



# The King Ascends

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus is in heaven.

## THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Rose

## THE WORD

Bible Story: Acts 1:8b-11

What He has done: Jesus went to heaven.

## THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Look up."

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." John 21:17b

Unit 4: The King Who Rose			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
18	Jesus is Risen, John 20:1-18	Jesus came back to life.	To know the true meaning of Easter.
19	The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-18, 27-34	Jesus walked and talked with His friends.	To know Jesus showed His friends He was alive.
20	Jesus Talks with Peter, John 21:15-17	Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him.	To show Jesus we love Him by helping others.
21	The Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20	Jesus sent His followers to tell the world about Him.	To tell other people about Jesus.
22	The King Ascends, Acts 1:8b-11	Jesus went to heaven.	To know Jesus is in heaven.

## TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Philippians 3:17-21. Please join us in praying, "God, we eagerly await Your return and the promise of life forever with You. We worship You as Savior and King. Amen."



Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a cloud
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Look up."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	<b>Worship</b> Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	<b>Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse Song:</b> "Do You Love Me?" <b>Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions:</b> "Give Thanks to the Lord" "Here I Am, Send Me" "How Wide?" "It's Praise Time" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "We Love" "Sing Praises" <b>Additional Hymn Suggestions:</b> "Jesus Loves the Little Children" "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" <b>Additional Song Collection Suggestions:</b> Cedarment Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 4, Lesson 22
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Acts 1:8b-11	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Acts 1:9 Visual: Binoculars or "Jesus Goes to Heaven" craft sample
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Jesus Goes to Heaven	Blue or white cup, cotton balls, sturdy paper, label or paper, pipe cleaner (or string), glue, markers and crayons
		Game: Look Up	Pillow
		Game: Look Up to the Clouds	None
		Snack: Up in the Sky Sweets	Marshmallows
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 4, Lesson 22 Color This Story: "Jesus Was Taken Up to Heaven"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Acts 1:8b-11	None
	Up to 10	Game: Send Up Love	Lightweight or inflatable ball (draw hearts onto ball with red permanent marker), large sheet or tarp
	Up to 10	Game: "I Love You" Hopscotch	(11) 8-inch X 8-inch fabric squares (or floor tape)
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about how Jesus went up to heaven

**RESOURCES:** Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Look up

## THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello \_\_\_\_\_. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a cloud. **Let this cloud help you remember Jesus went up to heaven. You can look up to see which way Jesus went. Today's Whisper Verse is "Look up."** Teach Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.\***

### SIGN LANGUAGE: "Look up."

(For visual demonstrations, see [www.signingsavvy.com](http://www.signingsavvy.com).)

**Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:**

- "Look"** Make a letter "V" shape with the index and middle finger of the right hand. Place the "V" shape in front of both eyes and move hand forward away from face.
- "up."** Index finger on right hand points straight up.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!  
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

**\*Today's Whisper Verse:** "Look up," Job 35:5. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who rose

## THE WORSHIP

**Teacher Tip:** To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to that designated area.

**Teacher Tip:** When telling the children Jesus "rose to life" or "rose again," raise your palms upwards as you say "rose" to distinguish from the rose flower.

**It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the King who rose. After Jesus rose to life, He appeared to many friends. Then, He was taken up to heaven. Where is Jesus now? (Heaven.) One day, we will all look up and see Him coming back through the clouds. That's why today's Whisper Verse is "Look up." Who can say it with me?** Review Whisper Verse together: "Look up." Include sign language.



**Jesus promised while we wait for Him to come back, we would not be alone. He sent His Holy Spirit to be with us. He is here with us now and He loves to hear us pray and sing. Sing: "Sing Praises."**

**Let's praise Him with our money offering now.** Play: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" as background music while collecting the offering.



**Let's see how our friends Delbert and Lello are doing today.** Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 4, Lesson 22.



**Let's sing to Jesus now and tell Him we love Him.** Sing: "Do You Love Me?"

**On the day King Jesus comes back to earth through the clouds, He will take His followers to heaven. We will get to stand around His throne and praise Him! Let's imagine what that will be like as we praise Him now.** Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath."



Jesus is taken up to heaven

## THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;

My mouth quiet as can be,

I will listen to hear,

How God loves you and me.

Point to eyes.

Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.

Cup hand around ear.

Hug self, point to others and then self.

Last time, we heard how Jesus told His friends to tell the world about Him. Today, we will hear how Jesus was taken up to heaven. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 1:9.

### **WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 1:8b-11**

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold binoculars or the "Jesus Goes to Heaven" craft sample. Other visual options include Color This Story or any related picture.

- It was time for King Jesus to go to His throne.
- He did not plan to leave His followers alone.
- He promised His Holy Spirit to send;
- So He would be with us to the end.
  
- And then to His followers' surprise,
- He went up to heaven before their very eyes!
- They watched 'til He was hidden by a cloud,
- Then two men in white said this out loud:
  
- "Why do you look up today?
- Soon He'll come back in the very same way!"
- Nobody knows exactly when,
- But Jesus will come back again!

Jesus was taken up to heaven. Which way did Jesus go? (Up.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Look up." Include sign language or hand motions.



Who was hidden by a cloud when He was taken up to heaven? (Jesus.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Acts 1:9 from teacher's Bible.



Jesus is in heaven

## THE WAY

**Teacher Tip:** Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

### **CRAFT: JESUS GOES TO HEAVEN**

**Purpose:** To know Jesus was taken up to heaven.

**Supplies:** Blue or white cup, cotton balls, sturdy paper, label or paper, pipe cleaner (or string), glue, markers and crayons

**Prepare:** Draw and cut an outline of Jesus from sturdy paper. Punch a hole in the center of the bottom of the cup. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole until some of the pipe cleaner is showing on both ends. Holding the cup upside down, loop the end of the pipe cleaner that is above the cup. On a label or piece of paper, print: **"Look up." Acts 1:8b-11.**

#### **Directions:**

1. Color Jesus.
2. Attach label to cup.
3. Glue cotton balls onto outside of cup as clouds, being careful not to cover the words.
4. Tape Jesus to the end of the pipe cleaner which is hanging under the cup.
5. Pull pipe cleaner loop to raise Jesus into the cloud-covered cup.

#### **Craft Discussion:**

- **Who remembers the Whisper Verse?** ("Look up.") **Let's say it right now!** Say the Whisper Verse together with hand motions.
- **Jesus went up. Where did Jesus go?** (Heaven.) **Jesus' friends looked up and they saw Jesus go up to heaven.**
- **Look up to heaven to see where Jesus is.** Everyone looks up.
- **Let's show how Jesus was taken up to heaven.** Show children how to hold their cups with one hand and pull the pipe cleaner with the other hand so the Jesus figure goes up into heaven (the cup).

# THE WAY *continued...*

## **GAME: LOOK UP**

**Purpose:** Children will play a game to help them think about how Jesus went to heaven.

**Supplies:** Pillow

**Where did Jesus go?** (Up to heaven.) **Where does Jesus live now?** (In heaven.) **Let's pretend this pillow is a big fluffy cloud floating under Jesus in heaven. When you walk under the cloud, look up while you say and sign, "Look up."**

### **Directions:**

1. Choose two children to hold the pillow high between them. They should stand far enough apart so the other children can walk between them and under the pillow.
2. Have the children stand in a line.
3. Lead them to walk under the circle. As they pass under the pillow, they are to look up while they say and sign the Whisper Verse: **"Look up."**
4. After all the children have passed under the pillow, choose two more children to hold the pillow and play again.

## **GAME: LOOK UP TO THE CLOUDS**

**Purpose:** Children will look up at clouds to help them think about Jesus going up to heaven.

**Supplies:** None

**Teacher Tip:** If you cannot take your class outside, have the children lie on their backs in the classroom and close their eyes. Guide them in imagining clouds or place cloud pictures on the ceiling.

**Let's go outside and look up at the clouds. We can pretend we are watching Jesus go up to heaven.**

### **Directions:**

1. Lead the class outside.
2. Have the children lie on their backs, sit, or stand and look up to the sky.
  - **Pretend you see Jesus going up to heaven. What does Jesus look like?**
  - **Jesus is in heaven right now. Wave to Jesus in heaven.**
  - **Jesus is going to come back to earth. Pretend you see Jesus coming back down to earth. What do you want to do when you see Jesus?**
3. If you have time, let the children look for shapes in the clouds; such as animals, people, and objects.

# THE WAY *continued...*

## **SNACK: UP IN THE SKY SWEETS**

**Purpose:** Children will enjoy marshmallows to remind them of clouds as they discuss today's story.

**Snack Suggestion:** Marshmallows

### **Directions:**

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.  
**God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.**  
**Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.**
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
  - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "Look up."
  - **Jesus' friends looked up. Who did they see go up to heaven?** (Jesus.) **Clouds floated in front of Jesus when He went up. Let's eat marshmallows that look like little clouds.**
  - **Where is Jesus now?** (Heaven.)
  - **Who will come back to earth one day?** (Jesus.)
  - **You will get to see Jesus when He returns. What will you do when you see Him?**  
(Children respond.)



## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

## **FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

**COMPLETED CRAFT:** Take home your "Jesus Goes to Heaven" craft. Use it to show someone how Jesus disappeared into the clouds as He was taken up to heaven!

**PONDER, PRAY & PLAY:** Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how we know Jesus is in heaven.**

**COLOR THIS STORY:** "Jesus was taken up to heaven." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse Song "Do You Love Me?" as children color.





If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

## **GOT TIME?**

### **SAY & DO: ACTS 1:8b-11**

**Purpose:** This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the Bible Story details.

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **It was time for King Jesus to go to His throne.** (Point to the sky.)
- **He did not plan to leave His followers alone.** (Shake head "no.")
- **He promised His Holy Spirit to send;** (Point to sky.)
- **So He would be with us to the end.** (Place hands on heart.)
  
- **And then to His followers' surprise,** (Place hands on cheeks with look of surprise.)
- **He went up to heaven before their very eyes!** (Point to sky.)
- **They watched 'til He was hidden by a cloud** (Look up using hands as binoculars.)
- **Then two men in white said this out loud:** (Hold up two fingers.)
  
- **"Why do you look up today?** (Look up using hands as binoculars.)
- **Soon He'll come back in the very same way!"** (Point to sky.)
- **Nobody knows exactly when,** (Palms up and shrug shoulders.)
- **But Jesus will come back again!** (Point to sky.)



### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES**

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." John 21:17b

### **GAME: SEND UP LOVE**

**Purpose:** Children use the Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse to show Jesus they love Him.

**Supplies:** Lightweight or inflatable ball (draw hearts on ball with red permanent marker), large sheet or tarp

**Jesus loves you and me. He loves to hear you tell Him you love Him, too. Let's tell Jesus we love Him by saying our Bible Memory Verse. Repeat after me.** Say Bible Memory Verse pausing after each word to allow children to repeat each word. **Let's pretend this ball with hearts on it is our love for Jesus. We can send our love up to Jesus!**

**Directions:**

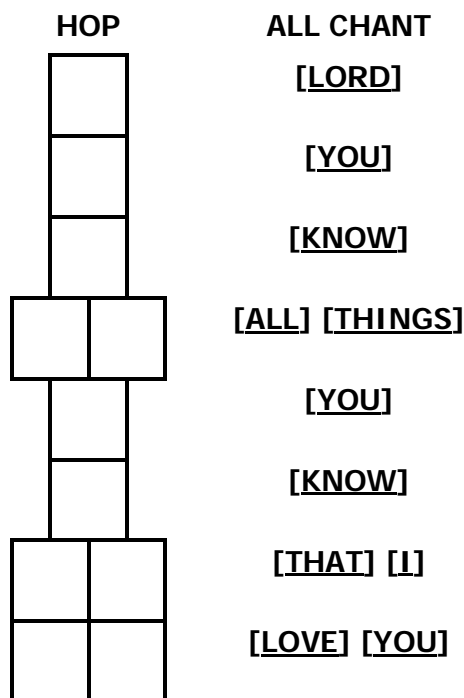
1. Spread sheet on the floor and have children gather around the edges.
2. Have children grasp the edges with both hands. Practice raising and lowering the sheet together.
3. Place the heart-covered ball in the middle of the sheet as the children raise and lower it.
4. Have children pretend they are sending Jesus their love as they bounce the ball on the sheet.

# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## GAME: "I LOVE YOU" HOPSCOTCH

**Purpose:** To help children memorize and review the Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** (11) 8-inch X 8-inch colorful fabric squares (or floor tape) placed on the floor in the shape below:



Jesus loves you. He came back to life on Easter to help you know He loves you. He wants you to tell Him you love Him, too. Our Bible Memory Verse says "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Let's all say the verse together as we clap one time for each word. Now let's have one "hopper" jump on the squares as we say each word.

### Directions:

1. Choose one child as volunteer a "hopper."
2. Children chant "Lord" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the first square.
3. Children chant "You" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the next square.
4. Children chant "know" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the next square.
5. Continue with chanting one word at a time of the Bible Memory Verse: **"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."** Let each child that wants to be the hopper have a turn as all of the children repeat the chant and clap.



## STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about how Jesus was taken up to heaven.

# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## **PONDER, PRAY & PLAY**

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**PONDER!** Read Acts 1:8b-11 with your family. Talk about how Jesus was taken up to heaven. His friends looked up and saw Jesus go into the clouds. He is in heaven right now. Jesus promised He will come back to earth. You can look up and think about Jesus in heaven.

**PRAY!** Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, we look up to heaven and think about You. Thank You for the promise that You will come back again. Amen."

**PLAY!** Pretend you are watching Jesus as He was taken up to heaven. Go outside with your family, sit or lie down on the ground, and look up at the clouds. Pretend you were with Jesus when He went up to heaven. What do you think you would have seen?

**Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse:** John 21:17b

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."