

## Jesus' Ascension & the Great Commission

### Jesus is the Way!

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 28, Mark 26, Luke 24, John 14, Acts 1

**Memory Verse of the Week:** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

## Storytelling Video

Click [HERE](#) to watch this week's Kids Worship video.

## Discussion & Activities

Review the story with your children. Use the image below to review the story in creative and unique ways that you know your child will enjoy. Use a Bible to read this story straight from God's Word as you review it. Encourage your reading-age children to practice using their own Bibles!



### Story Overview:

God had a rescue plan to save the whole world from their sins. The plan was Jesus. Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and then after three days, Jesus came back to life and visited people for 40 days. During His last days on earth, Jesus instructed His disciples, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead. Gathering His disciples on the Mount of Olives one last time, Jesus physically ascends to heaven. Two angels repeat Christ's promise to return in the same way He ascended into heaven.

### Discussion Questions:

Adapt and ask these questions to fit your children's ages and developmental levels.

1. What was your favorite part about this story?
2. What are some things Jesus did after he rose from the grave?
3. After 40 days on earth, where did Jesus go?
4. What did Jesus tell his disciples, and us, to do?
5. Will Jesus come back again?

## Prayer of Blessing

Bless each child individually by going around and gently placing your hand on their head or shoulder saying:

**(Child's name), may you always remember that Jesus is the Way and may God give you the boldness to share the good news with others.**

Take this time to pray with and for you children. Allow them to share prayer requests, pray for each other, and pray their and others specific prayer requests.

## Activity: Cloud Shapes

Take some time to go outside and enjoy God's creation. Have a picnic, play, and lay on a blanket, looking up at the sky. What shapes can you see in the clouds? Talk about how Jesus ascended to heaven, up through the clouds into the sky. Together, talk about today's story, about Jesus, God, and heaven. Listen to their questions and remind them that Jesus is the Way!

## Craft: Jesus in the Clouds

### SUPPLIES

Construction paper, glue, cotton balls, crayons

## **CREATE**

Discuss the part of the story where Jesus ascended into heaven from on top of the hill. Have your children draw and color what they think that might have looked like. Draw a hill, the disciples, maybe the two angels that appeared. Then, have them draw Jesus in the sky and glue cotton ball clouds around him. Talk about what Jesus told the disciples to do before he went back to heaven. Write this week's memory verse somewhere on your child's drawing: **Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6**