

Ascension Activities

Observation Questions: What happened?

Have kids refer to Acts 1:3-11 in their Bibles.

How many days after Jesus' death and resurrection did he show himself to his followers? (*Acts 1:3. For forty days he appeared to them and talked with them.*)

Why did Jesus tell the disciples to wait in Jerusalem? (*Acts 1:4-5. They were to wait to receive what the Father had promised, the Holy Spirit.*)

What were the disciples to do after they received power from the Holy Spirit? (*Acts 1:8. They were to be witnesses for Jesus to the ends of the earth.*)

Describe how Jesus ascended into heaven. (*Acts 1:9-10. He was taken to heaven as a cloud hid him. Two men in white clothes, and angels, appeared.*)

How does this passage say Jesus will return someday? (*Acts 1:11. The same way they saw him go into heaven, appearing in the clouds.*)

Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

Have kids find the key verse from Ephesians 1:20b:

"...he [God] brought him [Jesus] back to life and gave him the highest position in heaven."

Where is Jesus now? (*In heaven*) **How do you know this?** (*God's word says so in these passages.*)

How does this make you feel knowing that *Jesus is Lord of heaven and he gives us the same power he gave his disciples? What are you to do with this power? (*Testify or witness about Jesus just as Jesus commanded his disciples.*)

This activity reviews the important Bible truth that Jesus asks us to be his witnesses until the time comes when he takes us to heaven. Have the children sign their names on their handprints. Then have each child write something he could say to someone else about Jesus. Examples could include "Jesus loves you," "Jesus wants to be your friend," "Get to know him today," etc.

Write your church's name, address, and phone number on the hand you cut out. The information will help whoever finds the balloon contact your church if they are interested in visiting.

Punch holes in the paper hands and tie to the ribbon on the balloon. Be aware of the fact that too many hands tied to one balloon may weigh the balloon down. Extra balloons should be available.

Go outside to release the balloon after the closing prayer.

Prayer:

The closing prayer should include the children's personal prayer requests for their friends and family who may not know Jesus.

