

The Ascension of Jesus

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:19, 20; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-12

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

We learned how Jesus died on the cross to take our sins away. After He became alive again on Easter, He met with His believers for 40 days, so they would be sure He was God's Son, the Savior. Today we will learn what happened the last day Jesus was on earth.

Jesus wants all believers to tell people about God's love for them. But God specially picked some men to learn from Him about His love. Then these men, called disciples, could be ready to tell about Jesus in other parts of the earth.

On Jesus last day on earth, He led these disciples to a big hill near Bethany. He told them to wait in the city of Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come to them in a special way. With the Holy Spirit's help, they were to tell all people everywhere that Jesus died for them, too.

Then Jesus lifted His hands, blessed the disciples, and slowly started rising up into the sky until a cloud hid Him from sight. God, His Father, received Jesus into heaven and made Him Ruler over everything.

The disciples were staring upward in surprise when two angels came and stood by them. The angels said, "This same Jesus Who went up into heaven will come back in the same way as you saw Him go."

Then the men praised Jesus and went happily back to Jerusalem. They kept going to God's house to praise Him while they waited for the Holy Spirit to come to them. We call this day Ascension Day.

Passage

"I go to prepare a place for you, and ... I will come again and receive you to Myself." John 14:2,3

Hymn - Hymn 215 v. 1

Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for sending Your apostles all over the earth so our parents could learn Your Word to give to us. Help us to tell others that Jesus is also their Savior. Thank You for going into heaven to prepare a place for us. Amen.



Classroom Activity - Read the question to the students. Help students draw lines to the correct face.

How did the believers feel when they saw Jesus alive again?●



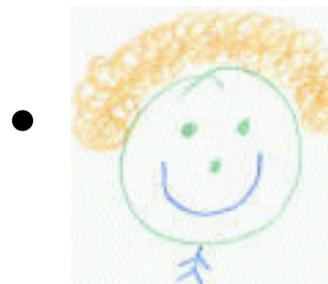
How did the believers feel when they saw Him go to heaven?●

How did the believers feel after He went to heaven?●

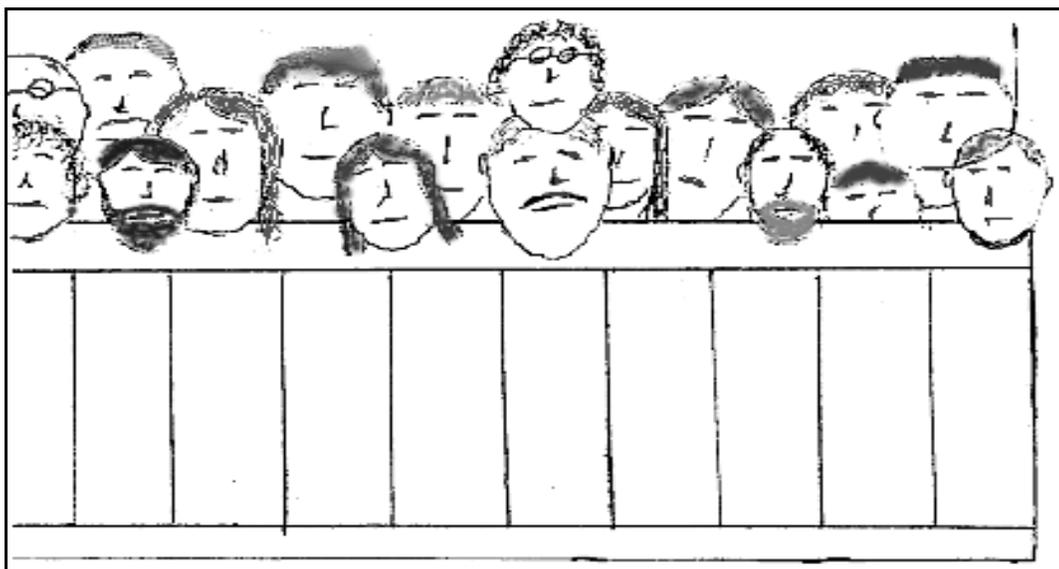


How do people feel before they learn about Jesus' forgiveness?●

How do people feel after they learn about Jesus?●



Who needs to know about Jesus? Color the faces of people who need to know about Jesus' forgiveness.



Classroom Art Activity - Help the children color the Ascension picture. Glue cotton balls around Jesus to make clouds. Decorate with glitter glue around the passage.



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