Glorification: Recovered Image of God

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Help the student learn how to make and use a chart for their observations. Ask questions as they list the comparisons and discuss their meaning.

Don't assume that all students are Believers. Share the gospel and invite any student to become a Believer!

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Sown is perishable	Raised is imperishable
Sown in dishonor	Raised in glory
Sown in weakness	Raised in power
Sown a natural body	Raised a spiritual body
A living being	A life-giving Spirit
First natural	Second the spiritual
From the earth of dust	From heaven
Borne the image of the earthly	Bear the image of the Man of heaven