



**Worship Illustration: Script  
Kingdom Adventures  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 4, Lesson 18**

# Jesus is Risen

**John 20:1-9**

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Set:** The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like a Medieval Castle. It is the Palace of the King. There is a curtained opening center stage, a ramp stage right and an upper level where characters can enter. There is a window stage left for puppets and a hinged stained glass window stage right that opens to reveal the Bible. For added interest, build windows and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Sir Praisealot is a brave knight and the Captain of the Castle Guard. He praises God all the time. His weakness is that his pride some times gets in the way. Squire Goofus, the Gallant, is a young man who wants desperately to be a noble knight in the King's guard. He is very naïve and a bit clumsy. Rufus is a dragon puppet that thinks he is a dog. He delivers messages from the King.

**Plot:** Sir Praisealot tells Gus about the day Mary, Peter and John saw the empty tomb and knew that Jesus had risen. We learn that through faith we believe in the Lord even if we do not see Him with our eyes.

**Costumes:** Robe, tunics, white wig and beard, sandals, boots, chain mail.

**Props:** Sword, stick horse, dragon puppet, Bible.

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro/Outro music suggestions: familiar castle/battle themes from movies such as The Lord of the Rings, or Monty Python and the Holy Grail, or Productiontrax.com – The Price of Freedom, Iron Lore, Prepare for Battle, Rain of Fire -: 80; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Horse galloping
3. Stained Glass Window suggestion: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" or other royal song clip. Music plays when this window is opened during each episode to reveal the Bible.

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Hinged, stained glass window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
3. Scripture Slide: "Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed." John 20:8
4. Closing Slide: "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"

**Adaptations:**

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

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**Voiceover:** (VFX: Video intro)

**In ancient days noble knights roamed the land doing good deeds and acts of service for their king. Many of those brave squires served the greatest Lord of all, the King of Kings! Travel with us now as we ride with these mighty men of God on their quest for Kingdom Adventures! (SFX: horse galloping)**

**Sir Praise-a-lot** (Enter through audience.)  
**Tally Ho! Come Squire Gus! You're way behind. Keep up with us!**

**Gus** (Enter through audience.)  
**I'm trying! Slow down!**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**  
**Never! A knight always rides his fastest, fights his hardest and gives his best for God's glory!**

**Gus** (Collapsing on stage.)  
**I think I gave all I have.**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**  
**Nonsense! On your feet, Squire! I'm twice your age and I feel fit as a fiddle!**

**Gus**  
**That's because you're riding on your horse. I have to carry mine!**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**  
**Why are you carrying Rufus?**

**Gus**  
**Because he gave up carrying me for Lent.**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**  
**But, it's Easter. Lent is over.**

**Gus**  
**Rufus, you tricked me! Bad horsy!**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

**Oh Gus, you are out of shape. To be a true knight you must be in tip-top condition, like me! I am the very model of knighthood, fast, strong, bold, handsome and... and...oh, still so full of pride. "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."**

**Gus**

**Sir Praise-a-lot. I have been working out every day, climbing the tower steps, swimming the moat, practicing my sword play. (Drops sword.)**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**  
**Keep practicing!**

**Gus**

**I've even been exercising with that "Sweating to the Middle Ages" DVD that you gave me but becoming a knight is really hard work.**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

**Of course, it's hard! A knight must be prepared to spring into action at any moment! Like the disciples!**

**Gus**

**Jesus' followers were men of action?**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

**Men and women of action! I shall show you. Let me open His Word right now! (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.) **Gus, do you remember what they did with Jesus' body after He died?****

**Gus**

**Yes, His followers wrapped Him in white linen cloth and placed Him in a tomb.**

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

**Very good, young squire! Tell me, children, did they leave that tomb open? (Response.)**

**Gus**

That's right! They rolled a very large, heavy stone in front of the tomb.

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

Pontius Pilate even placed a guard in front of the stone so no one would try to move it. But three days later, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and discovered the stone had been rolled away!

**Gus**

What did she do?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

She ran! She ran like the wind to go find Peter and John.

**Gus**

Do you think she ran fast?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

She was so upset that I think she ran like "Lightning McQueen!" She was afraid that someone had taken the Lord's body!

**Gus**

What did Peter and John do?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

They started running to the tomb!

**Gus**

More running? Didn't those guys ever get tired?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

They were running because they knew something had happened to their King!

**Gus**

It's like a relay race!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

But John ran faster and reached the tomb first.

**Gus**

Go John! Did he see Jesus?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

No, but he saw the strips of white linen.

**Gus**

The cloth's Jesus had been wrapped in?

**Sir Praise-a-lot** (VFX: Scripture slide)

Yes! John stood at the door and looked inside, but when Peter arrived he went inside. Then, the Bible says, "Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed."

**Gus**

Of course, John believed because he had seen the empty tomb! I wish I could have seen that!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

But we have something even better; we can see Jesus!

**Gus**

But he rose again and went up to His throne in heaven. How can I see Him if He's not here?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

Who says He's not here?

**Gus**

Is this a trick question?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

No! King Jesus is here! He lives in the hearts of believers like you and me, everyday.

**Gus**

That's true...but...you still can't see Him!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

Oh, but you can! You can see Him in the Bible! You can see Him in the reports of His followers like Peter and John, Matthew, Mark, Luke...

**Gus**

And Mary!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

And Mary, and so many others! You can see Him in the miracles He has done!

**Gus**

And in the miracles He is still doing!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

Yes! You can see His fingerprints in every thing He created and you can see Him in the acts of kindness we do for one another!

**Gus**

Wow! No wonder the disciples and Mary ran so fast. They were excited to look for Jesus in all things. They believed He had risen even when they didn't see Him in the tomb?!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

They believed He had risen *because* they didn't see Him in the tomb.

**Gus**

And through faith we believe in Him even though we have not seen Him with our eyes.

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

But one day you will.

**Gus**

I will? I will see Jesus?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

All of us who follow Him will.

**Gus**

How do you know?

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

The Bible promises! Remember the verse we sing? "I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And I will see God. I myself will see Him with my own eyes."

**Gus**

Wow, kids! We're going to see God! Now I'm as excited as the disciples were to serve the King!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

We all are! Let's repeat our code!

**Both**

**Serving the King is the noblest thing!** (VFX: Closing Slide; SFX: Outro music)

**Gus**

So long, kids!

**Sir Praise-a-lot**

**Keep serving the Risen King!** (Both exit.)