

THE CREED

THE SECOND ARTICLE (PART 3)

ACTIVITY

EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL

Theme: We believe powerful people determine events in our world. God demonstrates the truth of Jesus' kingship so that believers may trust His omnipotence, justice, and grace.

Materials: Newspapers or online resources, scissors, treats

Procedure: (10 minutes)

Divide the class into two or three groups. Challenge students to find headlines featuring powerful people. Give the students five minutes to cut out the headlines and stack them. Allow students to share what they found. Those who find the most and the most interesting will win the treats.

Explain, **We readily understand Jesus' work as a Prophet who communicates God's Word to us. We also easily picture Jesus as a Priest interceding for us. But it can be difficult to understand how Jesus is a King when we feel overwhelmed by powerful people.** Have the students give examples of how powerful people abuse their power (drug lords destroy teenagers' lives, power brokers merge companies and lay off hundreds of employees, military generals swipe power in struggling countries, and politicians line their pockets with tax money). Point to the piles of headlines and ask, **How is the way Jesus rules different from that of worldly rulers?** (See Matthew 20:25–28.) Stress Jesus as the servant who gave His life to ransom us. Allow discussion.