Children’s Message

Once there was a king who was very powerful. *Pick one of the children to stand up and be the king.* Whatever the king would say, people would jump to obey him. “Hey, you! Bring me a cookie!” and the servant would say, “Yes, sir!”

One time, Jesus came to visit the king. But the king was too busy. He said, “Jesus? Is he from the United Nations? No? Is he a president? A senator? An ambassador? No? Well, tell him to make an appointment for next year.” So the king rejected Jesus.

In the same country, there was an actress who was very famous. *Pick one of the children to stand up and be the actress*. Everyone knew who she was. Whenever she would go to a beauty contest, she would win.

One time, Jesus came to visit the actress. But she was too busy signing autographs. She said, “Jesus? Is he a movie star? Is he very handsome? No? Well, tell him to take a hike.” So the actress rejected Jesus.

In the same country, there was a man who was very rich. *Pick one of the children to stand up and be the rich man*. He had so much money, he could buy anything he wanted. He had a huge house and about a million cars.

One time, Jesus came to visit the rich man. But he was too busy making money. He said, “Jesus? Is he a billionaire? Does he own a big company with lots of money? No? Well, tell him not to bother me. He probably just wants my money.” So the rich man rejected Jesus.

In the same country, there was an ordinary person. *Pick one of the children to stand up and be the ordinary person.* This person was not powerful, or beautiful, or famous, or rich. She was just – ordinary!

One day, Jesus came to visit her. He said, “Hi! I am Jesus. I love you and I want to be your friend.” She said, “Sure!” So Jesus was her friend for all of her life. And when she died, Jesus took her to be with him in heaven.

The powerful king, and the beautiful actress, and the rich, rich man did not have Jesus as their friend. And when they died, they did not go to be with Jesus. You know that it is nice to have money, to be beautiful, and to have power. But it is much better to have Jesus as your friend. Everything else is worthless compared to Jesus. Money, beauty, and power only last for a time here on earth. But being Jesus’ friend lasts forever.

*Dear Jesus, Thank you for being my friend forever! Don’t let me ever get too busy with other things. Amen.*