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Class Name: THE PILLAR OF FIRE

Lesson:

- How many of you have seen this picture before? (Pointing to the Pillar of Fire Image)
- Sure, but what is it? Why is it important? (Br. Branham, Pillar of Fire, Jesus!)
- That's right, it is Jesus! Now, Jesus walked the earth in the form of a Man, but before that, He was with God. Who knows John 1:1? (Child recites and then class as a whole). Jesus WAS God wrapped in flesh! All that God is, He wrapped in flesh when He came to the earth to walk as a Man. Then He died on the cross to JUSTIFY us; He died for us! The Scriptures tell us that He went back to God. NOW, we are waiting for Him to return. We want to see Jesus! We, His Bride, will meet Him in the air in the.....RAPTURE! Let's read about the Rapture in the Scripture right now!
- Read Scripture: John 16:28
- Did you hear what we just read? He, Jesus, came from God, the Pillar of Fire. Then, Jesus came into the world (point to Hoffman's depiction) and went back to God, the Pillar of Fire.
- Who knows Hebrews 13:8? (recite as a class) That's right, He is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- It was 68 years ago (pointing to the Pillar of Fire) that God had His picture taken with His servant, our prophet, the Seventh Angel Messenger, Brother Branham! It was January 24, 1950. TODAY, that same Pillar of Fire is still here with us. He's the same, isn't He? He's in you, in the form of the Holy Ghost! If the Lord would open our eyes, we would see the great Pillar of Fire right here! Who brought Jesus with them today? (show of hands) Yes, each believer brought his or her portion of that Pillar of Fire with them today, the Holy Ghost! And that is what forms the great Pillar of Fire here with us!
- Did you know this (Pointing to the Pillar of Fire Image) wasn't the first time Jesus was seen as a Pillar of Fire? Throughout the Bible, and many times throughout Brother Branham's own life, He was seen as the Pillar of Fire; proving He was with His servant, Brother Branham, and with other prophets in the Bible too. He's Hebrews 13:8! (recite as a class)

Quote 1

- Brother Branham just mentioned 3 other times that the Pillar of Fire appeared. Who heard them? (By the children of Israel, Moses and the Burning bush, and Paul on the road to Damascus)
- You are right! Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever! The same Pillar of Fire we see here (Pointing to the Pillar of Fire Image) appeared throughout the Bible and throughout Brother Branham's life. The same Pillar of Fire that led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, we see here! (Pointing to the Pillar of Fire Image) The same Pillar of Fire that appeared to Moses in the burning bush, we see here! (Pointing to the Pillar of Fire Image) The same Pillar of Fire Image) The same Pillar of Fire that Paul saw on the road to Damascus, we see Here! (Pointing to the Pillar of Fire Image) Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever!
- Let's talk about a few other times that God appeared to His people in the form of the Pillar of Fire.
- <u>PROJECT:</u> Students will proceed to work in the booklet listening to each quote and placing the "Pillar of Fire" on each page featuring a visual depiction of the corresponding quote.

Play Quotes 2-11



- <u>68 years ago, the Pillar of Fire, Jesus Christ, had His picture taken with His servant to vindicate</u> <u>His prophet. It is the only Supernatural being proven to be photographed in history!</u>
- In January of 1950 in Houston, Texas, a man named Dr. Best had challenged Brother Branham to a debate on divine healing; Brother Branham felt not to go. However, his friend Brother Bosworth wanted to go. Before the debate photographers took 6 "glossies" of Dr. Best shaking his fist at Brother Bosworth and pointing his figure under his nose. The debate went on in front of a large crowd gathered at the Sam Houston Coliseum, on January 24, 1950. Dr. Best got so frustrated he was jumping up and down carrying on. Brother Bosworth knew Brother Branham was in the audience and asked if he wanted to come to the platform to dismiss the group. Just then Brother Branham, sitting way up in the balcony, felt the Holy Spirit move down and he made his way to the platform

Quote 12

SCRIPTURE

St. John 10:28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

QUOTE |

"Did you ever see that picture out there of the Angel of the Lord? Oh, you have one? All right. Now, do you believe that's the same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel? See? It was a Pillar of Fire. And when Jesus was here on earth, He said, "I come from God, and I go back to God." And when He was here on earth, He said He was that Pillar of Fire. He said that. He said, "I AM THAT I AM. Before Moses was, I AM." He was the Pillar of Fire that was in the burning bush. He said... Now, He's here in flesh, "I've come from God (the Pillar of Fire); I go back to God, the Pillar of Fire." And when Paul met Him on the road to Damascus, He was that Pillar of Fire again. Paul fell down. Them people by him didn't see it, but it—it put his eyes out. He said, "Who are You, Lord?" that great Pillar of Fire. He said, "I am Jesus, Who you persecute." And here's His picture on paper. By the FBI fingerprint and document, it's true. George J. Lacy said, "The Light struck the lens, Mr. Branham. This mechanical eye of this camera won't take psychology.""

> 58-0302 - Door To The Heart Rev. William Marrion Branham

<u>QUOTE 2</u>

"And perhaps, that the Logos that went out of God, let's say it was in the form of a Pillar of Fire, Halo. I can just see It hanging in the bushes yonder, and the streaks from It shining down when Adam and Eve knelt before the Creator to worship. And I can hear a Voice coming from That and says, "Has My children enjoyed their stay today upon the earth that the Lord Thy God has given thee?" "Yes, Father, it's been wonderful.""

> 58-0619B - Ye Must Be Born Again Rev. William Marrion Branham



QUOTE 3:

"He said, "I AM THAT I AM. Before Moses was, I AM." He was the Pillar of Fire that was in the burning bush. He said... Now, He's here in flesh, "I've come from God (the Pillar of Fire); I go back to God, the Pillar of Fire.""

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<u>QUOTE 4</u>:

"And then when He commissioned Moses and told him what he was to do, He went before Him down into Egypt. And when they came out, He was in a form of a Fire again, a Pillar of Fire. And this Pillar of Fire led the children of Israel, which was the same Angel that was in the burning bush; that was the same Pillar of Fire that was in that burning bush."

53-0216 - My Angel Shall Go Before Thee Rev. William Marrion Branham

<u>QUOTE 5</u>

"When they told Daniel "The lions' den ready for you," Daniel looking at the unseen knowed that there was an Angel of Fire Who stood between him and the lions. That same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel later. For remember, an animal's afraid of fire. When that Pillar of Fire stood between Daniel and the lions, the lions went off and meowed like kittens and laid down. By faith, the unseen, Daniel wasn't afraid of the lion."

> 59-0410 - Looking At The Unseen Rev. William Marrion Branham

QUOTE 6

"Oh, now wait a minute, Andrew. What's this preacher got you all stirred up about?" "I was standing at the river, when I seen a young Man walking down to the bank (in His thirties), and walked out into the river, and was baptized by John. And when He come up out of the water, I saw a light like a star coming down from the heavens. It looked to me like that same Pillar of Fire that our people followed through the wilderness to this land. And when it come close to Him, it took like wings like a dove. And it settled upon Him, and a voice came out of that Pillar of Fire saying, 'This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in.'"

60-0609 - Be Not Afraid Rev. William Marrion Branham

QUOTE 7:

"And when God on the day of Pentecost, when He come down like a rushing wind, did you notice He was a Pillar of Fire, but did you notice He separated Himself from that Pillar of Fire, divided Himself amongst His people, and cloven tongues of fire set upon each of them: God separating Himself to His Church. No wonder He spoke, "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I'll be in their midst. If two will agree upon anything, and ask, I'll give it to you." See? What is that? When the little fire here and a little fire here, each one of you is a part of God, when we come together, it's the body of Christ uniting."

61-0224 - Be Not Afraid Rev. William Marrion Branham





"And—and Saul of Tarsus, on his road down to Damascus, he was stricken down by a Light. And when he did, he looked up. And that Jew would have never called anything "Lord" if It hadn't have been that Pillar of Fire. He saw that Light there, and he said, "Lord, Who are You?" He said, "Saul, it's hard for you to kick against the pricks." And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" He said, "I am Jesus." See, the Pillar of Fire again."

> 63-1114 - Influence Rev. William Marrion Branham

<u>QUOTE 9</u>

"And we realize that when the Apostle Peter, to who the keys was given to build the Church, we find out that he was in prison, and this same Pillar of Fire came through the bars, opened the doors of the prison, and took Peter out, mysteriously, without even disturbing the guard. To me, It's Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

> 65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce Rev. William Marrion Branham

QUOTE D:

"In the very morning when I was born, three minutes old, when they opened a little old window (not the kind you have here in Phoenix, no), a little wooden door, just pushed it open. This Pillar of Fire that you see here, come right in and hung over where I was laying at." 54-0307E - Do You Now Believe?

Rev. William Marrion Branham

<u>QUOTE 11:</u>

"I want to tell you, whi—while we're singing this song, the... I was standing, five hundred at the Jeffersonville, thirty-one years ago, my first revival, singing, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye, to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie." And I walked out baptizing five hundred that afternoon, as a Missionary Baptist preacher. The seventeenth person I baptized, all at once I heard Something say, "Look up." And I looked, and here come that Pillar of Fire circling down out of the heaven. Stood right over where I was at and said, "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first Coming of Christ, your message will forerun the second Coming of Christ." When the Baptist preacher laughed at me... That went on the Associated Press. "A Mystic Light Appears Over A Minister While Baptizing." All up into Canada and everywhere else it went on the Associated Press. Hundreds and thousands of people saw it. Look at it today, brother. Look, its promise is true. "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye." We been in this wilderness long enough; let's go towards the promised land."

> 61-0316 - The Church Choosing Law For Grace Rev. William Marrion Branham



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"Then I stood there and I said, "I do not claim to be a healer. When I was born it was told me that an Angel of God come near me. Here a few, two or three years ago over yonder, standing in a place. He commissioned me to go pray for the sick people, and so forth, which I'm to do, to pray." And I said, "I've got a letter right here now, and a cablegram from King George of England who is suffered multiple sclerosis, who was that man healed here in Fort Wayne, which was a friend to his private secre-

tary. And he sent two cablegrams already for me to come pray for him, over there."

And I said, "King George of England, the highest king, the biggest, greatest king on earth today." And I said, "God told me, that Angel that sent from Him, said, 'I'd be praying for kings and great men and so forth, like doctors and so forth.' that has been healed right now in the meeting."

And I said, "I claim that I do not know nothing about their healing, only as I see, God shows me by His Spirit, and if I tell the truth, God will testify of the truth. If I am a liar, God will have nothing to do with me."

I said, "If I am a liar, God will never back up a lie." God's all truth. Is that right? I said, "If it's a lie, then God will have nothing to do with it." But I said, "If I speak the truth, my heavenly Father will speak of me." And about that time, here He come. "Whew." Hallelujah. There He come dropping down in the building, right over where I was at. Kipperman standing there snapped the picture, the one that taken the six pictures of Mr. Best.

I said, "He has spoken; that's all that's necessary." I walked away.

Even Catholic people setting there, watched and seen that vision, said, "What was That over that man?" And come give their hearts, said, "I want to serve Jesus Christ from this on."

Men looking in the audience, hushed. I walked on out. Mr. Kipperman went in; he said, "Well, what do you think that, Ted, or Ayers?"

And Ayers said, "I don't know." Said, "It's got me beat." They went on in and started developing the pictures. Kipperman, the Jew went upstairs to go to bed. And when he did, his father lived over the studio, Ayers, was going to... The Catholic boy was going to try to develop the pictures. And when he got it, he put them all through, developed them, smoked a cigarette, pulled one of them out, it was blank. The one he was going to take of Mr. Bosworth, when he was skinning him. It was blank. The one blank, the next one blank, and all six of them was blank. Not a one of them showed. God let him know Who was Boss. Then he pulled the next one out. And to his surprise, there was the Angel of the Lord, standing in a flaming fire over where I was standing. He grabbed his heart; he looked back. He dropped the negative; he screamed for Ted. He run...?... "Look at there; it struck the lens. It's the truth, Ted."

Said, "Maybe I've been wrong." There that night, even yet at eleven o'clock that negative went to Washington, DC by plane, to be copyrighted, brought back. And George J. Lacy, the best there is in United States, on research was brought from California to Houston, Texas, for to take the negative under consideration. He kept it for days. He looked through the lights; he looked at the camera. He took everything, and 'fore he could sign, because he's a FBI agent today, the best they got. 'Fore he could put his name to anything, he went down, and then at the day when it was going to call out, he said, when he come out in the room, he said...?... "Whose name is William Branham?"

I said, "Mine, sir."

He said, "Stand up." I stood up. A red-headed man, rather hard-boiled at first. He said, "Rev. Branham," he said, "I had a good Christian mother; I was taught to believe." He said, "But you're going to pass out of this life like all mortals."

I said, "Yes, sir. I know that. But thank God, I'm ready."

He said, "But, as long as there's a Christian civilization..." He said, "I've criticized your meeting. I've said myself it was psychology." But said, "Rev. Branham, the mechanical eye of that camera will not take psychology." Said, "The light struck the negative." He said, "I'm ready to sign my name to a document." Said, "It was there. And It's the only supernatural Being was ever photographed in all the world's history.""

> 52-0713A - Early Spiritual Experiences Rev. William Marrion Branham



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Scene 5:



Scene 6:





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Scene 8:





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Scene 10:





Scene II:





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