

45. Jesus Lives as King

Acts 1; Philippians 2; Revelations 4, 21,22



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Philippians 2:10-11

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Jesus rose up into the clouds. His followers stood there, amazed. They stared at the sky. Two angels came. They said, "In the same way he left, Jesus will return."

So where is Jesus now?

The Bible says he is in heaven. He sits at the right hand of God. A bright rainbow shines over his throne.

God is a three-person being: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. The Spirit lives inside every believer. He gives comfort and wisdom.

Jesus obeyed God. He died on the cross. So, God lifted him to the highest place. His name is above every name. One day, every knee will bow before him. Every mouth will say, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Even now, people from every nation bow before his throne. They worship him. Jesus is the king over every ruler or king. He wants to be the king of every heart.

Jesus said, "I am the beginning and the end. Yes, I am coming soon."

Look to the skies. Jesus will return some day.

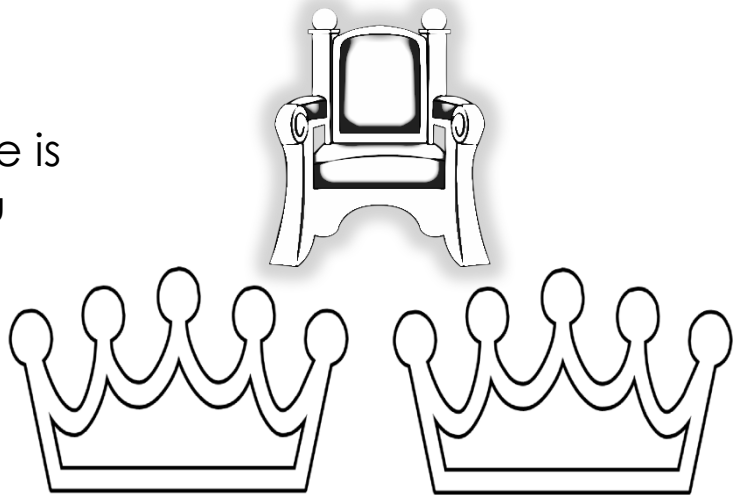
Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen

Questions

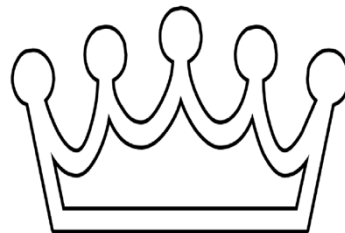
1. Where is Jesus now?
2. What three forms does God come in?
3. Who does the Holy Spirit live inside?
4. Is Jesus the king of your heart? Have you asked Jesus to be your Lord?

Pray this prayer:

Dear King Jesus,
I worship you. Your name is
above every name. You
are the king over every
king. You are my Lord.
Come, Lord Jesus, into
our lives.
Amen



Draw a rainbow over the throne.
On the throne, write "God, the..."
In one crown, write, "Father."
In one crown, write, "Son."
In one crown, write, "Spirit."



Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

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Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

Before you read:

Activate Prior Knowledge

- a) Where is Jesus now?
- b) Have you ever heard that God comes as three forms? Do you know who these three persons are?
- c) If Jesus is in your heart, how can he be in heaven?

After you read:

Name Above All Names

On index cards, name today's leaders – from mayor to president. Think of other world leaders. Write one name per card. Now, think of leaders from history, perhaps past presidents and write those down too. Write down names from Jesus' time as well: Pilate, Herod, Caesar. Write the name JESUS on as many index cards as you have already made, so the amount of JESUS cards equals all the other cards. Read aloud Philippians 2:5-11. Turn all the cards face down. One child matches them putting one card on top of the other in sets. Now, flip them over and say something like, "The name of Jesus is above every name. At the name of Jesus, President Lincoln will kneel and say that Jesus is Lord." If the JESUS card was on top of (above) the other name, that person gets a point. Everyone plays for the most points or use it to play a game called Concentration.

Same Spirit, Different Form

Bring in pictures of yourself as a baby, child, teen, young adult, and recent pictures. Let the kids line them up in order. Say, "Did you know that in many ways, I am the same person on the inside now as I was when I was younger? I am still (stubborn, happy-go-lucky, love animals, and hate loud sounds). We often still have the same loves, hates, personality, and ambitions even though our bodies keep changing. In a somewhat similar way, God is the same on the inside no matter how his form changes on the outside." Ask the kids how they are still the same. Ask them to identify ways that God is the same in the Trinity.

Trinity: Water, Ice, Steam

Explain some facts about the Trinity: 1. There is only one God. 2. He comes in three forms: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 3. Each person of the Trinity is fully 100 percent God. Water can come in three forms. Take a cup of water, put it into the freezer. Take out an identical frozen cup of water. Take the cup of water and heat it in the microwave for about a minute. Let the kids feel the steam on their hands and explain that we can't really see the steam but we can feel it. One God exists in three persons.

God: God is light, love, spirit (Look through the cup of water.)

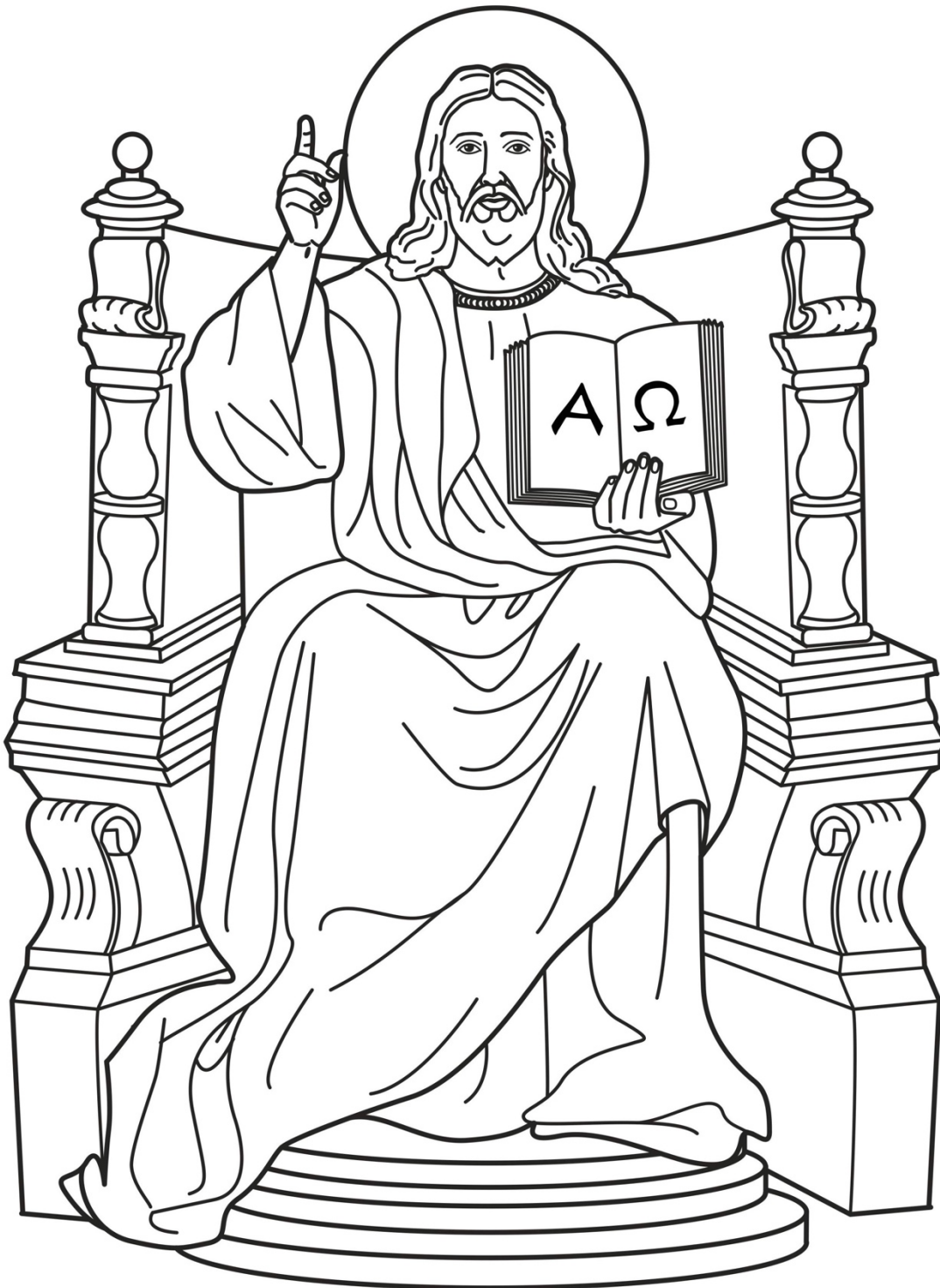
Jesus: Jesus is God in human form. (Ice is a solid form.)

Spirit: The Holy Spirit is God inside us. (I can't see him but he is there.)

Learn more at: <http://preparedtoanswer.org/2014/09/04/the-trinity-for-kids/>

A Rainbow of Praise (Part 1)

Photocopy this page onto cardstock. Color and cut out the picture of Jesus on the throne. Tape it to the wall. Have the kids write the names of God (see Part 2) – in every person of the Trinity – on different colors of paper. Fan them out above Jesus to create a rainbow. You will need at least five pieces in each of the same color and will want at least six different colors. Start your next lessons by praising God using some of his names: “Lord, you are the beginning and the end of history and life itself. You are King. Amen.”



A Rainbow of Praise (Part 2)

Photocopy this page so the kids can work from it. Older kids may look up the verses to discover the names of God on their own. Work from the left side. Younger kids can copy the names without looking for them in the Bible. Use the names on the right. Use dark markers on light colored paper and gel markers on dark colored paper. Fill the papers with the names, fan into a rainbow, post above the throne.

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| 1. Philippians 2:11 | Lord of All |
| 2. Acts 1:4 | The Gift |
| 3. Revelation 4:8 | Lord God Almighty |
| 4. Revelation 22:13 | Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End |
| 5. John 1:29 | Lamb of God |
| 6. Revelation 22:16 | Bright Morning Star |
| 7. Isaiah 6:14 | Emmanuel |
| 8. Isaiah 9:6 | Everlasting Father |
| 9. John 10:11 | Good Shepherd |
| 10. John 6:68 | Holy One of God |
| 11. John 8:58 | I Am |
| 12. Colossians 1:12 | Image of the Invisible God |
| 13. John 1:14 | The Word |
| 14. Revelations 19:16 | King of Kings and Lord of Lords |
| 15. John 8:12 | Light of the World |
| 16. John 14:6 | The Way, the Truth, the Life |
| 17. John 15:26 | Spirit of Truth |
| 18. 1 Corinthians 1:24 | Power and Wisdom of God |
| 19. John 4:25-26 | Messiah |
| 20. John 4:10 | Living Water |
| 21. Isaiah 9:6 | Wonderful Counselor |
| 22. John 15:1 | True Vine |
| 23. Isaiah 53:3 | Man of Sorrows |
| 24. John 13:13 | Master |
| 25. Isaiah 9:6 | Prince of Peace |
| 26. Acts 3:15 | Author of Life |
| 27. John 1:38 | Rabbi, Teacher |
| 28. Psalm 32:7 | My Hiding Place |
| 29. John 11:25 | Holy Father |
| 30. Psalm 18:2 | Rock of my Salvation |
| 31. John 14:29 | Comforter |

Find more names for God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit:

<http://devotionalnet.faithsite.com/uploads/147/49833.pdf>

Every Mouth WILL Confess

Read aloud Philippians 2:5-11. If someone does not believe that Jesus is the Lord now, he or she will when Jesus returns. Draw dialogue bubbles coming out of these mouths and write: "Jesus Christ is Lord." Draw your own profile on the bottom right. For more fun, give each character its own voice or accent and guess who said it. Also, cut out cartoon characters and make a sheet of faces also confessing Jesus as Lord.

