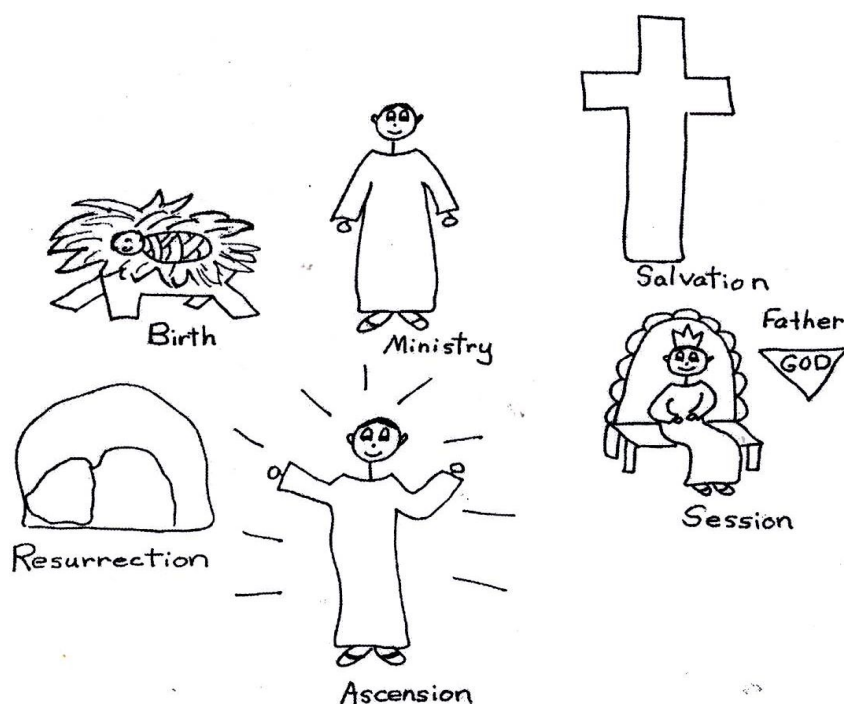


Kenosis

My dear child,

It was good to hear what you know about the Lord Jesus Christ's humanity in *Proof of the Humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ*. Now I am going to tell you a little bit about *kenosis* which took place during the time of His hypostatic union.* *Kenosis* comes from the Greek word *kenoo*. *Kenoo* means to empty oneself or to deprive oneself of a proper function. When Christ took on humanity, He set aside functioning in His deity or using His deity. He deprived Himself of using His deity during the time between His birth and His being seated at My right hand in heaven. He did this to obey My plan for the Incarnation and the first Advent. He functioned as a man, except for the times I let Him use His deity.

* Since the incarnation, Jesus Christ is true humanity and undiminished deity in one unique person forever. This is called the hypostatic union.



Philippians 2:7a But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

During the dispensation or time of the hypostatic union*, Jesus Christ was 100% God and 100% man. He chose with **His own free will** not to use His divine attributes unless I gave Him permission. He chose to take on a human nature and have the same limitations that man has. Sometimes He used only His human nature, sometimes only His divine nature, and sometimes both natures together but not mixed. He didn't use His divine nature to benefit, provide for, or glorify Himself. Remember, Jesus Christ choosing not to use His divine attributes is *kenosis*.

*Jesus Christ's virgin birth to His resurrection, ascension, and session

Operating from His humanity only: in John 19:28, Jesus Christ became thirsty.

Operating from His deity only: in Revelation 22:17, Jesus Christ is the water of life.

Operating from His humanity and deity: in John 14:6 He says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life [deity]; no one comes to the Father, but through Me [humanity]."

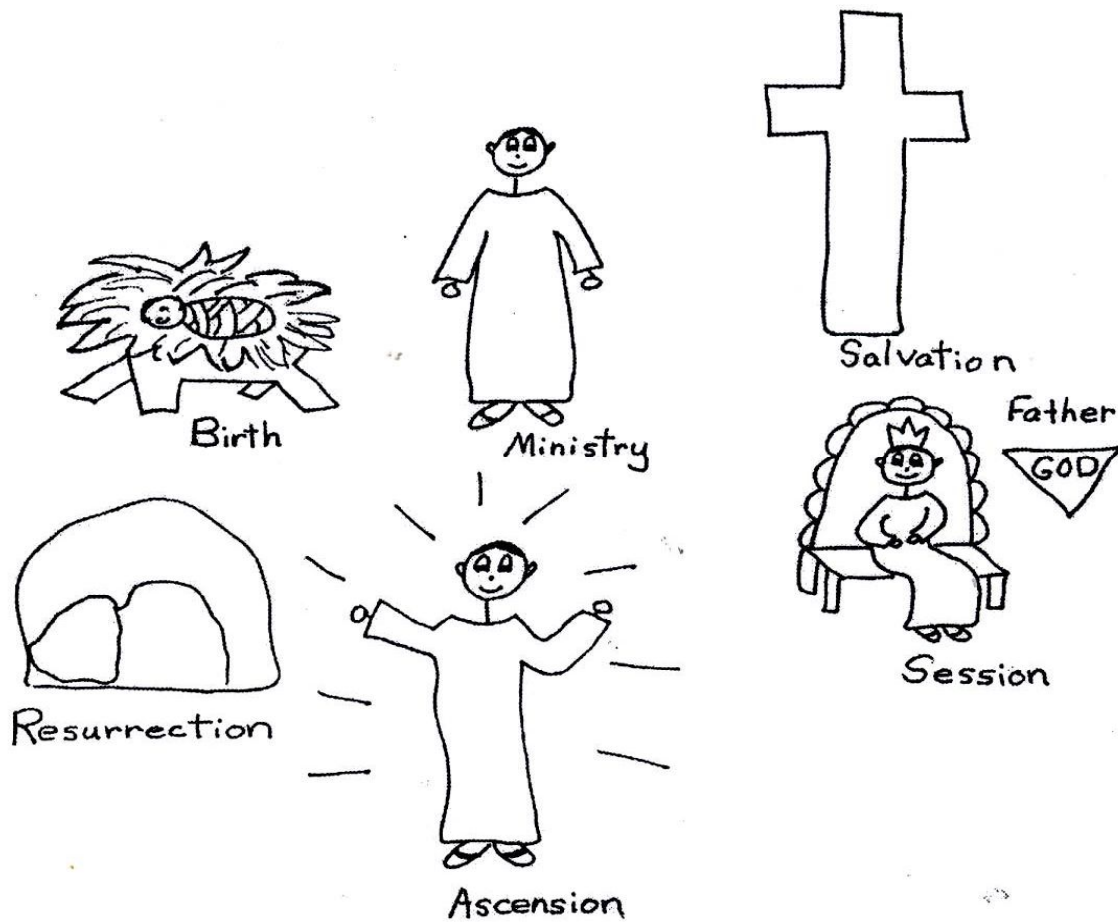


In His human nature, Jesus Christ was a perfect, **unglorified man**. In His humility, He didn't use His deity to solve His problems. He depended on Me and the power of God the Holy Spirit for everything. The glory of Christ was veiled or not shown. However, it was never given up or surrendered! He just didn't use it to help Himself. If Jesus Christ had used His divine nature just once without My permission, you wouldn't have any spiritual life! He considered your salvation more important than using His divine attributes! What a Man! What a Son! What a Member of the Trinity!



Philippians 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient [to God the Father] to the point of [spiritual] death, even death on a cross.

Christ took on a human nature which was perfect so He could be the Mediator between you and Me. This means that He made everything O.K. between you and Me. In His humanity, Jesus was born, grew up, and paid the price for mankind's sins. He is **now glorified** in heaven, sitting in His resurrection body at My right hand. He did it for you and for all of mankind so that you could have the choice of being with Us for all eternity in heaven. He lived the spiritual life and showed you how to do the same. He showed you how to depend on Me and the power of the Holy Spirit for everything!



1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all men....

In His humanity, Jesus resisted temptation and showed you how to live the spiritual life; He used the four spiritual mechanics, the same things you are to use:

1. Bible doctrine circulating in the soul
2. Filling of the Holy Spirit
3. Execution of the predesigned plan of God
4. Using of the 10 problem solving devices (Jesus didn't need rebound nor occupation with Christ, so He just used eight of them.)

Jesus had distress, weakness, pain, sorrow, limitation, and more temptations than you will ever face! In His perfect humanity He could have chosen to fail, BUT HE DIDN'T! Through using the spiritual mechanics, He was victorious all the way to His death on the cross! He won the battle! You can do the same thing by using the four spiritual mechanics! When you are feeling low, remember Jesus. Focus on Him and the way He won the battle! He's with you all the way!!!



Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

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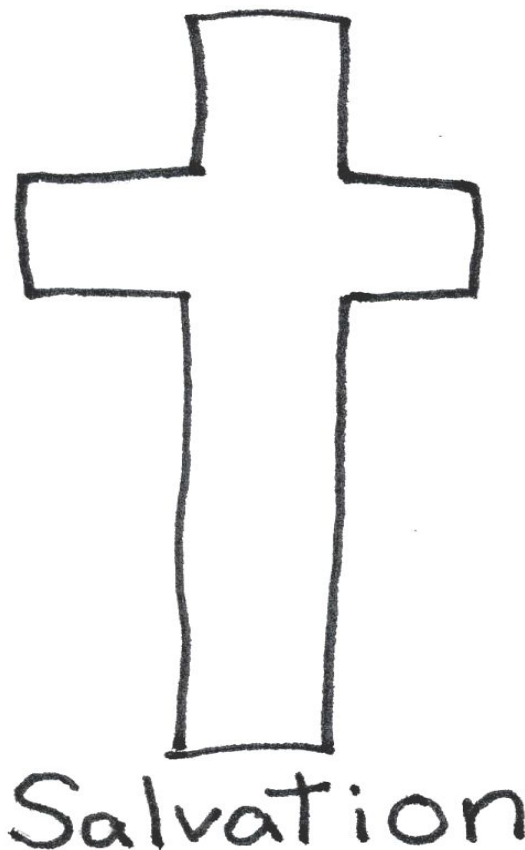
Remember, Jesus Christ deprived or denied Himself of using the attributes of His divine nature. This is what *kenosis* means. He didn't get rid of any of them. **If any of His attributes had been taken away, He wouldn't be God!** He just didn't use them to make life easier for Himself. He didn't use His divine nature. In His humanity, He relied completely on Me and My plan for His life by using the four spiritual mechanics. He showed you the way to live the spiritual life. **If any of His human characteristics had been taken away, He wouldn't be man.** For instance, if Jesus was not tempted, worried, and did not have human limitations, He wouldn't have been human! However, don't you worry, He was 100% God and 100% man without losing anything from His human nature or His divine nature!



John 2:25 And because He [as deity] did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew [omniscient] what was in man.

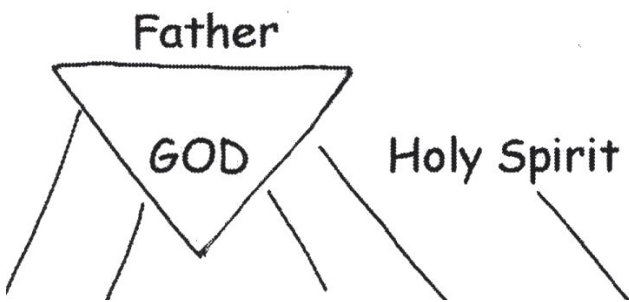
Matthew 8:10 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled [was amazed] and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I [as humanity] have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel."

During Jesus Christ's life on earth, in His humanity He was judged for everyone's sins and provided eternal salvation for all members of the human race! That was a huge accomplishment! He also won the angelic conflict! Remember, the angelic conflict started when Satan and all the angels became independent from God. Then, a group of them decided to become dependent on God again. Good decision! Satan had a talk with Me concerning the group that were still fallen angels and himself; He didn't think that I was being fair in condemning them to the Lake of Fire. So, I created man to show Satan my justice, love and fairness.



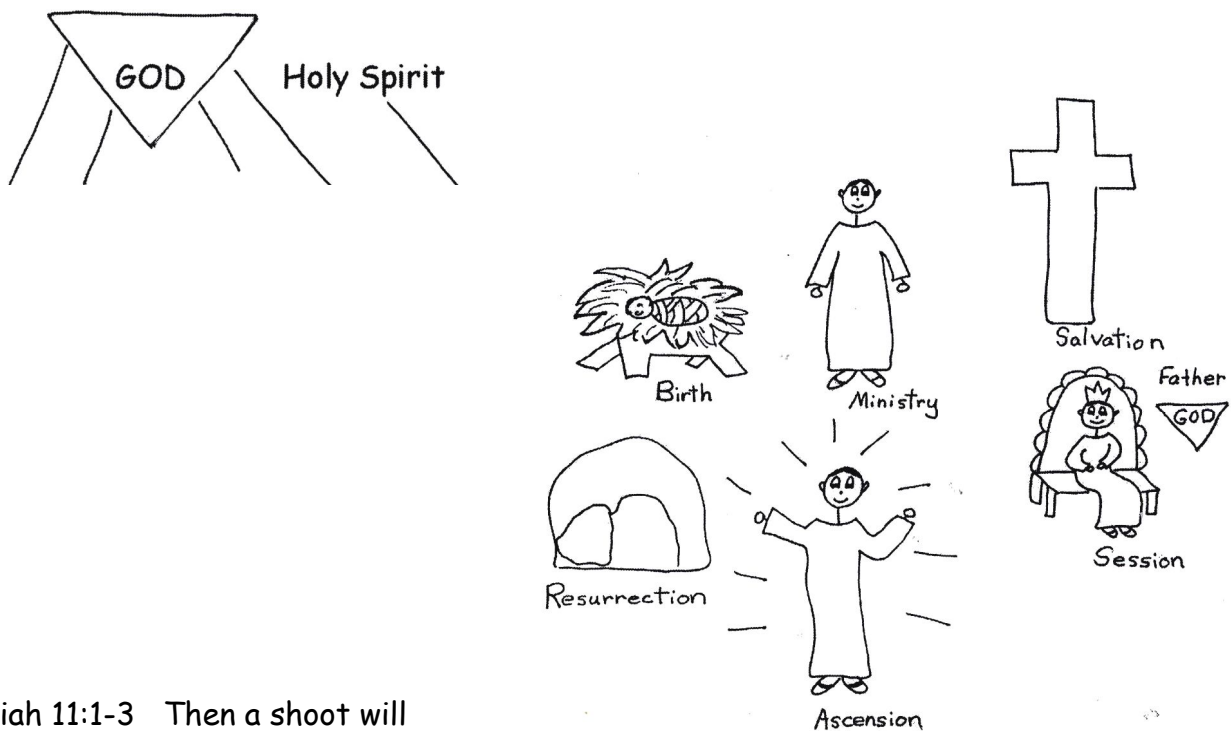
Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels...'"

When Adam and Eve sinned, I promised a Savior, Jesus Christ. He showed My fairness, justice, and love for you. Satan doesn't want you to see My fairness, justice and love for you. Therefore, there is an invisible battle, the angelic conflict, going on between Satan and His demons and mankind. Satan wants mankind to depend on him. Boo! Jesus Christ, in His humanity, was fighting this battle also. He depended on Me and the power of the Holy Spirit and won the battle! Yea!! He won the angelic conflict!



Psalm 9:9-10 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

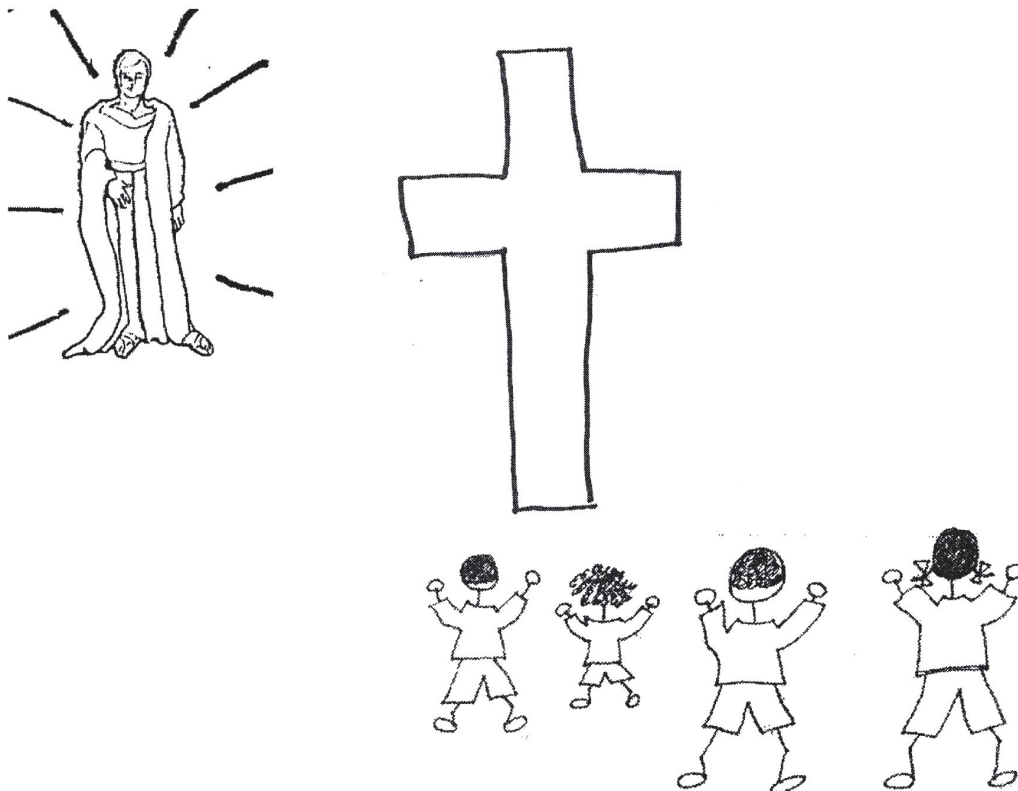
During Jesus Christ's life, His human nature was sustained or supported by the ministry of God the Holy Spirit. He fought the spiritual battle using the power of the Holy Spirit. He didn't use His own divine nature. He set it aside, *kenosis*. He received the power to live a sinless life through God the Holy Spirit. He went to the cross and paid the price for your sins through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit and now sits at My right hand on My throne! His human nature was made victorious through the power of the Holy Spirit!



Isaiah 11:1-3 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear....

Hebrews 10:12 But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD....

Now, My dear child, you are to live the spiritual life with the same spiritual power that Jesus Christ had. You are to show the angels that My plan is the only plan that works in being a winner in the spiritual life! And believe Me, the angels are watching you to see how you are doing! The good ones cheer for you. The bad ones want to make you fail. Show them how you can be victorious just as Jesus Christ was victorious! Look to Jesus!!!



1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be [grace belongs] to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.

Psalms 60:12 Through God we shall do valiantly, and it is He Who will tread down our adversaries.

Points to Remember

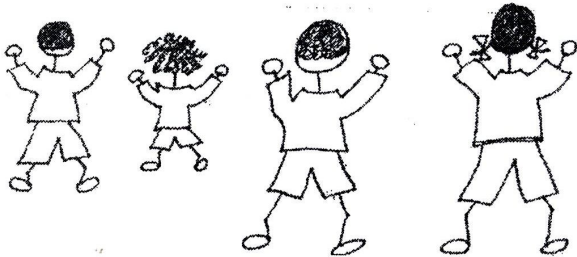
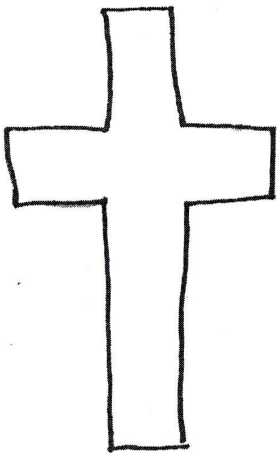
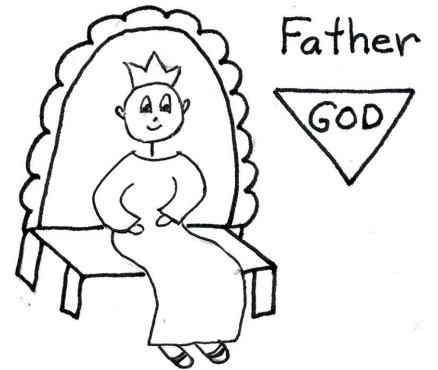
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Activity page for the booklet, *Kenosis*

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List the four spiritual mechanics.

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2. _____
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4. _____

Meaning of words used in the booklet, *Kenosis*

- 1. Deprive:** To deny yourself the use of something you possess; to keep from being used.
When I play basketball with you, I will deprive myself the use of my left arm. During the incarnation, Jesus Christ deprived Himself the use of His divine attributes.
- 2. Incarnation:** The period of time Jesus Christ lived on earth in hypostatic union.
During the incarnation, Jesus Christ in His humanity studied and grew in knowledge.
- 3. First Advent:** The first coming to earth of Jesus Christ.
The first advent of Jesus Christ was when He was born in Bethlehem.
- 4. Deity:** Divine character or nature; *God*.
Jesus Christ is 100% deity and 100% humanity. He is 100% *God* and 100% man.
- 5. Attributes:** Characteristics of a person or thing; special qualities of a person.
God has wonderful attributes: love, justice, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, righteousness, eternal life, immutable, veracity, and sovereignty.
- 6. Limitations:** Something that limits; inability or handicap.
In His humanity, Jesus had limitations just as we do. He couldn't go without food; He'd get hungry. He couldn't go without water; He'd get thirsty.
- 7. Glorify:** To honor with praise, admiration, and worship.
Jesus Christ is glorified in His humanity by being seated at the right hand of God the Father.
- 8. Resist:** To withstand, strive against, oppose.
In His humanity, Jesus Christ was able to resist temptation through the power of the Holy Spirit.



FOR TEACHERS -

Discussion questions to use with the booklet, *Kenosis*.

1. What is kenosis? (Page 1)
2. Did Jesus Christ have a human nature and a divine nature? Explain. (Page 2)
3. Why couldn't Jesus Christ use His divine nature to help Himself during the incarnation? (page 3)
4. Jesus Christ is our Mediator with God the Father. What does this mean? (page 4)
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7. What were some of the things Jesus Christ accomplished or did in His humanity? (page 7)
8. Who are we to depend on to help us in our spiritual battles? (page 8)
9. Who supplied the power that made it possible for Jesus Christ to live, in His humanity, a perfect spiritual life? (page 9)
10. Why do angels, both fallen and elect, watch us? (page 10)

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