

Sunday School Lesson

May 24, 2020

3rd grade through high school

Acts 1: 6-14

The Ascension of Jesus!



Materials needed:

Bible or Spark Story Bible

Bubbles and Bubble Wand

Journal

Crayons, pencil, pen or markers

1. Today we are going to learn what happened to Jesus after he died and rose from the dead (came back to life). After Jesus rose from the dead he appeared to his disciples and other people. Some time

later he ascended into heaven. What does this mean and how did it happen? We are going to find out in this reading.

2. Read the Story "The Ascension" to your child or with your child found in Acts 1:6-14 and on page 498 of the Spark Story Bible. You can also hear Mrs. Terry tell the story on our Light of Christ Lutheran Church Youth Facebook page.
3. The word ascend means to go up or climb and to rise through the air. When we travel by airplane we say we are ascending to a certain height and then the plane stays at that height until it becomes necessary to descend (come down) to avoid turbulence (bumpy air) or to descend to land the plane. Jesus ascended into heaven. He was lifted by God up through the clouds.
4. Jesus told his disciples that they will be his witnesses in the world after Jesus goes to heaven. He told them that they will tell everyone they meet about what they learned by following Jesus. Talk with your child about what he/she can tell people about following Jesus.
5. Activities to support the story:
 - a. Into the Clouds!

Go outside with your family and blow bubbles together. As the bubbles drift upward, talk with your child about one way to follow Jesus. Also, if your child knows relatives or family friends who are in heaven and if it will help them to remember, ask them to say a remembrance of this person. Remind your child that this person is in heaven with Jesus. That Jesus went to heaven to make a place for this person. Remind them that even though this person is not living on the earth, that she/he is very happy and safe in heaven with God and Jesus. Her/his time on earth was done and even

though we are sad to be apart from him/her that we can be happy knowing that one day we will see him/her in heaven.

b. Cloud Watching

Another fun activity is to spend sometime outside watching the clouds drift by together. Look for shapes in the clouds and tell each other what you observe. Tell your children what you know about clouds and the weather. Imagine seeing Jesus being lifted through the clouds to heaven.

6. Action Rhyme:

With the good words that we say

(make your hands "talk")

And our kind actions as we play

(shake hands only with someone living in your house for right now)

We can show God's love each day

(hug self)

And help others learn about God.

(Point Up.)

We come to church and Sunday School to sing and pray.

(Fold hands in prayer.)

We listen to God's Word today

(cup hands around ears)

Then pass on what we have learned-hooray!

(Pretend to whisper to a friend, then jump up!)

We will help others learn about God!

(Point up.)

7. Create a Journal Entry: Title it May 24, 2020 The Ascension of Jesus! Draw or write your ideas for this story. What will you tell others about following Jesus? How can you be a witness for Jesus? Remember, as is written above, a witness for Jesus is someone who tells others what she/he knows about Jesus.

8. Sing with your child:

The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the book for me.
I stand alone on the word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E!

9. Close with a Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for teaching us how to be witnesses for you through the example you set for us while living on this earth. Thank you for our devoted parents who are our teachers right now for Sunday School and weekday school. Thank you for our online church and Sunday School where we learn how to follow you. Help us to always try our best to share your message of love and hope with others. Help us to remember that you are with us in heaven and on earth. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

God Bless Us and Keep Us Now and Evermore!! Amen.