naturally prepare their hearts for the next step of laying their crowns down before Jesus.

**Lesson:** Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

Hello sweet tooth kids! This has really been a SWEET trip at Silly Swonka's Factory and Sweet Shop. I hope you enjoyed all the amazing candy that he had. And while I'm mentioning the candy, what did you think of the candy crown?

A candy crown doesn't last forever...probably because it tastes so good. Things in this world are fleeting; meaning we can't depend on them to last forever. But we can depend on God to last forever! He has invited us into His Kingdom to live with Him forever! This is the best invitation that we could ever receive. And we can lay down any crowns we receive and give them back to Him because He is the one who laid down His life for us so that we could be saved! He deserves all of the glory and praise!

Let's read where it talks about this in scripture and learn a little bit more about our King Jesus!

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9:25 & REVELATION 4:1-11

Jesus shares His crown with us, in that He gives us eternal life with Him in heaven! This is the only award that really truly matters! And when He gives us this crown, we will lay them down and worship Him! This is because we realize that God is the reason that we have the crown in the first place. He is the one who created us, He is the one who loves us, He is the one who sent His son to die for us, and God is the one who gets the glory!

When we read this passage, it was a bit difficult to imagine these creatures and what it is like to be in heaven. What we do know is this: "God himself will be with them and be their God." From our memory verse Revelation 21:3. We know that we will be with God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

JESUS DESERVES OUR LOVE, OUR FAITH, OUR EVERYTHING! JESUS IS THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS! He is the only perfect King and He has the only perfect kingdom!

So, when you think about what heaven will be like, what things are to come, you can trust in a God who is faithful, loving, and has saved me and you! One day we will be in the perfect kingdom and we will lay our crowns down in worship of the King who laid down His life for us. What an amazing future! JESUS DESERVES OUR LOVE, OUR FAITH, EVERYTHING! And we can serve Him now and always.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Who is the King of Kings?
2. How can we receive a crown from Him?
3. Who deserves all of our praise and worship? Why?

Close in prayer.

## **Memory Verse:**

THIS WEEK: "I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (NIRV)

If they memorize the verse, they can get a ping pong ball to put in the BLUE BOX in the hallway.