



# **The King Ascends**

**Acts 1:8b-11**

**Gus and Duncan rode softly into the garden toward the courtyard where Sir Praisealot had summoned him. He was surprised to find all of the princes, princesses, lords and ladies of the kingdom surrounding the flagstone courtyard. Sir Praisealot stood in the center waiting. Gus dismounted and walked to meet his teacher.**

**"Hail Squire Goofus," the knight greeted him. "Today is the most important day in your career. Kneel and receive your blessing. Princess Jessica, the medal, please!"**

**The lovely Princess Jessica opened a thin box with a carved wooden lid. She carefully handed Sir Praisealot a gold medal with red and green jewels hung from a braided golden chain. The bold knight began to drape the medal over the neck of Squire Gus but Gus stopped him.**

**"No, Sir Praisealot," Gus objected, "that is your medal!"**

**"Speak not! You have earned it," Sir Praisealot insisted. "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!"**

**Once again Gus looked confused, "I can't accept this! I don't understand..." he stumbled, "you're giving me your sword?"**

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

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

**"Don't you see, Sir 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!"**

**"Sir Praisealot," said Gus "I...don't know what to say."**

**"Say what I always say!" answered the knight.**

**"Praise God!" the two knights shouted together.**

**The newly knighted Sir Goofus was filled with joy... for a moment... and then he remembered... "Sir Praisealot," said Gus, "I'm afraid I have some bad news. I must leave the kingdom."**

**"Yes. I always knew this day would come," said Sir Praisealot.**

**"It's just that Robespierre asked me to go back to his home land with Him and I really feel like God is telling me to go."**

**"Then you should go!" the older knight replied.**

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

**"Of course," Sir Praisealot said, "if you sense God calling you, who am I to stand in His way?"**

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

**"I know a way we can find out. Let us get God's Word." He carefully removed the Bible from its window and opened the Bible to Acts 1 and read, "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."**

**"I still don't understand," said Gus. "Is the Bible saying to go to strange places I never heard of?"**

**"Jesus was teaching His disciples to carry His message of love wherever He might send them." Sir Praisealot explained, "I'll try to demonstrate. Do you see Princess Jessica here? Let us pretend that she is in the center of Jerusalem. That was the city where the disciples lived."**

**Gus tipped his head to the side and thought for a moment. "So that's kind of like the people in our kingdom or neighborhood?"**

**"Exactly!" He pointed to a young knight standing just a few yards away. "Then there was Judea. Judea was the state that the city of Jerusalem was found in. So let's pretend that Sir Harry here represents Judea."**

**"Oh, so Judea is like the far parts of the kingdom!" Gus shouted.**

**"Yes! Now, let's say that where Duncan is tied up over there represents Samaria."**

**"I see! I see! Samaria was a kingdom that was even farther away."**

**"Yes," Sir Praisealot agreed. "And, last but not least, can you guess what everything beyond the garden fence stands for?"**

**"I know! I know!" Gus squealed. "It's 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...wherever the Lord leads us! Jesus might lead us right here in our own kingdom! Or nearby into Judea!"**

**Sir Praisealot nodded, "Or a little further into Samaria or even..."**

**"To the ends of the earth!" the two knights finished together.**

**"That's wonderful!" Gus said, "Thank you for teaching me. But, there is one other Bible passage that confused me a bit. Gus read from the Bible again, "*After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.*" What does that mean? Where did Jesus go? Did He go back to be with His Father in heaven? But I thought he promised to guide us!"**

**"Oh, yes! 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!"**

**"And now Jesus is high above us where He belongs!" Gus added, "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."**

**"Amen!" shouted the Senior knight, "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!"**

**"Then you're not angry with me, teacher?"**

**"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?"**

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

**"Then we shall all go with you to meet him and pray with you both before you leave on your mission!" said Sir Praisealot. "We shall ride as friends! Two knights serving the King in two different places. And you must teach our Kingdom Code to people you meet. Let's say it together! Serving the King is the noblest thing!"**

**The two fellow knights rode off together to pray that God's will be done.**