

General Church Education



Vision of the Lord

Revelation 1:9-20

Lesson 34

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Introductory Level: The Lord Is Our
Heavenly Father

For ages 5-6 years

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OVERVIEW OF THE STORY

John's first vision was a wonderful sight of the glorified Lord. In this vision the Lord was standing in the middle of seven golden lampstands. The whole vision is one of brightness and comfort. The Lord's message to John was to write what he saw to the seven churches.

CONCEPTS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

- ❖ The risen and glorified Lord is the *One God* of heaven and earth.
- ❖ John had known the Lord on earth and recognized Him, now glorified, in this first vision.
- ❖ This light-filled vision pictures the Lord's truth lighting our path in life when we open the eyes of our mind and recognize Him.
- ❖ The golden lampstands picture Divine truth. When we come to love truth, we can clearly see by the light of truth how the Lord and His love resides in the center of this truth.
- ❖ The golden girdle is Divine love encircling the Lord. Divine love encircles us when we love the Lord for His own sake, that is, because He is good, and not just for the sake of what He can do for us.
- ❖ The sharp two-edged sword pictures truth which defends what is good in us and it casts away evil that tries to attack us.
- ❖ This powerful vision was a comfort to John and should be to us as we learn to let the Lord transform our lives from being merely natural to being spiritual.

VISION OF THE LORD

IMPORTANT IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

The Lord appeared dressed in white and surrounded by light.
The light of the Lord's truth helps us learn about Him and see Him.

LET'S REMEMBER:

- ♦ We are reading from the Book of Revelation. What does revelation mean? (To show or reveal.)
- ♦ Who wrote this book? (John.)
- ♦ Was it John the Baptist or John the disciple? (Disciple.)
- ♦ At the time of our story John was sent to the Isle of Patmos. Do you remember why? (Because the Roman rulers did not want him to tell people about the Lord Jesus Christ.)
- ♦ John could still write letters. How many churches was he in charge of? (Seven.)



OUR STORY FOR TODAY:

One Sunday, which is called the Lord's day, the Lord opened John's spiritual eyes and ears so that he could see and hear wonderful things. John heard a loud voice that made him turn around and look. Let's see how the voice sounded and what it said.



Read **Revelation 1:9-11**.

Do you know what "in the spirit" means? (His spiritual eyes and ears were opened.)

What did the voice sound like? (A trumpet.)

Do you remember what "the Alpha and the Omega" means? (The Beginning and the End; the First and the Last.)

What did the voice tell John to do? (Write what he saw to the seven churches.)

Now we will find out what John saw when he turned around. The Lord appeared to John. John recognized the Lord right away because he had known and loved the Lord while He was on earth. Now the Lord was glorious or full of glory and surrounded by shining light. Try to picture the Lord in your mind as you listen to the vision.



Read **Revelation 1:12-16**.

Whom did John see?
(The Lord.)

How many golden lampstands were around Him? (Seven.) At this time in history people did not have candles. They used to burn oil in containers for light. Putting the lamps on stands raised them up so the light would spread further.

What did the Lord look like? (Hair white like wool or snow, eyes like fire, feet like brass, two-edged sword coming out of His mouth, face like sun shining brightly.)

What did His voice sound like now? (Many waters.)

What did the Lord have in His right hand? (Seven stars.)



This is a very bright picture, full of light. John must have been very surprised to see this amazing sight. And yet he must have been very happy to see the Lord in such a glorious manner. When he saw the Lord, John fell down at His feet to worship Him. The Lord told him not to be afraid but to write to the seven churches. Then He told John a mystery.





Read **Revelation 1:17-20**.

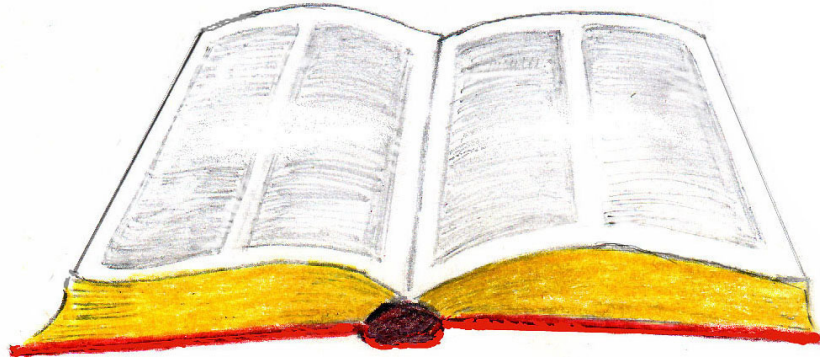
What is the mystery of the seven stars? (They picture the angels of the seven churches.)

What was revealed about the lampstands? (They stand for the seven churches.)

This was to show that the Lord was near His church in heaven and in the world. He was caring for both. This vision gave John a comforting and encouraging message to send to the people in these seven churches. It makes us feel good when we remember that the Lord is near.

Do you think the Lord is taking care of all of those who love Him today and always? (Yes.)

Because He gave us the Word, everyone for all time can learn to know the Lord and learn His truths to help them live happy lives.



WHAT DID WE LEARN TODAY?

- ♦ **What does "in the spirit" mean?** (Having your spiritual eyes and ears opened so you can experience heavenly things.)
- ♦ **Whom did John see when he was in the spirit?** (The Lord.)
- ♦ **What did the Lord look like?** (He had white hair, eyes like fire, feet like brass, two-edged sword coming out of His mouth, face like the sun.)
- ♦ **What was in His right hand?** (Seven stars.)
- ♦ **Do you remember what those seven stars stand for?** (The angels of the seven churches.)
- ♦ **How many lampstands stood around the Lord?** (Seven.)
- ♦ **Do you remember what the lampstands picture?** (The seven churches John was writing to.)
- ♦ **Do you think it made John happy to know that the Lord was taking good care of those churches?** (Yes.)
- ♦ **How would you feel if you were to see the Lord like this?**

VISION OF THE LORD ACTIVITIES



Recitation: Learn the recitation by heart and earn an award. Awards are on the last page of this lesson.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:1-2



Project choices:

Vision of the Lord project

Color a picture of the Lord in the Seven Candlesticks



Songs:

Seven Golden Lamps Around Him—Listen or download at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-seven-golden-lamps-around-him/>

Lo! the Clouds Have Burst Asunder—Listen or download at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-lo-the-clouds-have-burst-asunder/>

Jerusalem, the Golden—Listen or download at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-jerusalem-the-golden/>

Behold, the Great Red Dragon—Listen or download at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-behold-the-great-red-dragon/>



Additional Activities:

- ❖ Buy seven unfinished wooden candle holders. Paint them gold.
- ❖ Use seven candles for worship. Talk about how it feels to experience the light. Discuss the details of John's vision as you look at the candles.
- ❖ Let children snuff candles. Talk about how darkness feels and how much better we can see with light. The Word truly is a "lamp to our feet and a light to our path" (Psalm 119:105).
- ❖ Read *The Vision of the Lord* illustrated by Jason Schnarr and Marguerite Acton. Online at [https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/story-the-vision-of-the-lord-revelation-1\(1\).pdf](https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/story-the-vision-of-the-lord-revelation-1(1).pdf)
- ❖ Watch *John's Vision of the Son of Man*. Online at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-johns-vision-of-the-son-of-man/>

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Picture the Lord as He appeared to John on the Isle of Patmos.

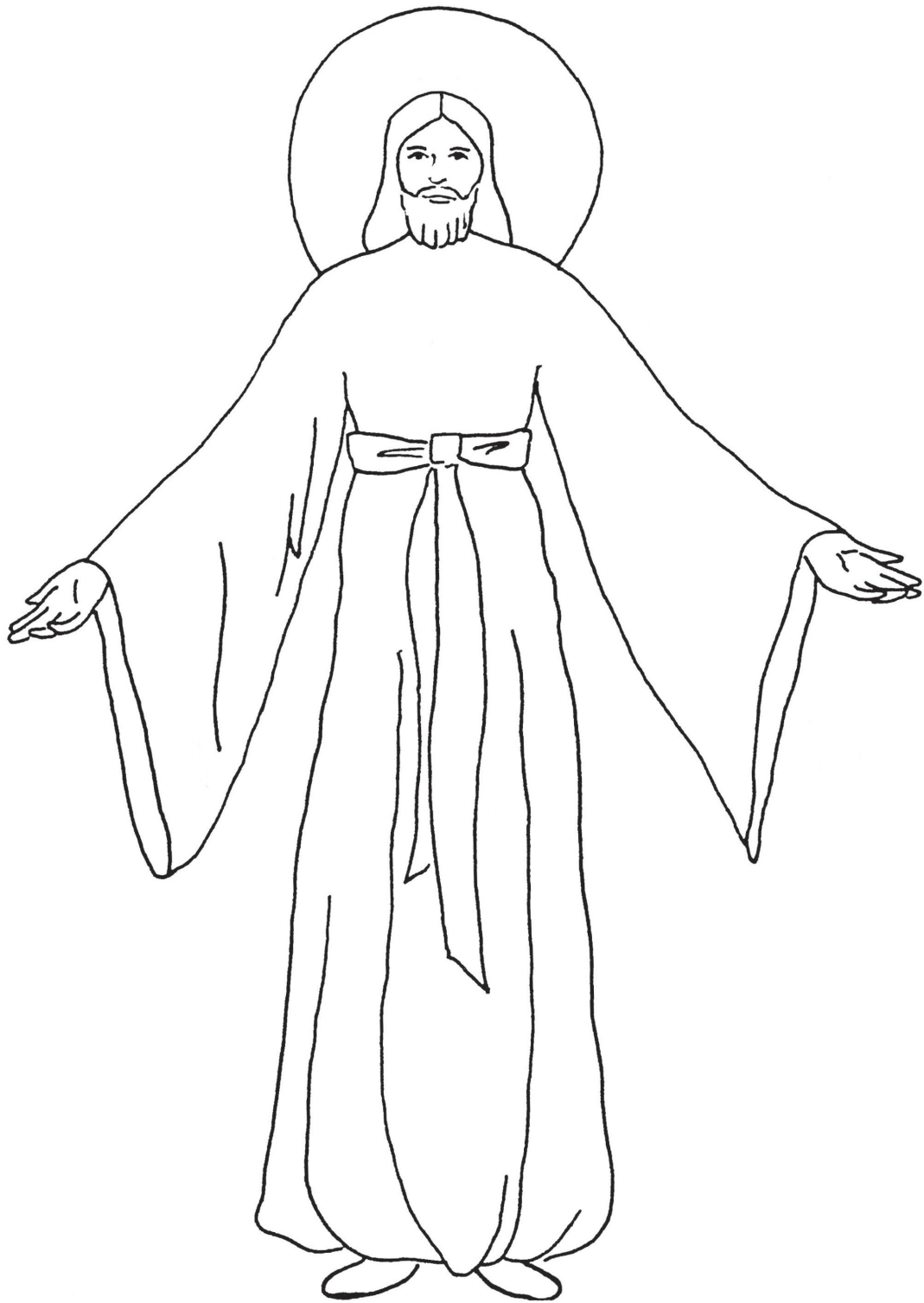
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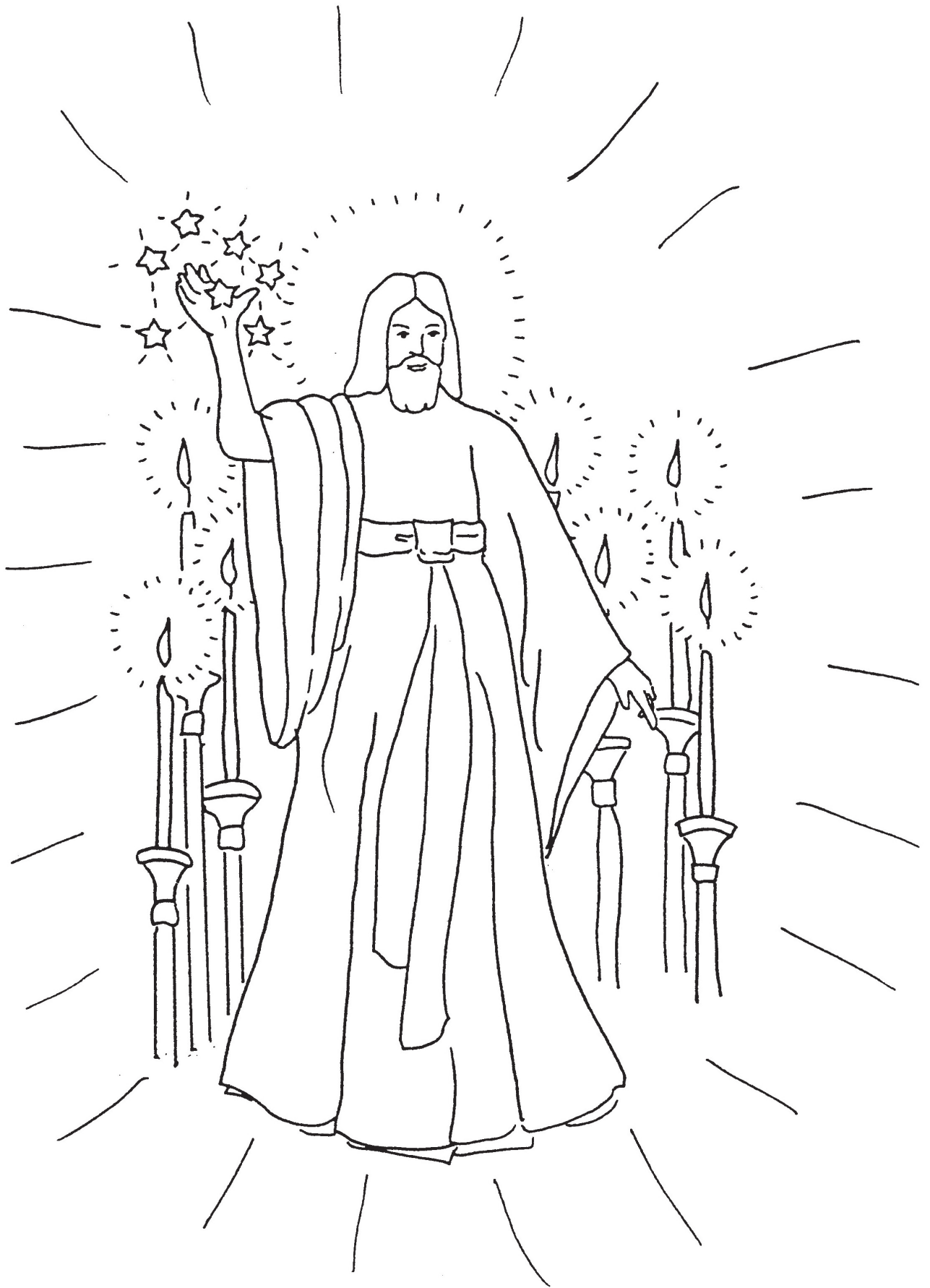
1 printed page
1 piece of blue paper
crayons
glitter
glue

Project instructions:

1. Color the Lord's face and hands.
2. Color His feet to look like brass (use orange or brown).
3. Cut out the figure and glue it in the center of the blue paper.
4. Draw seven lampstands around the Lord.
5. Draw a small two-edged sword near the Lord's mouth and seven stars in His right hand.
6. Add glitter to the Lord's girdle, the seven lampstands, and the sword.







Recitation Award: Vision of the Lord

Purchase a wide colorful ribbon. Attach each recitation award to the ribbon as it is learned. Multiple copies of the award are provided for classes.

