



Jaxson Harlan Ministry

Who's on the Throne

Come down from your throne — let the true King in

01

LISTEN

Song + lyric hook

02

DIG

Isa 9 · John · Phil 2

03

TALK

Kingdom · seat · door

04

RESPOND

Jesus is Lord · change
begins

AGES	13–18 (youth group / small group)
TIME	35–45 minutes
PAIR WITH	Chord sheet · Who's on the Throne
GOSPEL AIM	Self-rule is a false kingdom; Jesus is Lord

Leader Guide

One song. Four movements. One gospel landing.

BIG IDEA

We build kingdoms out of pride and dust and put ourselves where only God should sit. Isaiah's Child is Mighty God; the Word became flesh; Jesus and the Father are one. The question is not abstract theology — who's on the throne tonight? Self-rule is a false kingdom. Come down. Let the true King in. Jesus is Lord — let the change begin.

SESSION MAP

1. Warm open

5 min

Phone-down. What do you quietly rule — image, grades, friends, phone?

2. Listen

8 min

Play "Who's on the Throne." Hand lyric strip. Circle lines that hit.

3. Dig Scripture

12 min

Isaiah 9:6 · John 1:14 · John 10:30 · Phil 2:9–11 · Romans 10:9.

4. Talk honest

10 min

Kingdom / Seat / Door cards. Invite honest whispers.

5. Gospel respond

8 min

Confess self-rule. Whisper Romans 10:9. Invite Jesus as Lord.

YOU'LL NEED

- Speaker + "Who's on the Throne" (jaxsonharlan.com/music)
- Printed Student Sheets (page 4) + Truth Cards (page 5)
- Bibles or printed Isa 9 / John 1 & 10 / Phil 2 / Rom 10
- Optional: chord sheet for worship open/close

LEADER NOTE

This is a lordship study. Keep the throne metaphor concrete (phone, image, friend group, control). Leave room for a quiet response — the bridge line "Jesus, I believe... I can't do this anymore" is the door.

Teaching Flow

Say this / ask this — usable script, not a lecture.

LISTEN — LYRIC HOOKS

“I built my own kingdom out of pride and dust”

“Put myself on the throne where only God should be”

“So who’s on the throne tonight?”

“Is it you, or the One who gave His life?”

“Come down from your throne, let the true King in / Jesus is Lord — let the change begin”

After the song: “If the throne had a name this week — what would it be?”

DIG — SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6

A Child is born — Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us — heaven’s King came down.

John 10:30

“I and the Father are one” — Jesus is not a mascot; He is God with us.

TALK — THREE HEART CHECKS

KINGDOM

What do you rule — image, grades, friends, phone?

SEAT

Who actually calls the shots in your choices?

DOOR

What would it mean to whisper
“Jesus, I believe... I can’t do this anymore”?

GOSPEL LANDING

Self-rule is a dusty kingdom. The true King rode in low, carried the cross you earned, and rose. Coming down from your throne is not losing — it is finally telling the truth. Confess Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9). Let the change begin. He is still the open door.

Student Sheet

Who's on the Throne · fill this while you listen & talk

Name _____ Date _____ Group _____

1. CIRCLE THE LINE THAT HIT HARDEST

- ☐ I built my own kingdom out of pride and dust
- ☐ Put myself on the throne where only God should be
- ☐ So who's on the throne tonight?
- ☐ Is it you, or the One who gave His life?
- ☐ Come down from your throne / Jesus is Lord — let the change begin

2. MY FALSE KINGDOM

What have I put on the throne — image, phone, grades, friends, being in control?

3. SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Isaiah 9

Who is this Child called?

John 1 / 10

What does "Word became flesh" / "I and the Father are one" mean?

Romans 10

What do mouth and heart confess?

4. MY RULE → HIS LORDSHIP

WHAT I RULE

WHAT I SURRENDER

5. ONE HONEST PRAYER

"Jesus — I've been on the seat. I believe... I can't do this anymore. Be Lord here..."

Truth Cards + Take-Home

Print · cut · keep in a Bible or locker

Cut along the dashed lines. Two wallet cards + one fridge verse.

TRUTH CARD

Jesus Is Lord

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart..." — Romans 10:9

Come down from your throne. Let the true King in.

TRUTH CARD

Every Knee

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord." — Philippians 2:10–11

Whose throne is it tonight — yours, or His?

FRIDGE / LOCKER VERSE

**"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,'
and believe in your heart... you will be saved."**

Romans 10:9

This week: before a choice, ask — Who's on the throne right now?

Jaxson Harlan Ministry · Song-to-Scripture · Who's on the Throne

How this sits in the series

Song-to-Scripture Youth Studies · Ages 13–18

THIS STUDY

Who's on the Throne

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A lordship study: false self-kingdoms vs Jesus as Lord. Natural hinge after Knees First; sets up Hold It Light's open-hand response.

FULL SONG-TO-SCRIPTURE SET

- **I Called It Mercy** Rename sin · ask for real mercy
- **He Sees You Still** El Roi — God sees lonely teens
- **Knees First** Pride falls · grace meets empty hands

- **Who's on the Throne** Self-rule vs Jesus is Lord
- **Hold It Light** Provision is gift · not a throne

PAIRING TIPS

- Teach after Knees First — pride's fall prepares the throne question.
- Give silence after the Door card; don't rush the bridge prayer.
- Link chord sheet for a worship close: "Jesus is Lord — let the change begin."

Website placement

On /ministry-resources/, file under "Youth Song-to-Scripture Studies." Card layout with cover thumbnail, age badge (13–18), time badge (35–45 min), and Download PDF — same visual language as chord sheet links. Link the matching chord sheet.