



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 what happened when Jesus was taken up to heaven. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 1:8b-11, 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.) **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.) **All who follow Jesus are His witnesses. As His witnesses, what true things about Jesus can you share with others? 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.

Why do you think Jesus' followers kept staring up at the sky after He rose above the clouds? (They may have hoped He was coming right back down.) **How do you think they felt as they saw Jesus go up into the clouds?** (Sad, amazed, afraid, excited, etc.)

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.)

Our Bible Memory Verse speaks of the day when Jesus will return. Can anyone say it from memory? Play Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse Song or recite it together as children imagine that day.

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 through the clouds?

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Mount of Olives photograph
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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