

Lesson 4	:	<b>The Promised Return</b>
Bible Story	:	<b>Jesus—Our Soon Coming King</b>
Lesson Scripture	:	Jn. 13:1, 14:1-3; Lk. 24:49-52; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; 2 Thess. 1:7-8; Matt. 24:30; Acts 1:3, 10-11
Teaching Aids	:	Video clip/big pictures for the Bible story, CoD (Clearing of Difficulties) names and words written on separate sheet or cardboard, chalkboard/whiteboard or laptop computer, notebooks and pens for students, activity pages for enrichment

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1. **Our faith comes from Jesus Christ our soon coming King.**
  2. **Jesus will return to fulfill His promise that He will get us so we could be with Him in heaven forever.**
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By the end of this lesson, the students should be able to:

1. differentiate the words ascend and descend;
  2. tell the comforting promise that the Lord Jesus told His disciples on the eve of the last supper;
  3. tell the message of the two angels to the disciples who were still looking up to heaven when Jesus ascended;
  4. tell why must our Lord Jesus need to return;
  5. recite Statement of Faith #4.
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***"We believe that Jesus Christ is our soon coming King."***

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1. Singing of Praises and worship (short songs only)
  2. Opening Prayer
  3. Roll Call & Welcoming newcomers and introducing them to your class
  4. Review of Past Lessons and Recall SoF's 1-3
  5. Clearing of Difficulties
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1. **Ascension** – the literal going up to heaven of the Lord Jesus Christ
2. ascend – a verb meaning to go up
3. descend – a verb meaning to go down

### **At the last supper table before the betrayal...**

John 13:1 "Jesus knew on the evening of the Passover Day that it would be His last night on earth before returning to the Father." After washing His disciples' feet and declaring sadly to His disciples the betrayal of one of them, He told about His love for them. He commanded them to love one another. It was in this occasion that He spoke about the many mansions in heaven awaiting His disciples." In John 14:1-3 Jesus said to them, "Let not your heart be troubled...trust in me. In my Father's house are many mansions...I am going there to prepare a place for you. And when everything is ready, I will come and get you so that you will always be with me where I am."

After these things, the Lord Jesus was betrayed and given to the hands of Pilate. Jesus was crucified, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again from the dead and went to show Himself to His disciples within forty days (Acts 1:3).

### **Bible Story:**

#### **"Jesus—Our Soon Coming King"**

Before Jesus was about to leave the earth, He told His disciples to tarry (stay) in Jerusalem and wait for the Father's gift—the Holy Spirit. Then He asked them to meet with Him in Mount Olivet that was in Bethany (Luke 24:50). There He blessed His disciples and not long afterwards He ascended to heaven and was hidden by a cloud. The disciples were still looking at Him up in the sky but two men in white robes—those were angels, asked them why they were still gazing up in the sky. Then the angels told them "*Men of Galilee! This same Jesus you saw ascending to heaven will descend in that manner **when He returns.***" (Acts 1:10-11)

Luke 24:52 *And they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.*

### **Discussion:**

Children, we can be absolutely certain that the Lord Jesus will return in bodily form just as how He ascended in Mt. Olivet. He will come again to get us and meet with Him in

the clouds. **Why must Christ return? He will return to fulfill His promise.** His promise was written in our Bibles. We have just studied awhile ago about His promise of return. He is our soon coming King. Jesus is faithful and true to His Word. He will come to get us and meet us also in the clouds. Let us read **1 Thessalonians 4: 17-18** "Then we who are still alive and remain here on earth will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and be with Him forever. So comfort one another with these words." Do you now believe this truth? Jesus said "**I am** the way **the truth** and the life. No one can come to the Father except by Me." John 14:6

How many will raise their hands to show that you believe Jesus is coming back for us? (If everybody raised their hands, then proceed to SoF# 4)

**Let's memorize our Statement of Faith # 4.**

***"We believe that Jesus Christ is our soon coming King."***

***Ask the following questions:***

1. What word in our lesson means "to go up"? (ascend)
2. What word means "to go down"? (descend)
3. What comforting promise was told to the disciples on the eve of the last supper? (That Jesus encouraged them not to be troubled because He will prepare a place for them in heaven and that His Father's House has many mansions. When our place is ready, Jesus will return.)
4. What did the two angels tell the disciples at Mount Olivet as the disciples were still gazing upward? (That Jesus will return to earth in the same manner.)
5. Why do you think Jesus need to return? (Jesus must return to fulfill His promise.)
6. Can you recite our statement of faith referring to Jesus' coming?  
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**Enrichment Activity:** *Teachers may prepare a skit to reinforce the Bible truth that the students have just learned. Another suggestion is to do some art work reflecting the believers meeting with the Lord Jesus in the air.*