

# DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

## Lesson 24

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



### LESSON 24: We Shall Be Like Him

<b>Bible Story</b> The Return of Jesus!	<b>Materials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Bible</li><li>• Images 1-5, printed in color</li></ul>
<b>Bible Verse</b> “Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.” <i>1 John 3:2, NLT</i>	
<b>Who I Am In Christ</b> I will become like Jesus, who I was always meant to be, when Jesus returns.	

To get everyone's attention, ask loudly, **"Who Is Jesus?"**

- **Jesus is the Son of God.**
  - Point one finger to the sky.
- **Jesus came from heaven to earth.**
  - Point two fingers to the sky, and then slowly bring them down to your sides to make a giant circle.
- **He lived a perfect life.**
  - Give two thumbs up.
- **He died on the cross to pay for our sin.**
  - Hold both arms out horizontally, forming a cross.
- **His body was buried in the ground.**
  - Hold up both arms high above your head, and then bending low, bring your arms down to hold your knees.
- **Three days later, he rose from the dead victorious!**
  - Hold up the number three. Use both hands and slowly lift them up, and then wave both hands above your head in celebration.
- **He is in heaven now preparing a place for you and me! Preparing a place for you and me!**
  - Point one finger toward heaven. Then, with two fists, tap one fist on top of the other fist twice, and then switch the fist that is on top and do it again. You will do this repetition twice.
- **Right now he sits on a throne in heavenly places.**
  - Tap your wrist like a watch. Then pretend to sit down while standing.
- **There he prays to the Father for each and every one,**
  - Make praying hands. Then, with those praying hands, gesture toward others around you.
- **...and sends the Holy Spirit to all God's children.**
  - Slide one hand across the palm of the other away from your body.
- **One day he will come again as the eternal king**
  - Hold up the number one. Then make a crown with your hands atop your head.
- **...and he will turn every wrong thing, right!**
  - Turn around in a circle once with two thumbs down, and when you finish, give two thumbs up.

Randomly place the printed images in the large group space. Ask the following questions, and as the children listen to the following Bible verses, they will be looking for an image that represents their answer to the question.

**Today, let's hear more about what the Bible says about the return of Jesus!**

- **How will Jesus return to this earth?**

- Read Acts 1:11: **“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”** (NLT).
- The children should find the image of a cloud.
- **What will we hear when Jesus returns?**
  - Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16: **“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God.”** (NLT)
  - Answer: A shout and a trumpet
  - The children should find the image of the trumpet.
- **Who will see Jesus when He returns?**
  - Read Revelation 1:7: **“Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see him...”** (NLT)
  - Answer: Everyone
  - The children should find the image of a group of people.
- **What will happen to everyone when Jesus returns?**
  - Read Philippians 2:10-11: **“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”** (NLT)
  - Answer: They will bow down and confess Jesus as Lord.
  - The children should find the image with people bowing.
- **Does anyone know when Jesus is coming back?**
  - Read Matthew 24:36: **“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.”** (NLT).
  - Answer: No one, but God.
  - The children should find the image of the clock.
- **What will we become when Jesus returns?**
  - Read 1 John 3:2: **“Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has**

**not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”**

- Answer: We will be like Jesus!
- The children will not be able to find an image for this answer.

**God has not yet shown us what we will be like when Jesus returns again! One of the greatest promises is that when Jesus returns, we will become like him, because we will see him in all his glory with our own eyes. At that time we will become exactly who God intended us to be: bearers of his image, and those that reflect who God is and what he is like.**

**In our small groups today, we're going to talk more about this.**

Give directions and dismiss students to their small groups.











