

#### BIBLE STORY:

Jesus Ascended to Heaven Acts 1: 4-10

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

What is our mission as believers?

## ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY What you need: <u>https://vimeo.com/421180888</u>

## FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

What is the tallest place you have ever visited?

In today's Bible story, Jesus is going to learn about a time that Jesus went up very high!

### ACTIVITY: TRUE OR FALSE? What you need: 15 items from around your house

Gather 15 items from around your house. Choose one person to be the guesser and one person to be the picker. The guesser should close their eyes while the picker takes away one item. The guesser will try to figure out which item is missing. If the guesser is correct, they become the picker and someone else can be the guesser. Play several rounds.

Say: Was it easy or difficult to remember what was missing? In today's Bible story, the disciples had no trouble telling Jesus was gone!

# ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

After Jesus had been raised from the dead, He met with His disciples over the next 40 days. Jesus gave His disciples important instructions not to leave the Jerusalem. Jesus said the disciples should wait there until God kept His promise to give them the Holy Spirit.

Jesus reminded the disciples of John the Baptist. John had baptized people when they turned away from their sin and turned to God. Jesus said that in a few days, the disciples would be baptized, too. Not with water, but with the Holy Spirit.

Lord, are You giving the kingdom back to Israel now?" the disciples asked? God was with His people – the Jews – but they looked weak. The Romans ruled over them. Jesus did not say yes, but He did not say no. "The Father knows when the time is right," He said. Then Jesus said, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." As Jesus' witnesses, the disciples would tell people about the good news of Jesus. The Holy Spirit would be with them to help them.

After Jesus said these things, He went up into heaven. The disciples watched until a cloud hid Him from their sight. Then two men appeared and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven. This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come again. He will return in the same way you have seen Him going into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem to pray and wait.

#### Pray:

God, we thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Thank You for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help believers do our mission to tell others about you. In Jesus' name, amen.

What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4