

*Christ Community Church  
2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Notes  
11 April 2021*

**Call to Worship: Psalm 96**

**Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12**

**Title:** The Ascended King Empowers His Witnesses

**Text: Luke 24:36-53**

*These notes are drawn from the sermon notes and outline. They are designed to help you prepare 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders for listening to the sermon.*

*The Key Truth and Overview are provided as preparatory materials to help you as parents grasp the meaning of the text and the sermon to follow.*

*Each lesson includes three main steps: Activity, Teaching, and Discussion.  
At the end of these materials is a prayer prompt and some additional points of application.  
Usually these will have to do with Scripture memorization.*

*Please feel free to contact Matt if you have any questions or feedback about these materials  
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*May the Lord bless and guide your efforts to disciple the next generation!*

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**Overview: Luke 24:36-53** reveals that Jesus is the ascended King! After Jesus rose from the dead, He showed Himself to the disciples. He promised that He would send them the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit equips all of God's people to be His witnesses. After comforting His disciples, Jesus was taken up into heaven. He is seated at God's right hand, enthroned as King. This means that Jesus is reigning over all things this very moment. Jesus' reign as King gives us hope and joy that cannot be taken away by anything on earth!

**Key Truth:** Because Jesus is the ascended King, He empowers us with the Holy Spirit so that we get to become His joyful and hopeful witnesses until He returns.

**Activity:** Memorizing Philippians 2:1-11

**This week's verses: Philippians 2:1-11**

### **Teaching**

*Read **Luke 24:36-53**. Use the following questions to help your children see the main points of the text. Discuss any other questions your children have about the text.*

- **Luke 24:36-49**
  - **Why are the disciples startled when they see Jesus?**

- They still could not believe that Jesus had really risen from the dead. They thought they were seeing a ghost (v 37).
- **What does Jesus do to help the disciples believe?**
  - Jesus opens their minds to understand God's Word (v 45). Seeing Jesus filled the disciples with joy, but their hearts still needed to be transformed by Jesus (v 41).
  - It is also important to see how Jesus is patient and gentle with the disciples. He speaks words of peace over them (v 36) and He does simple things like letting them touch His hands and feet (v 40) and eating fish (v 42) so that they can know that it is really Him.
- **Luke 24:50-53**
  - **What is the last thing that Jesus does before He is taken up to heaven?**
    - Jesus blesses the disciples (vv 50-51). To be blessed is to be in God's presence. Jesus is speaking words that remind the disciples of God's love for them.
  - **What do the disciples do after Jesus ascends into heaven?**
    - They worship Jesus and go to the temple to praise God. They are full of hope and joy because they know that Jesus is ruling as King from His throne in heaven!

## Discussion

- What is Jesus doing in heaven right now? (*See how your children answer this question before leading them through the points below. This question is intended to help us remember that Jesus is alive and active as our heavenly King even now!*)
  - He is ruling over all people and events on earth. He directs all things for God's glory and for the good of God's people
  - He is leading and guiding His Church as we fulfill our mission to tell others about Him
  - He sends the Holy Spirit to empower His people as they tell people about Him (remember His promise in v 49)
  - He hears our prayers (**Hebrews 4:16**)

- Help your children recognize that Jesus' resurrection is the first fruits of the resurrection awaiting all God's people as a part of His work of New Creation in Christ!

**Prayer/Application:** Praise the Father for enthroning Jesus as King in heaven. Thank Jesus for leading us as our King. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you remember that Jesus is King over all things!