

General Church Education



The Glory of the Lord

Matthew 28; Mark 16

Lesson 34

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Level 1: The Lord Is Our Creator

For ages 6-7 years

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MATTHEW 28:16-20; MARK 16:19-20

During the forty days after the Lord's resurrection He appeared to the disciples. It was only after these appearances that the disciples fully understood the Divinity of the Lord. They learned that the Lord would always be with them, even though they couldn't see Him. Without this final preparation the disciples would not have been able to carry out the commission the Lord gave them, to "baptize" and teach "all the nations."

This time of transition was important for the Lord as His Divine Human was finishing the process of glorification. We will never know what this involved because we can never fully understand the Divine. However, when we study the Word and turn our minds to think in a more spiritual way, the Lord may bless us with insights about the glorification. These insights can enrich our relationship with the Lord as we come to know Him. The visions in today's story affirm His promise to always be with each one of us. They also reinforce His promise of eternal life for all who seek conjunction with Him.

IDEAS FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS

- The disciples were told, "Teach them to observe all things I have commanded you." We are doing this task as we teach about the Lord, about the way to heaven and model His teachings in our lives.
- We can respond to the Lord's commission by baptizing children.
- We can share our personal vision of the Lord our Savior, the King of heaven and earth with children.

FROM THE WRITINGS

As the Lord's Human was glorified, that is, made Divine, He rose again after death on the third day with His whole body, which does not take place with any person; for a person rises again solely as to the spirit, and not as to the body. In order that people may know, and no one doubt, that the Lord rose again with His whole body, He not only said so through the angels in the sepulcher, but also showed Himself to His disciples in His human body. *Doctrine of the Lord* 35

After the Lord's ascension into heaven He was in His glorified Human; and in this He cannot appear to any person, unless He has first opened the eyes of his spirit. Therefore, when He showed Himself to the disciples, He first opened their eyes; for we read: "And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him." (Luke 24:31) Much the same happened with the women near the tomb after the resurrection. That is why then too they saw angels sitting in the tomb and speaking to them, something no person can see with material eyes. *True Christian Religion* 777

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IMPORTANT IDEAS

The Lord is the King of heaven and earth.

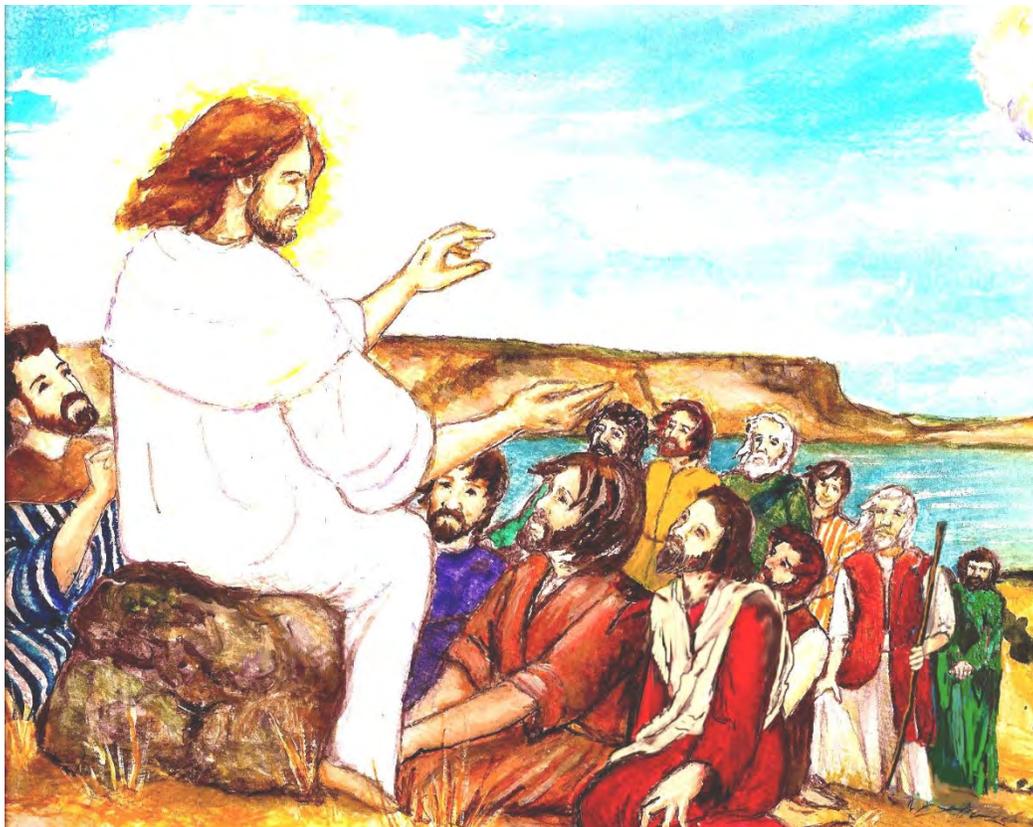
The Risen Lord appeared to His disciples so that they could know He was truly alive.

The Lord told His disciples to baptize and teach all nations about the way to heaven.

Do you remember in our last lesson that the Lord sent a message to the disciples that He would meet them in *Galilee*? When they met the Lord there, He gave them a special message. He wanted them to do some important things to help people learn the way to heaven.

What did the Lord want the disciples to do? Listen as we read. Read *Matthew 28:16-20*.

The Lord told His disciples to go to "all nations" baptizing people and teaching the things they had learned about the way to heaven.



The disciples had learned many wonderful things from watching the Lord perform His miracles and from hearing Him teach. This is why they could tell people about the beautiful truth that there is life after the death of the body. The disciples also could help people understand that the Lord is always with each person, in happy times and in sad times. They could help people see that the way to heaven is to obey the Lord and to be loving and helpful to the neighbor.

The Christian Church began when the disciples began to baptize and teach, as the Lord commanded them. The Lord knew that these messages would bring joy to the lives of people who heard them. He knew that everyone who listened to the messages, who took them into their hearts and lived by them would be able to live, after death, as angels in heaven.

The Lord wants each of us to hear these beautiful messages, too. That is why He tells us about them in His Word. Now, listen to the story about how the Lord showed the disciples His Glory as the King of heaven. This is the last time the disciples saw the Lord. As you listen, remember that the Lord wants everyone to have this wonderful picture of Him. Read Mark 16:19-20.

When we read these stories in the Word, we can see, with the eyes of our mind, the Lord in His glory, our Heavenly King. We can know that He blesses us, when we become His followers, as He blessed His disciples. This picture of the Lord can bring us great joy, just as it brought joy to the disciples so long ago.



DISCUSSION

- The disciples saw the Lord as He was carried up into heaven. Can you imagine how the Lord looked? (*Possible answers: bright, shining, like the sun.*)
- Imagine being with the disciples as the Lord went into heaven. How do you think you would have felt to see the Lord, as King of heaven? (*Answers include: excited, scared, happy.*)
- Do you remember how the disciples felt when they saw the Lord in His Glory, "being carried up into heaven"? (*They had great joy.*)
- The disciples knew that the Lord was truly alive. They knew that He would always be with them helping them do their work as they started the Christian church. This is why they were so happy.
- Do you know what the word "disciple" means? (*Answers include: people who were followers of the Lord, believer, student.*)
- Would you like to be a disciple of the Lord? Indeed, you can be a disciple! There are things that you can do to show the Lord that you are His disciple. Can you think of what some of these things might be? (*Possible answers: read the Word to learn about Him, follow the Lord by obeying His commandments, be kind and do nice things for other people.*)
- After the Lord sent His disciples out into the world with the special jobs of baptizing people and teaching the truth about the Lord and the way to heaven, they became known as apostles.
- Do you think that you can be an apostle? (*Yes! We can be one of the Lord's apostles when we teach other people about the Lord like His disciples did.*)

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Recitation

- Learn the recitation.

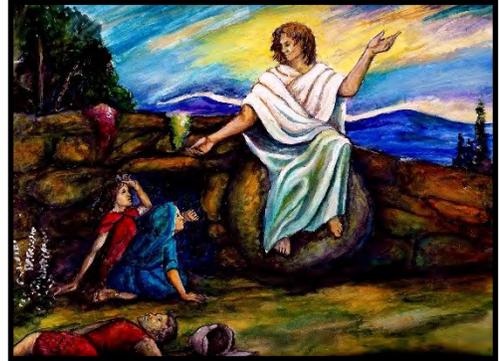
Note: This longer recitation is used for all four Easter lessons. Give child(ren) as much help as they need to say the recitation, and shorten it if necessary.

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Matthew 28:1-8



When the recitation has been learned, give children the recitation picture on the last page of this lesson, and a sticker, e.g. a star, to decorate it.

Song

- The Lord Is Risen Again!
Listen at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-the-lord-is-risen-again/>

Projects

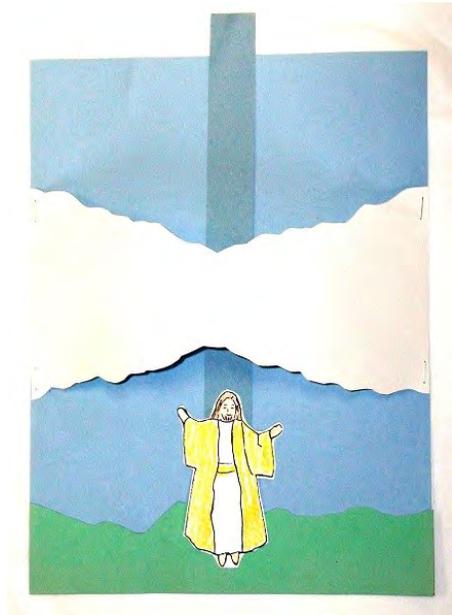
- The Lord Ascends to Heaven
- Picture to color

The Lord Ascends to Heaven

Help children visualize the incredible sight the disciples saw as the Lord ascended into heaven.

Supplies needed

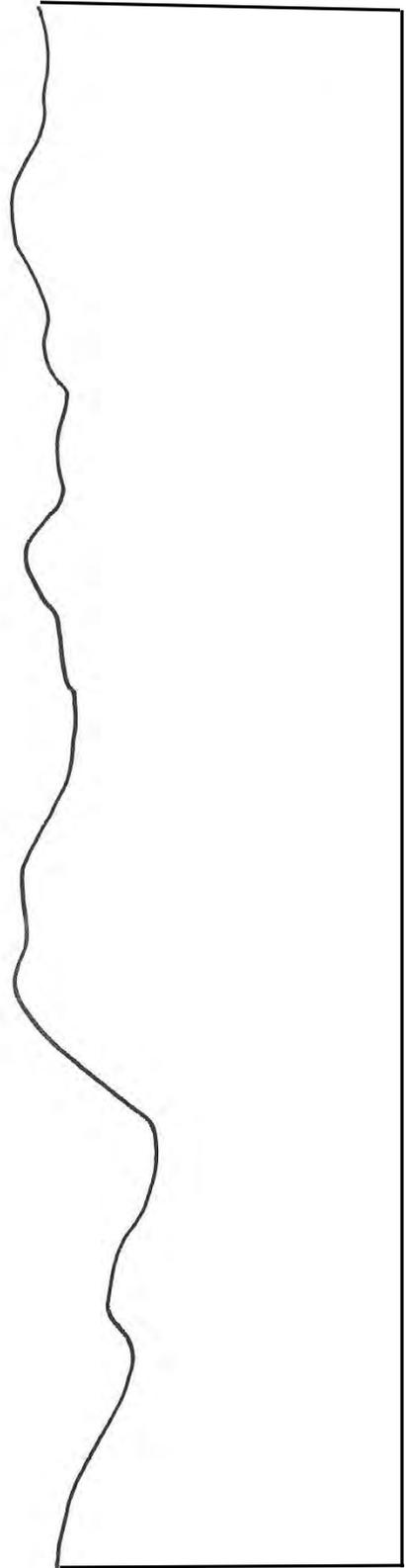
- 1 piece of green paper 3"x9" (7cm x 23cm)
- 1 piece of white paper 9"x12" (23cm x 30cm)
- 1 piece of blue paper 9"x12" (23cm x 30cm)
- 1 strip of blue paper 1"x12" (2.5cm x 30cm)
- hill template
- printed picture of the Lord and cloud template
- crayons
- glue
- scissors
- stapler (*optional: tape*)



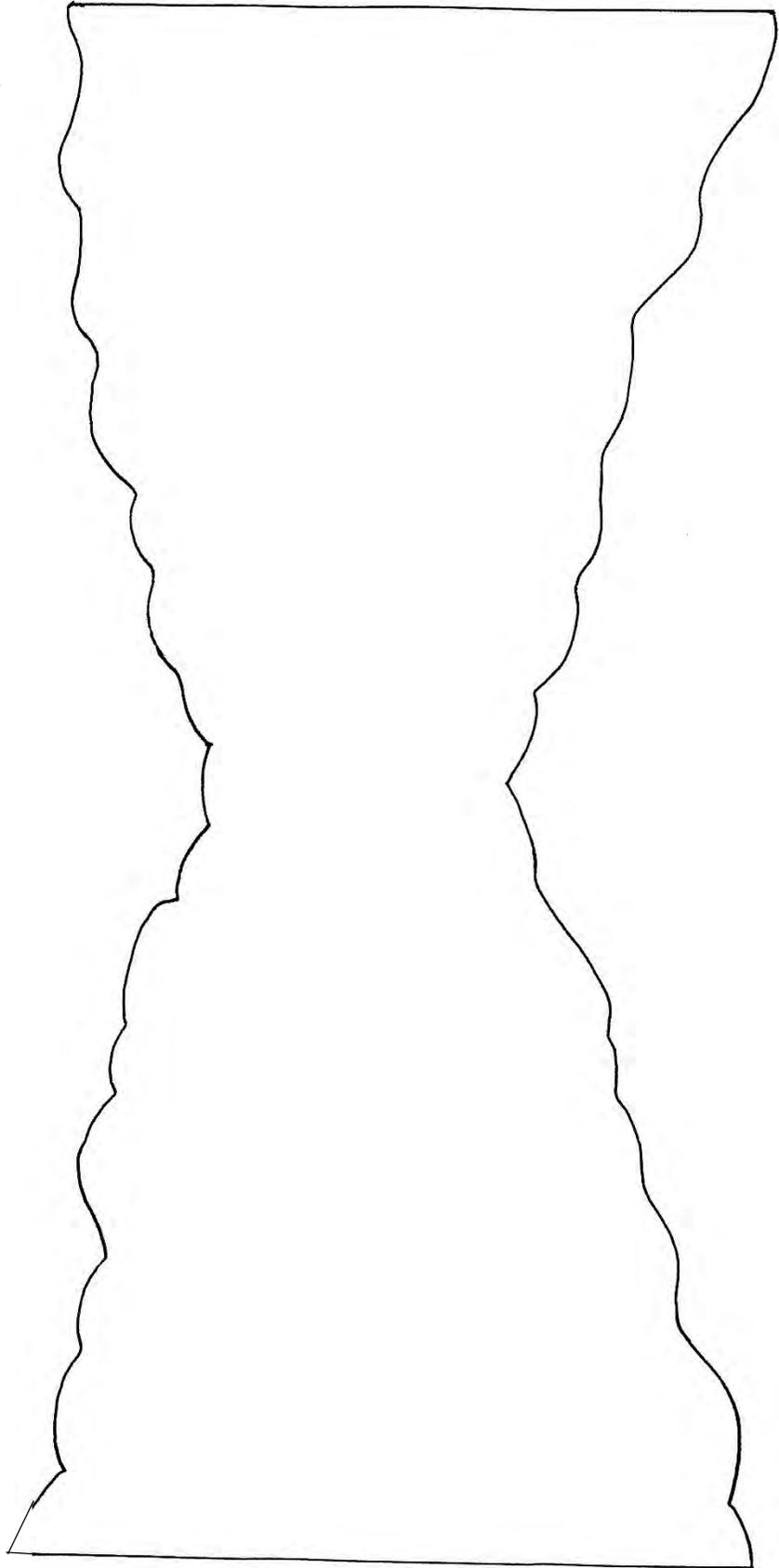
Directions

1. Using the *Green Hill Template*, cut the hill from the green paper. Glue it to the blue paper as shown below.
2. Using the *cloud template*, cut the cloud from the white paper. Staple it to the sides of the blue paper so that it bows out in the middle. Position the cloud with the side edges about 3" from the top of the page.
3. Using crayons, color the figure of the Lord. Use colors that make the robes look as if they are shining.
4. Glue or tape the blue strip of paper to the back of the figure of the Lord.
5. Lower the blue strip behind the cloud. Now pull the strip up and watch the Lord ascending or going up into heaven.

Green Hill Template



Cloud Template





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