

**King n' Me**  
**Can I Give You a Lift?**  
**Text: Ephesians 1:7-10, 13-14, 18-23**



**Lesson 8**



**PIVOT SKIT**

**Francois the Chef**

**Setting:** A French cooking legend that mentored Francois, Pierre Pastry, is coming to visit Francois' at his restaurant. Francois idolizes Pierre just a bit too much and is very nervous.

*(Rolling pin and flour are on table. Francois enters holding a menu. He paces back and forth nervously as he talks out loud to himself in his French accent.)* Pierre Pastry is coming to visit...here... here in my humble restaurant. I am not ready for this. I will never be ready for this. What can I make that is worthy of Pierre's palate? He taught me all that I know. He even taught me things I do not know...I cannot remember all he taught me. He is the ultimate, the highest of all the chefs, the pinnacle of pastry, the titan of turnovers. *(Look hurriedly through the menu.)* Crepes? No, too common, blintzes? No, too bland! *(Throw menu down.)* No, nothing in here is good enough. I have to think of something special. *(Throw flour on table and smooth it out. Put head down and cover face with hands, begin sobbing, getting flour on face.)* Oh, who am I kidding? I am not worthy of the great Pierre to come in to my little restaurant! *(Leave with head down.)*

**Large Group**



**Pivot Skit Supplies:**

*chef hat, apron, rolling pin, flour, menu*



**PIVOT TRAIT**

**Exalt** -To place someone in a high position of respect, authority, and power.



**PIVOT POINT**

**God exalted Jesus' name above all names.**



**PIVOT VERSE**

**Philippians 2:9** Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

**Demonstrate It Skit**

**Participants:** Seven volunteers – mix of girls and boys (recommend teens if possible for God and Jesus). This skit will be continued next week so recruit for two weeks if possible.

**Preparation:** Volunteers put shirts or labels on and wait out of sight. Place step ladder in front of room so when a person climbs they will face the children. Note: Jesus and God tags should be on the front of shirt. The rest should be on backs. Make sure volunteers turn so tags

**Demonstrate it supplies:**

*individual shirts labeled (can just pin a label on them instead of writing on shirt) with 'God', 'Jesus', 'President', 'King', 'actor', 'athlete', 'musician', 6' or 8' step ladder (higher the better).*

## Demonstrate It Skit continued:

can always be seen during skit.

God walks into the room. Musician comes in and starts to climb the ladder. God motions him to come down and stand at the bottom of the ladder. He stands in front of ladder, opposite the steps so kids can see tag. Repeat this scenario with the athlete, actor, king, and President. Note: actors can add to the drama by bouncing a ball, acting pompous and distinguished, wearing sunglasses, a crown, or whatever embellishes and further identifies their character. Make it fun. Some might resist God pulling them down and cause a stir. Jesus comes in last. God immediately walks to him, puts his arm around him and points to the step ladder and motions for Jesus to climb the ladder. Jesus climbs the ladder; stops part way and turns to God. God motions to go to the top. Jesus stands (carefully) on the last step as the other volunteers look up at him.

Note: do not have them bow, it will happen next week!



**Rampin' Up**

**Purpose:** Show progression of lower to higher by using slides in 4 categories: Authority, Ability, Power and Altitude. This represents exalting or the greatest or highest of a category.

Display the name of the category. Show slides one at a time from lowest to highest. Stop after each slide and engage children with comments or questions about the slide and category. For instance, does everyone know what this is? Why would you need or use one? Where would you see it? Have you ever used, received, ridden in, seen this? After the last slide, say: This last one represents the (highest rank, highest altitude, most powerful, top award, in this group of (category name). Repeat this with each category.

**Authority:** (military rank) Private, Sergeant – General

**Ability:** (medals) bronze- silver, gold

**Power:** firecracker – rocket – space shuttle

**Altitude:** paper airplane, hot air balloon, Boeing 747

Say: Now, we are now going to talk about someone that has a name. Now that isn't unusual is it? You all have names don't you? Let's all say our name. At the count of 3, shout out your name. Okay, I think everyone has a name! Names are important. But the name we are going to talk about isn't just important. It is THE most important name you'll ever learn about. Just like we saw with our pictures how each group had one that was above all, this name is the name we exalt above all names. Who remembers our Power Point? Yes - God exalted Jesus' name above all names *Repeat it a few times.*



## Lesson Launch (Bible lesson)

**Ephesians 1:7-10, 13-14, 18-23**

**Preparation:** Place 2 chairs facing the children. Write on 'blank' shirt – authority, power, rule, dominion, title, and church.

## Rampin' Up Supplies:

Power Point slide presentation



## Lesson Launch Supplies:



Power Point Presentation, 2 chairs, crown, scepter (stick) Jesus shirt, God shirt, 'blank' shirt, white board, and marker. Stamp that reads PAID or PAID in FULL

## Lesson Launch continued:

Say: Last week we learned that Jesus was obedient even until He died. And because of that, our memory verse tells us that Jesus was exalted by God to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names.

In our lesson text in verse 19 -21 **and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given,**



(available in church office or at an office supply store) and washable ink.

**not only in the present age but also in the one to come.** A lot of big words to say that God's power raised Jesus from the dead and now He sits on the right side of God in Heaven. Now in Bible times, the right side is a place of honor and blessing. (*Select two volunteers and give one a God T shirt to put on, and the other a Jesus T shirt, a crown and scepter. Have God sit down and Jesus sit down at His right side.*) Now, do you see any other seats there? NO! There is only one. There are no names equal to Jesus.

So, is He really over everybody, all rulers: the president, kings, armies? Verse 21 says He is far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. This tells us that Jesus is a spiritual king in Heaven with God. One day He will even come to earth as King and rule and reign.

Let's go on. Jesus was exalted and honored by God for being obedient to God's plan, even when it meant dieing. Who did He die for? (*Allow responses.*) He died for you and me. He died so we might be forgiven, and live with Him forever. Look at verse 7, "In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." By God's choice we have been redeemed or bought back from sin and death. Through Jesus our sins are forgiven! That is why Jesus chose to come down from Heaven where He was seated. He chose to come down to die for you and me.

Look at the slide, v.13-14 "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. (*Take the stamp and pad.*) What does that mean? Simply, believe the gospel of Jesus and accept Him as your Savior. Make Him your King. God will put a seal or mark on you. He knows you are His! You are His possession. Jesus redeemed you; He paid the price to rescue us from our sin. He bought you back for God. This stamp says: Paid. Jesus paid the price for us.

(*Take the time to pray for the class and give the children a chance to accept Jesus as their Savior and King! For all those who are already saved and those that accept and believe, stamp their hand.*) Say: Wow, that is so totally cool! You are stamped; Jesus is your King! Now these just represent the stamp, God has now placed a real invisible 'spiritual' stamp on your heart that says you are His! You now part of God's heavenly family, that includes God's blessings, and you have the same power and authority, here on earth, Jesus does.

## Lesson Launch continued:

Let's get back to Jesus, your King! Verse 22 says "And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills everything in every way"

Select a volunteer and have them put on the remaining shirt with all the names on it. Now, I want you to see the authority and power of the King you serve now. All things have been placed under His feet. In other words, all things are under His authority. *(Have the volunteer stand so the writing can be seen.)*

Read: authority, power, rule, dominion, title and church. Jesus is the head and authority of this church you are in right now. I serve Jesus as King. The pastor of this church serves Jesus as His King. He reports to Jesus! *(Have the volunteer bow down before Jesus. Jesus then stands up holding scepter and places his foot on their back in a "victory pose" not prideful in his look just confident.)*

Aren't you excited that the King you serve loved you so much that He died for you? Next week we are going to talk about what it means to serve Jesus the King!



### Francois

*(Francois confidently enters with his menu and a smile. He places the menu on the table.)* Ahh, what a little prayer will do to help you think properly! I have talents and skills given to me by God! Jesus is the highest, the most important name to please! His name is the only one we should exalt to such a high place. Pierre is just a man like me! I will give him this menu and he can pick whatever he wants to eat. I will do my best and ask for Jesus to help me. Jesus is my King, not Pierre! Now, where is he? He is late; I must attend to my other customers.

### Pivot 2 Skit Supplies:

apron, chef hat, menu, table



### Relay Name above all names

**Preparation:** Put two paper plates together (top to top). Tape the plates together in at least 4 places. Write the name 'Jesus' across the top. Mark a large 'A' on the bottom of 10 disks and 'B' on the bottom of 10 disks. Repeat this to make 20 disks total. Stack boxes so you achieve a 5 - 6' height. (You can use a table or chair as a base to build from if you desire). The top box needs to be left open so disks can be thrown into it. Write several girls and boys names from top to bottom on box fronts (facing kids) up to the top box. Leave that box blank. Place a masking tape line 25' from boxes (start line). Place another line (throw line) 6 - 8' (depending on age of your group) from front of boxes.

**Play:** Select at least one, preferably two volunteers, to gather the disks and return them to the teams to throw. Create a team A and a team B from the remaining children. It does not matter if teams are not even. Line up teams behind the start line. Place 10 disks beside the first team member for each team. When you say go, a member of each team grabs two disks and runs to the throw line (approximately 17 - 19' away). Each member tries to throw the disks into the top box, runs back and the next person in line goes. This process repeats until one team gets all 10 of their disks in the box. Once a disk goes into the box, it remains there. The volunteer helpers retrieve the missed disks and return them to the start line as quickly as possible. When it gets down to one disk for a team, members only throw one time each.

### Relay Supplies:

40 paper plates, masking tape, marker, 3 - 5 large boxes.

## Relay continued:

**Note:** Caution the helpers to stay out of the area of play or they could collide with the teams. They must run to the outside of the teams. Teams do not have to wait for the other to finish throwing disks. They can throw simultaneously. In fact, it adds to the challenge.

**Relay the truth:** Jesus name needs to be exalted above all other names. By throwing the 'Jesus' disks up into the highest box, you've elevated His name above the others!



### Time To Thrash Air Time (review)

1. What was wrong with Francois' regard for Pierre? *He exalted him too high. Pierre is just a man and Francois lost confidence in God given talents.*
2. What does exalt mean? *To place someone in a high position of respect, authority, and power.*
3. Who did God exalt? Jesus
4. What did He give Him? *All power, authority and a name above all names.*
5. What did God give us when we got saved to identify us? *A seal or mark*

### Activity/ Craft for 1- 3 What's in a Name?

**Preparation:** Print out one set of "What's in a name?" activity cards on business cards for every two children in each small group. Separate or cut the cards and make a stack for every two children in each small group. When you are finished you should have a set of 15 cards for every two children in each small group.

We are going to split up into teams of two. I'm going to give you some cards that are numbered on one side and have different people on the other side who you have to listen to and obey. I would like you to take these cards and group them by number than put them in order of who would have more authority over you.

Example of the correct order:

1. Friends – Parents – Jesus
2. Police man – Judge – Jesus
3. Teacher – Principle – Jesus
4. Sergeant – General – Jesus
5. Prince – King – Jesus "King of Kings"

All of these people are important and God placed them in our lives to help us and take care of us. We need to obey them and trust them. But sometimes people might make mistakes and sometimes, if they don't know Jesus, they may ask us to do things that we may not think are right. Our memory verse says that God gave Jesus a name that is above every name. That means that Jesus has the last say. Whenever we are not sure if we should listen to people and do what they say we should check what Jesus has to say about it. When we do this we are obeying the one who is King of Kings.

### Time To Thrash

**Note:** *If possible, separate by age group*

### Small group



### 1-3 Activity Supplies:

*set of "What's in a name?" activity cards for each small group and a timer*

## Word Workout (Bible activity for grades 4-5)

Hand out cards, pencils and assign scriptures to teams of 2 children. If more teams than verses, assign the same verse to more than one group. Allow them time to read their passage and share what Jesus is doing in the verse, what it means to them personally as a Christian. Go around and have each group share their thoughts on their verse and then open it up for the entire group to discuss after each team has shared.

**John 14:2** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am (Preparing a home).

**1 John 2:1** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. (Forgives sin).

**John 10:14-15** Good shepherd – (cares, provides and protects) "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. (Shepherd- watches and cares).

**Matthew 28:20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (With us always).

**Revelation 3:19-20 NIV** Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. (Jesus wants to fellowship with those he knows).

**Hebrews 7:25 25 NLT** Therefore He is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. (Intercessor)

## Final Spin - a lesson wrap up



**Exalt** - To place someone in a high position of respect, authority, and power.



God exalted Jesus above all names



**Philippians 2:9** Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

## 4-5 Word Workout Supplies:

*Bibles, pencils, index cards*

## Final Spin Supplies:

*Helium balloon, string*

## Large Group



## Final Spin continued:

**Preparation:** Tie an 8' string to the helium balloon. (Note: If you have higher ceiling, make the string even longer, go as high as you can. The point will be made even better)

Jesus no longer walks the earth. He no longer is man. He is in Heaven and is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. *(Start with the balloon behind your back.)* Say: A good part of the world and probably some of your classmates don't even believe Jesus was real and if they believe He did exist, that He is dead now. *(Hold balloon at ground level.)* Some people believe He was just a good teacher and man, but not God. If you believe that, there isn't much that Jesus can do for you. He is here on the ground, just like you and me.

*(Raise the balloon to a little above the children's reach.)* Some believe in Jesus but don't know Him as their Savior and Friend. They don't believe Jesus can help them. They also may see Him as maybe one of many gods. He is only able to help with some things, but some things are above Him and His ability to help. *(Let the balloon go to its highest point.)* Now, when we believe Jesus was sent from God, died and rose from the dead. When we believe He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When we praise Him and worship Him and believe He is sitting at the right hand of God. We exalt Him to a place where we believe He will do anything for us. We believe He can heal, protect, save, deliver, and give us peace! If we begin to doubt, or stop reading God's word, worshiping or praying, *(pull balloon back down)* we bring Jesus back down to this level. Let's pray a prayer together and commit to starting each day in prayer and worship of Jesus our king!

Pray a prayer of commitment and challenge the kids to exalt Jesus and put him on the throne. Lift Him up above the earth, above the problems, above doubts and fears.

