



BIG IDEA

Share the Good News!

THE BIBLE

Jesus Ascends to Heaven: Acts 1:3-10

In the last couple of weeks, we have shared the story of Easter. We've learned about Jesus coming into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus sharing a special meal with the disciples, Jesus showing His love for us by dying on the cross and after being buried in a tomb, overcoming death. Our story today is about what happened to Jesus after He rose from the dead and the special mission He has given us.

BIBLE STORY | Acts 1:3-10

- Last week we learned that Jesus died on the cross then was put in a tomb. **But did He stay in the grave?** No! he rose back to life after three days!
- **But what happened after that?** Let's listen to this story to find out.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and encourage kids to do the same. Read it!*
- **What an amazing story! Who did Jesus appear to after the resurrection?** He appeared to many people. He walked the earth for 40 days.
- **What do you think He did for those 40 days? Why do you think He stayed around?** We know a little bit about what He did, from the Bible. He taught and showed people that He was really alive. He appeared to more than 500 people at once!
- He also performed miracles, like the time when His disciples were fishing in their boat with empty fishing nets, and when Jesus told them to drop their nets, they caught so many fish that they couldn't even hold them all!
- Let's look back at the clues to figure out what happened next. Acts 1:8 tells us about a promise Jesus made.
- **What did He promise?** He said the Holy Spirit would come and give His people power.
- **What mission did He give them?** He told them that they will be eye witnesses around the world, so people will know the Good News of the Gospel.
- **Do you think He was only talking to the disciples?** He was talking to us too. Everyone who knows God can be a witness for Him.
- **Where did Jesus tell the disciples to go and tell about Him?** Jerusalem was the city they where they lived. Judea was the surrounding area, and Samaria was even farther away. He didn't stop there!
- **What was the last place He said to go?** He said they would go to the ends of the earth. That's a lot of places!
- **What happened after Jesus told them to tell the world about Him?** Jesus rose, or ascended, into heaven, where the Bible says He sits at the right hand of God the Father. What an amazing story!
- After the very first Easter, Jesus gave His disciples a special assignment to share His good news with the world.
- Do you know what this story tells about Easter and why it's so special?



PRAYER | Palm Prayers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage your child to hold their hands out in front of them, with their palms facing upward.*
- Let's give Him praise by lifting our palms of our hands toward heaven. This is an action to show God that we are lifting up our hearts and our thankfulness to Him.
- Think of three specific reasons you can praise God. Let's tell him how thankful we are together.
- **Dear God, we thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior and take the punishment for our sins. We thank you for planning this out with us in mind because You love us. We thank you that we can worship together today. In Jesus' name, amen.**

MEMORY VERSES | Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

MUSIC | Worship

- You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, *"Mighty to Save,"* by Hillsong Kids. Remember to keep practicing the song *"Sing wherever I go"* by We the Kingdom. We will worship together when we are able to gather again. :)

ACTIVITY | Laser Maze

- Jesus gave you a mission: you will need to take the paper with an important message about Jesus to the other side of the room, without touching the laser beams!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Set up a laser maze by taping yarn or crepe paper streamers across the room (if you have a hallway area or a place where the walls are close together, this works well. You could also use chairs lined up). Arrange the pieces at different heights and angles, so it's hard (but not impossible) to get through. Write the words, "Jesus loves you" on a piece of paper. Race through the laser maze while holding the paper, trying not to let their bodies or the paper touch any of the laser beams.*
- **Was it hard to go through the maze without touching the laser beams?**
- **Was it harder because of having to carry your important message?**
- **What is the good news of Jesus?**
 - That Jesus loves us.
 - He died on the cross to forgive our sins.