



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.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Look, He is coming with the clouds."

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."



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, He is coming with the clouds."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Let Everything That Has Breath" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Be Still and Know" "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "Give Thanks to the Lord" "He Is Mighty to Save" "I Am with You" "Love One Another" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "The Lord Is Faithful" "We Love"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 9, Lesson 47
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Daniel 7:1, 13-14	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Daniel 7:14 Visual: Pillow
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: "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
		Game: Look Who's Coming	Large sheet or blanket, pillows
		Game: Clouds of Bubbles	Bubble solution, bubble wands
		Snack: Fluffy Clouds	Marshmallows or cotton candy
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 9, Lesson 47 Color This Story: "Jesus Is Coming with the Clouds"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Daniel 7:1, 13-14	None
	Up to 10	Game: Praise Balloon Bop	Balloon
	Up to 10	Game: Instrument Praise	Assorted children's musical instruments, Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song "Let Everything That Has Breath"
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about heaven

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Look, He is coming with the clouds

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 stamp (or sticker) of a cloud help you remember that one day we will be with Jesus in the clouds. Today's Whisper Verse is "Look, He is coming with the clouds."** Teach the 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, He is coming with the clouds."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

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

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| "Look" | Extend the index and middle finger of the right hand to create a "V" shape. Gently tap the index finger of the "V" shape at the corner of the right eye and then move the "V" hand shape forward from the face. |
| "He (is coming)" | The middle finger of one hand touches the middle of the palm of the other hand, then the same is repeated using the middle finger of the other hand. This action indicates the wounds in Jesus' hands after He was nailed to the cross. |
| "(with the) clouds." | Spread the fingers of each hand and curl fingers slightly to indicate the shape of a rounded cloud. Place the right hand above the left hand and rotate hands in alternating circles in front of the face. |

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, He is coming with the clouds," Revelation 1:7. 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.



The God who is Lord of all

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

It’s Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who is Lord of all. That means He is the one in control of everything in heaven and on earth. He is Lord over the sky and the clouds.

In today’s story Daniel had a dream about Jesus coming with the clouds. That reminds me of today’s Whisper Verse, “Look, He is coming with the clouds.” Let’s try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: “Look, He is coming with the clouds.” Include sign language.



The Bible promises that one day Jesus will come back with the clouds. Do you think God will keep that promise? (Yes.) Let’s sing the Bible Memory Verse Song that answers that question with words from the Bible. Sing: “The Lord Is Faithful.”

One day Jesus will come with the clouds to save all who believe in Him. He will take us to heaven where He’ll be with us 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 back with the clouds, all the people in all the lands will praise Jesus as the Lord. Sing: “Let Everything That Has Breath.”



Daniel dreams about Jesus' return

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 learned God saved Daniel from the lions' den. Today, we will hear how God gave Daniel a dream about Jesus. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Daniel 7:14.

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

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, display a pillow. Other visual options include the craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- **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 worshipped Him.**
- **He was in charge of everything.**
- **His kingdom will never end."**

Jesus is coming back. What will we see with Jesus when He is coming back? (The clouds.) Our **Whisper Verse** tells us the answer. Let's say it together: **"Look, He is coming with the clouds."** Include the sign language or hand motions.



To worship Jesus means to show Him we love Him. Who was worshiping Jesus in Daniel's dream? (All people.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Daniel 7:14 from the teacher's Bible.



Jesus will come back

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.

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 their faces are on the sticker. Have them point to the sticker and say, **"I love Jesus!"**
4. Attach the other two face stickers. Tell children to pretend they 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.)
- **That's like our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with our motions right now!** Say the Whisper Verse together with the hand motions.
- **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: LOOK WHO'S COMING

Purpose: Children will imagine Jesus' return through the clouds.

Supplies: Large sheet or blanket, pillows

Who had a dream in today's story? (Daniel.) Who did Daniel see coming with the clouds? (Jesus.) Jesus was coming back to earth from heaven.

Directions:

1. If possible, go outside for this activity. If you are unable to go outside, ask children to pretend they are looking at the sky. Tape cloud pictures to the ceiling or hang fluffy pillow stuffing over their heads.
2. Spread the sheet on the ground (or floor). Place pillows on the sheet.
3. Have children lie on their backs on the sheet.
4. Encourage children to look up at the clouds.
5. Ask them to imagine Jesus coming with the clouds.
6. Say and sign the Whisper Verse together: **"Look, He is coming with the clouds."**
7. **What do you think it will look like to see Jesus coming with the clouds?** (Children respond.) **How would you feel if you looked up and saw Him coming with the clouds?** (Children respond.)

GAME: CLOUDS OF BUBBLES

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

Supplies: Bubble solution, bubble wands

Teacher Tips: Do this activity outside or protect the indoor play area from spills. If store bought bubbles are not available, mix approximately 2/3 cup baby shampoo or dish washing liquid and 1 gallon of water. Twist thin gauge wire into circles with handles to make wands. Cover any sharp ends with tape. Dip the wire circles into solution and blow bubbles. Change the ratio of soap to water as needed.

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. Children say and sign the Whisper Verse, **"Look, He is coming with the clouds."**
3. **Let's tell Jesus we love Him.**
4. Each child says, **"I love you, Jesus!"** before taking a turn blowing bubbles.
5. 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 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.
 - **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.)
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate the motions to the Whisper Verse: "Look, He is coming with the clouds."
 - **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.)



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 Is Coming Door Hanger" craft. Tell someone Daniel dreamed of Jesus coming back with the clouds.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family.** Talk about what it will be like for your family to see Jesus coming with the clouds one day.

COLOR THIS STORY: "Jesus Coming with the Clouds." Discuss the Bible story and play the Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Let Everything That Has Breath," as the children color.



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 acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **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 worshipped 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 BOP

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

Supplies: Balloon

The Lord wants everything that breathes to praise Him. Every animal has breath. Let's see how many animals we can name. Children name several animals. **Let's play a game with this balloon. Each time you bop the ballon, say the name of an animal who can praise the Lord!**

Directions:

1. Have children stand in a circle.
2. **We can use our breath to put air into balloons.** Inflate the balloon with your breath. Knot the end as a seal. The children can pretend to blow up imaginary balloons as they watch you.
3. As you toss the balloon into the air, say the Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse.
4. Children take turns bopping the balloon as they say the name of an animal that has breath to praise the Lord.
5. Play as long as you like.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: INSTRUMENT PRAISE

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

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

Teacher's 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 hit two sticks together and keep the rhythm. **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! Read Daniel 7:1, 13-14 with your family. Who had a dream? The Son of Man is one of Jesus' names. When Jesus comes back with the clouds, everyone will worship Him. To worship Jesus is to show Him how much we love Him. How can you show your love to Jesus today?

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 with your family during the day. Spread a blanket on the ground. Lie down and look up at the clouds. Imagine seeing Jesus coming with the clouds. Talk about what you look forward to seeing, hearing, and feeling on that day.

Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse:

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