

# THE PERSON AND LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson Sixteen

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Scripture reading: Luke 24:51; Matt. 26:64; Acts 2:36; 4:12; Eph. 1:22; Phil. 2:9

#### Burden to Impart:

*The children should be impressed that the Lord Jesus ascended to the highest position and authority in the universe. He is above all things, all persons, and every name that is named. He is Lord of all. All things, kings, principalities, powers, demons, and evil spirits (including the Devil) are beneath His feet. Today in the highest heavens, seated in the highest position of honor and authority, at the right hand of God, He is ruling over the whole universe. Especially, He is working in the lives of all of His chosen ones to lead them to salvation and to build them up together in His Body, the church.*

Memory Verse: "Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you beheld Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

#### Facts to Teach:

1. After His resurrection, the Lord Jesus remained forty days with His disciples. During that time He showed Himself to them (thus proving that He was really alive), He appeared to them and disappeared (thus training them to live by His invisible presence), and He spoke to them concerning the kingdom of God (to strengthen their understanding) (Acts 1:3).
2. Then one day He led them to Bethany, to the Mount of Olives. He gave them a few final commandments and promises that day. What He said to them He also said to all of us who are His believers.
3. He commanded His disciples to go and preach the gospel, to tell the good news of the forgiveness of sins in His name to all people. He also told them that they should baptize all those who believe in Him and teach them all the things He had commanded. Finally, He gave them one last and great promise: that He would be with them all the days, even to the end of the age. That means He is with us still today!
4. While He was speaking to them, He suddenly began to rise up off the ground and was lifted up into the air. As He was lifted higher and higher a cloud took Him out of their sight.
5. While they were looking intently into heaven, two angels in the form of two men asked them a question, "Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking into heaven?" Then they told the disciples, "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you beheld Him going into heaven."
6. Now, almost 2,000 years have passed since the Lord Jesus bodily ascended into heaven in the air and in the cloud. We are still awaiting His second coming. As the Lord Jesus told the high priest when He was being judged, afterward He would be "sitting at the right hand of power (God) and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matt. 26:64).
7. When the Lord Jesus ascended up into the highest heaven, He was highly exalted by God, was made to sit at His right hand, and was crowned with glory and honor. He was made the Head over all things (Eph. 1:22), the Lord of all peoples (Acts 2:36), the King of kings and Lord of lords. Also, He was given a name above every name (Phil. 2:9). One day at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord." His precious name (the name of the One who loved us, died for us, and rose again) is the only name given to men to call upon, by which they can be saved (Acts 4:12). How precious, how worthy, how glorious is the name of Jesus!

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## Character Lesson Sixteen

### **HONORABLE**

#### **Definition:**

A person who is honorable is one who is deserving of honor. If we are honorable in what we do, people will respect us.

#### **Examples and/or Questions to Ask the Children:**

1. Firemen risk their lives to save people in distress.
2. Respecting presidents (Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, George Bush) and others in authority.
3. Respecting adults and the elderly.
4. Whom do you look up to with respect and honor?
5. How can you be an honorable person?

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#### **Verse:**

*"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable ... take account of these things..."* Philippians 4:8

#### **Craft Ideas:**

Have the children create a medal of honor badge to be given to the person they respect and honor.

[Materials needed - construction paper, pattern for a badge or award, scissors, crayons/markers, glue]