



**Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 22**

The King Ascends
Acts 1:8b-11

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.

Plot: Sir Praisealot finally knights Gus. But Gus must tell him that He is leaving to spread God's Word with Robespierre. Sir Praisealot encourages him and tells him about the instructions Jesus gave His followers before going up to heaven. We learn that Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to guide us where the Lord leads.

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

Props: Sword, stick horse, dragon puppet, Bible, medal, 3 signs that read Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, globe.

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. Trumpet fanfare
4. Heavenly choir singing "Ahs"
5. 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.
6. "So Long, Farewell" from Sound of Music, or other popular farewell song

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: After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Acts 1:9
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)

Gus (enters through audience)

Tally ho! Tally ho! Come Duncan, to the castle we ride! Hello children, good morrow to you! It is I, Squire Gus. (Bows) Sir Praisealot has summoned me to the castle but, I do not know why. (SFX: Trumpet fanfare)

Sir Praisealot (enters at castle)

Greetings to you, Squire Goofus! Today is the most momentous day in your career. Kneel and receive your blessing!
(Sir Praisealot puts medal on Gus)
(SFX: Heavenly ahs)

Gus

No, Sir Praisealot, that is your medal.

Sir Praisealot

Speak not! You have earned it. Squire Goofus the Gallant, I, Sir Praisealot present you with the Royal Medal of Nobility and I dub thee Sir Goofus, the Good! Knight in the service to His Majesty, King Jesus! Rise, Sir Goofus and accept your sword!

Gus

I can't accept this! I don't understand... you're giving me your sword?!

Sir Praisealot

I am passing on a most valuable weapon to a most worthy student! Today, you have become a knight of the Realm!

Gus

But...how? I have been spending so much time teaching Robespierre that I've barely had time to study.

Praisealot

Don't you see, Gus? You have put your own needs aside so that you could serve Robespierre. A true knight is he who serves God and others first!

Gus

Sir Praisealot, I...don't know what to say.

Sir Praisealot

Say what I always say!

Both

Praise God!

Gus

Sir Praisealot, I'm afraid I have some bad news.

Praisealot

I know.

Gus

I must leave the Kingdom.

Praisealot

Yes. I always knew this day would come.

Gus

It's just that Robespierre asked me to go back to his homeland with him and I really feel like God is telling me to go.

Praisealot

Then you should go!

Gus

Try to understand, sir. I know I promised to serve here under you but...wait a moment...did you say I should go?

Praisealot

Of course, if you sense God calling you, who am I to stand in His way?

Gus

Well thank you, sir, I just wish I knew for sure what God wants me to do.

Praisealot

Why don't we find out? Let us get God's Word right now! (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords")

Praisealot

Ah, listen to this part: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Gus

I still don't understand. Is the Bible saying to go to strange places I never heard of?

Praisealot

Jesus was teaching His disciples to carry His message of love wherever He might send them. I'll try to explain. Would you hold this banner? (Hand Jerusalem banner to Gus) Now, Jerusalem was the city they lived in.

Gus

I see, so that's kind of like the people in our own kingdom or neighborhood?

Praisealot

Exactly! Would you two stand and hold this, please? (Give Judea sign to two children in front row) Judea was the state that the city of Jerusalem was found in. That's like the far parts of our Kingdom! Now, I need two volunteers to represent Samaria. (Hand Samaria sign to two volunteers from the middle of the crowd)

Gus

So, Samaria was a kingdom that was even farther away.

Praisealot (Praisealot holds globe at back of room) Yes and last but not least, can you guess what this globe stands for?

Gus

Ooh, I know! I know! That is the ends of the earth! So, what you're saying is that when Robespierre and I leave to spread the Good News, we have to be ready to take the love of Jesus...

Praisealot

***Wherever* the Lord leads you! Jesus could lead us right here in our own kingdom! Or nearby into Judea!**

Gus

Or a little further into Samaria or even...

Both

To the ends of the earth! (Collect signs.)

Gus

Thank you all for teaching me that I can trust the Lord to show us where to go!

Praisealot (SFX: Scripture slide)

Now listen to this part: *After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.*

Gus

What does that mean? Jesus went back to be with His Father in heaven? But I thought He promised to guide us!

Praisealot

He did. Jesus promised to send a helper who would come alongside of us to give us power. We call that helper the Holy Spirit!

Gus

Cool, and now Jesus is high above us where He belongs! And we can give Jesus the highest place in our lives, as well, by worshipping Him and praying to Him and giving Him all the glory He deserves.

Praisealot

Amen! And it never has to end. Even after we get to heaven, we'll be with Jesus where, we can praise Him, lift Him up and serve Him forever, if we'll just follow!

Gus

Then you're not angry with me, teacher?

Praisealot

**Angry with you! For doing God's will?
Never! I'm proud of you for trusting God to
guide your path. When do you leave?**

Gus

**Actually, Robespierre is waiting for me at
the crossroads.**

Praisealot

**Then I shall go with you to meet him and
pray with you both before you leave on
your mission!**

Gus

**It will be an honor to ride with you, my
teacher!**

Praisealot

**No, we shall ride as friends! Two knights
serving the King in two different places.
And what will you teach the people you
meet?**

Gus

**Why the Kingdom Code that you taught
us, of course! Let's say it together kids!**

Both

**Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX:
Closing Slide) (SFX: "So Long, Farewell" from
Sound of Music)**

Praisealot

Come Shadow, we ride...

Both (to children)

**So long, Farewell, auf Wiedersehen,
Goodbye! Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye...
(They exit)**