



# Daniel's Dream About Heaven

**Lesson Aim:** To know we will see Jesus coming with the clouds one day.

## THE WORSHIP

**Who God Is:** The God Who Is Lord of All

## THE WORD

**Bible Story:** Daniel 7:1, 13-14

**What He Has Done:** God gave Daniel a dream about Jesus' return.

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6

Unit 9: The Prophets and God's Sovereignty			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
43	Ezekiel and the Sheep, Ezekiel 34:6, 11-15, 31	God showed Ezekiel that we are like sheep and He is the shepherd.	To know God will care for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.
44	Ezekiel and the River, Ezekiel 47:1-12	God gave Ezekiel a vision of a river flowing out of the temple.	To know life and growth come from God.
45	Daniel's Friends and the Fiery Furnace, Daniel 3:12-21, 24-28	God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the furnace.	To know God is with you wherever you go.
46	Daniel and the Lions' Den, Daniel 6:14-23, 25-27	God kept Daniel safe from the lions.	To know God keeps us safe.
47	Daniel's Dream About Heaven, Daniel 7:1, 13-14	God gave Daniel a dream about Jesus' return.	To know we will see Jesus coming with the clouds one day.

## TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for the promise of Your return. Help us worship You wholeheartedly in the way we use our time and money so we can truly look forward to Your return. Amen."

## TEACHER'S TIP

Young children live in the moment. It may be difficult for them to understand promises of things to happen in the future. Discuss the concepts of past, present, and future by having children help you think of events that have happened in the present, things that are happening in the present, and what they want or expect to happen in the near future. Let them know they can trust God to keep His promises of things to come.



# THE WORSHIP THE WORD & THE WAY

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	<b>Welcome</b>	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a cloud
		<b>Coloring Center:</b> Jesus Will Come	Coloring pages of Jesus with the clouds, crayons
		<b>Play-Dough Center:</b> Heaven	Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools
		<b>Block Center:</b> Time for Bed	Blocks
		<b>Bible Memory Verse Center:</b> Bubbling Praise	Bubbles, Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song "Let Everything That Has Breath"
	Up to 5	<b>Prepare for Worship</b>	None
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	<b>Worship</b> Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Praise music, optional: musical instruments <b>Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song:</b> "Let Everything That Has Breath" <b>Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions:</b> "Be Still and Know" "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "Give Thanks to the Lord" "He Is Mighty to Save" "I Lift Up My Eyes" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "Sing Praises" "The Lord Is Faithful"
		<b>Offering</b>	Baskets
		<b>Worship Illustration</b>	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 9, Lesson 47
THE WORD	Up to 10	<b>Watch the Word:</b> Daniel 7:1, 13-14	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Daniel 7:14 Visuals: Picture of the Bible story, pillow
THE WAY	Up to 25	<b>Craft:</b> "Jesus Is Coming" Door Hanger	Sturdy paper, cotton balls, tape or glue, 3 stickers of human faces (preferably with mouths open, as if singing), crayons or markers
		<b>Game:</b> Jesus Is Coming	None, optional: Large sheet or blanket, pillows
		<b>Game:</b> Clouds of Bubbles	Bubble solution, bubble wand
		<b>Snack:</b> Fluffy Clouds	Marshmallows or cotton candy
	Final 5	<b>Final Five</b>	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 9, Lesson 47
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	<b>Say &amp; Do:</b> Daniel 7:1, 13-14	None
	Up to 10	<b>Game:</b> Praise Balloon	Balloon
	Up to 10	<b>Game:</b> Instrument Praise	Children's musical instruments, Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song "Let Everything That Has Breath"
	Up to 10	<b>Story Time</b>	Any story about heaven

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



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# THE WELCOME

## 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 stamp (or sticker) of a cloud help you remember that one day we will be with Jesus in the clouds.**

**Teacher's Note:** These activity centers are designed to reinforce the lesson through hands-on learning experiences either individually or in small groups with the guidance of the teacher. Choose the Bible Activity Centers that best suit the children in your class. Set up the activity centers around the room before children arrive. Allow children to move freely among them.

## COLORING CENTER: JESUS WILL COME

### **SUPPLIES**

Coloring pages of Jesus with the clouds, crayons

### **DO**

Children color the picture while talking about today's story.

### **TALK ABOUT**

**The Bible promises that one day Jesus will come back with the clouds. Do you think God will keep that promise? (Yes.) Does God keep all His promises? (Yes.)**

## PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: HEAVEN

### **SUPPLIES**

Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools

### **DO**

Children play with the play-dough while talking about heaven. Encourage children to make things they think they might see in heaven with the play-dough.

### **TALK ABOUT**

**Where does Jesus live? (In heaven.) What do you think you would see in heaven? (Children respond.) Can you make something you might see in heaven with the play-dough?**

# THE WELCOME *continued...*

## **BLOCK CENTER: TIME FOR BED**

### **SUPPLIES**

Blocks

### **DO**

Children build their house or their bedroom while taking about bedtime and the Bible story.

### **TALK ABOUT**

**Can you build your house or your bedroom out of the blocks?** Children begin to build. **What do you do to get ready for bed?** (Change into pajamas, brush my teeth, listen to a story, say my prayers, etc.) **Our Bible story is about a dream Daniel had after he went to bed. God gave Daniel the dream so he could tell people Jesus would return some day.**

## **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CENTER: BUBBLING PRAISE**

### **SUPPLIES**

Bubbles, Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song "Let Everything That Has Breath"

### **DO**

Play the Bible Memory Verse Song and blow bubbles for the children to keep in the air with their breath.

### **TALK ABOUT**

**Our Bible Memory Verse says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Remember, "Lord" is one of God's special names. The Lord wants everything that breathes to praise Him. Let's feel ourselves breathing. Put your hands on your stomach as you breathe in and out. We can also use our breath to keep bubbles in the air.** Demonstrate by blowing bubbles and keeping them in the air by blowing on them. **Let's listen to our Bible Memory Verse Song as we play.** Encourage the children to blow on the bubbles you make.

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## **PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**It's time for Praise Time. Let's sing a "Clean Up Song" as we put things away.** Praise children as they help clean.

**Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!  
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SIGN LANGUAGE**

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

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<b>Psalms 150:6</b>	Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

Adding sign language or motions to the Bible Memory Verse helps children recall what they are learning.



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# THE WORSHIP

**Supplies:** Praise music, optional: musical instruments

**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 "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" as children move to that designated area.



**Before we begin Praise Time, let's talk to God through prayer.** Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, We praise You as the Lord of all and thank You that You care for everything in heaven and on earth. Amen.**



**In today's story, we will hear that Daniel had a dream about Jesus coming with the clouds. On that day, He will take us to heaven where we will be with Him forever.** Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."

**As we give our offering today, let's give thanks to God for all He has given us. Let's thank Him for the way He keeps His promises.** Sing: "Give Thanks to the Lord" while collecting the offering.



**Let's see if our friends Delbert and Lello know anything about Daniel's dream.** Perform The Adventures of Delbert and Lello puppet script or read storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 9, Lesson 47.



**In Daniel's dream, we see that when Jesus comes, everyone will praise Him. That's like our Bible verse, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Let's say it together with the motions.**

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**Let's praise Jesus as Lord of All right now.** Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath."



Daniel dreams about Jesus' return

## THE WORD

**Supplies:** Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Daniel 7:14, picture of the Bible story, pillow

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

<b>With my eyes on my teacher;</b>	Point to eyes.
<b>My mouth quiet as can be,</b>	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
<b>I will listen to hear,</b>	Cup hand around ear.
<b>How God loves you and me.</b>	Hug self, point to others, and then self.

**Let's reach deep in our pockets and pull out our listening ears.** Reach in your pocket and cup your hands behind your ears as if listening.

Hold a pillow in your hand or on your lap. Yawn. Stretch. **Is it time to take a nap?** (Children respond.) **No? Are you sure?** (Children respond.) **But, I brought my pillow.** (Children respond.) **Then, what is it time for?** (Time to hear a Bible story.) **You know what? My pillow reminds me of a Bible story. It's a story about Daniel. One night, he had a dream. Do you ever have dreams?** (Children respond.) **Daniel had a very special dream from God. Let's find out what it was.** Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Daniel 7:14.



### **WATCH THE WORD: DANIEL 7:1, 13-14**

Read the story below or retell the passage in your own words. To illustrate the story, show a picture of the Bible story from a children's Bible, the coloring page, or other source.

- **Daniel had a dream one night,**
- **As he lay in his bed.**
- **Daniel wrote down what he saw.**
- **This is what he said:**
  
- **"Jesus was coming with the clouds.**
- **I saw this in my dream.**
- **He was led to God the Father,**
- **Who made Him King of everything.**
  
- **"All people from every land,**
- **Came and worshiped Him.**
- **He was in charge of everything.**
- **His kingdom will never end."**

**Jesus is coming back. What will we see with Jesus?** (The clouds.) **To worship Jesus means to show Jesus we love Him. Who was worshiping Jesus in Daniel's dream?** (All people.)



Jesus will return

## 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 IS COMING" DOOR HANGER**

**Purpose:** To remind the children that God gave Daniel a dream about Jesus' return.

**Supplies:** Sturdy paper, cotton balls, tape or glue, 3 stickers of human faces (preferably with mouths open, as if singing), crayons or markers

**Prepare:** From sturdy paper, cut a 5-inch x 11-inch rectangle. About 4-inches from the top, cut a cloud-shaped opening which is large enough to fit over a door handle. Below the opening, print:

**Jesus Is Coming with the Clouds**

**Daniel 7:1, 13-14**

Print and cut out a picture of Jesus which will fit above the opening.

**Optional:** Instead of face stickers, cut skin-colored circles from sturdy paper and have children draw faces on the circles or print a picture of children singing for children to attach to the door hanger.

#### **Directions:**

1. Stretch cotton balls for fluffy clouds. Glue the cotton clouds around the door handle opening.
2. Glue the picture of Jesus above the clouds.
3. Attach a face sticker on the bottom of the door hanger. Tell children to pretend the sticker is them. Have them point to the sticker and say, **"I love Jesus!"**
4. Attach the other two face stickers. Tell children to pretend these stickers are people they love. For each sticker, say, **"Name of family member or friend loves Jesus!"**

#### **Craft Discussion:**

- **Who had a dream in our story?** (Daniel.)
- **Who was in Daniel's dream?** (Jesus.)
- **Where was Jesus?** (In the clouds of heaven.)
- **To worship Jesus is to show Him we love Him. Who was worshiping Jesus?** (All the people.)
- **Hang this on a door handle at home. Whenever you see it, think of all the people who will show their love to Jesus when He comes back with the clouds.**

# THE WAY *continued...*

## **GAME: JESUS IS COMING**

**Purpose:** Children will remember Jesus' return through the clouds.

**Supplies:** None, optional: Large sheet or blanket, pillows

**The Bible promises that one day Jesus will come back with the clouds. Let's pretend we are there on that day. When I say, "I see Jesus," together we will jump up and say, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds!"**

### **Directions:**

1. Have the children sit on the floor. Optional: Spread the sheet on the floor. Place pillows on the sheet. Have children lie on their backs on the sheet.
2. Ask the children to pretend they are looking at the sky.
3. Say, **"I see Jesus."** Lead the children in jumping up and saying, **"Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds."**
4. **This time, let's whisper "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds."** Whisper, **"I see Jesus."** Lead the children in jumping up and whispering, **"Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds."**
5. Repeat step 4 but choose different ways of saying the phrase such as:
  - **Let's use our loud voices as we say, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds."**
  - **Let's sing, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds."**
  - **Let's use low voices as we say, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds."**
  - **Let's use high squeaky voices as we say, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds."**
  - **Let's say, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds," as slowly as we can.**
  - **Let's say, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds," as quickly as we can.**
  - **Together, let's say, "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds," one more time.**

## **GAME: CLOUDS OF BUBBLES**

**Purpose:** Children will worship Jesus like the people in Daniel's dream.

**Supplies:** Bubble solution, bubble wand

**To worship Jesus is to show Him we love Him. In Daniel's dream, who worshiped Jesus? (All the people.) All the people in the world showed Jesus they loved Him. We can do that today by telling Him we love Him.**

### **Directions:**

1. **Let's pretend the bubbles are clouds.** Show children how to blow bubbles.
2. **Jesus will come with the clouds. Let's tell Jesus we love Him.**
3. Give each child a turn to say, **"I love you, Jesus!"** before blowing bubbles.
4. Play until each child has a turn or as long as you like.



# THE WAY *continued...*

## **SNACK: FLUFFY CLOUDS**

**Purpose:** Children will eat a cloud shaped snack while discussing Jesus' return with the clouds.

**Snack Suggestion:** Marshmallows or cotton candy

### **Directions:**

1. Serve the snacks and drinks.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or another 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. Pray. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
  - **Our snack looks like the clouds in Daniel's dream. Let's eat our fluffy clouds.**
  - **Daniel had a dream. What have you dreamed about?** Children share dreams.
  - **Where does Jesus live right now?** (In heaven.)
  - **Daniel dreamed Jesus will come back with the clouds. One day, His dream will come true and we will all get to see Jesus!**
  - **What do you think it will be like to live in heaven?** (Children respond.)



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

## **FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

Gather children in a circle sitting or standing and practice the words and motions.

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### **PRAY**

**Let's pray together.** Say a closing prayer with the children.

### **PLAY**

Allow children to play with selected toys or centers or choose a book to read to them.

### **DISMISSAL**

Have children take home their coloring page, craft, and a copy of the Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

## **GOT TIME?**

### **SAY & DO: DANIEL 7:1, 13-14**

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

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and leads the children in doing the hand motions.

- **Daniel had a dream one night,** (Close eyes.)
- **As he lay in his bed.** (Rest cheek on folded hands, as if sleeping.)
- **Daniel wrote down what he saw.** (Pretend to write a note on your palm.)
- **This is what Daniel said:** (Present your palm facing up, as if showing the note.)
  
- **"Jesus was coming with the clouds.** (Point to heaven.)
- **I saw this in my dream.** (Point to eyes.)
- **He was led to God the Father,** (Point to heaven.)
- **Who made Him King of everything.** (Use hands to make a crown shape on the head.)
  
- **"All people from every land,** (Point in many directions.)
- **Came and worshiped Him.** (Raise hands to praise Jesus.)
- **He was in charge of everything.** (Point in all directions.)
- **His kingdom will never end."** (Shake head no.)



### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES**

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6

### **GAME: PRAISE BALLOON**

**Purpose:** To help children memorize and review the Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** Balloon

**Hold your hand in front of your mouth and blow on it. Do you feel your breath?** (Yes!) **We can use our breath to put air into balloons.** Inflate a balloon with your breath and knot it closed. The children can pretend to blow up imaginary balloons as they watch you. **We can also use our breath to praise the Lord. Lord is a special name we use for God. When I toss the balloon toward you, I want you to bop it (or catch it) and say, "I praise the Lord."**

**Directions:**

1. Have children stand in a circle.
2. Choose a child. As you toss the balloon toward the child, say **"Let name of child praise the Lord."**
3. When the child bops or catches the balloon, lead them in saying, **"I praise the Lord."**
4. Play until every child has had a turn.

# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## GAME: INSTRUMENT PRAISE

**Purpose:** Children learn and practice the meaning of the Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** Children's musical instruments, Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song "Let Everything That Has Breath"

**Teacher Tips:** Create your own instruments by using two metal pot lids for cymbals, a wooden spoon and metal pot for a drum, or fill a container with a lid with dried beans or rice for a shaker. Children can also keep the rhythm by tapping two sticks together. **No Instruments Option:** Instead of using instruments, assign each child a different animal. Lead children in praising the Lord with the sound of each animal: **Let every name of an animal that has breath praise the Lord.** Children respond by making the sound of that animal.

**The Lord wants everyone in the world to praise Him. Can you praise the Lord?** (Children respond.)  
**When you hear the name of your instrument, play it to praise the Lord.**

### Directions:

1. Children repeat the Bible Memory Verse after you, one word at a time.
2. Give an instrument to each child. Be sure children know the name of the instruments.
3. **All that have name of an instrument praise the Lord.** Children with that instrument play.
4. Repeat step 3 until each child has played an instrument to praise the Lord.
5. Play the Unit 9 Bible Memory verse Song. Have the children praise the Lord together by marching and playing their instruments while they sing along.



## 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 heaven.

### PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 9, Lesson 47: Daniel's Dream About Heaven

**PONDER!** God gave Daniel a dream about the day Jesus would come back (Daniel 7:1, 13-14). What will we see with Jesus? (The clouds.) Who was worshiping Jesus in Daniel's dream? (All people.)

**PRAY!** Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, we can't wait to see You come back through the clouds. We worship You now because we love You. Amen."

**PLAY!** Look at the Clouds! Go outside during the day. Spread a blanket on the ground. Lie down and look up at the clouds. Imagine seeing Jesus coming with the clouds. Tell Jesus how much you love Him!

### BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

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