

## Constantine

Hello, my name is Constantine. After having a vision of a cross shining in the sun, I became the first Christian emperor of Rome. Under my rule, Romans could choose their own religion, including Christianity, which eventually became the main accepted religion. I united the Roman Empire and made the important decision to move the capitol from Rome to Byzantium (Bye-zan-tee-um) which I renamed Constantinople (Con-stan-tih-no-pul), after myself. Today it is known as Istanbul (Is-tan-bull) in modern day Turkey.

***Performance Instructions: Dress as a Roman emperor and carry a large cross in your hand. When done speaking, kneel down as if you are praying.***

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