



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 22

The King Ascends

Lesson Aim: To honor Jesus' final words
and to look forward to His return.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the highest place you have ever been?

GAME: Clouds Float Overhead

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO ROSE

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 47:5-7.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS ROSE UP THROUGH THE CLOUDS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus told His followers to make followers of all nations.

Today, we will learn how Jesus was taken up to heaven. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 1:8b-11; Revelation 22:20. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Acts 1:9. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS WILL COME BACK THROUGH THE CLOUDS

Who did Jesus promise to send to His followers? (The Holy Spirit.)
The Bible calls the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of Jesus." When the Holy Spirit is with us, it is as if Jesus is with us, even though we cannot see Him.

What is a witness? (Someone who tells others the truth about what they have seen.) **As His witnesses, what true things about Jesus can you share with others?** Challenge those who have learned the Apostles' Creed to share truths from that creed. **Jesus told them to be witnesses in their city (Jerusalem), their region (Judea), the nearby region where people had a different faith (Samaria), and to the ends of the earth.** Reread Acts 1:8b aloud and replace the words Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria with your local town, region, and a region with people who are considered very different from your own.

How do you think Jesus' followers felt as they saw Jesus go up into the clouds? Who do you think the two men in bright white clothing

were? (Possibly angels.) **Matthew and Luke describe angels as men who suddenly appeared in clothes as bright white as lightning. What did they say to Jesus' followers?** (Jesus would come back in the same way He went up.)

When did Jesus say He would return? (Soon.) **John reported these words of Jesus 2000 years ago. How does this show you that Jesus has a different sense of timing than we have?** (We think of "soon" in terms of days, Jesus thinks in terms of thousands of years.) **What was John's response?** ("Amen. Come Lord Jesus.") **Do you feel as ready as John did for Jesus to return? If not, why?**

Our Bible Memory Verse speaks of the day when Jesus will return. Volunteers recite Job 19:25, 27 from memory.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Have you ever looked into the clouds and wondered when Jesus will come back? Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God gave Daniel a vision of what it would look like when Jesus comes back. Daniel called Jesus "the Son of Man." Daniel called God the Father "the Ancient of Days." He used words like sovereign, dominion, and authority to describe the almighty ruling power of King Jesus. Reveal Daniel 7:13-14. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What do you think it will be like when Jesus comes back?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Mount of Olives photograph
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #22
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus rising up through the clouds
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Sweet Clouds

GAME: Cloud Search

CRAFT: Sun Catcher Cross

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Four Corners of the Earth, The Wave

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW