



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 heard the most incredible true story that Jesus died on the cross and was put in a tomb. **Did Jesus stay in the tomb?** No, He came back to life three days later! Now let's see what happened to Jesus after that.
- *Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.*
- What an awesome true story! **Who did Jesus appear to while He was alive on earth for 40 days?** Lots of people! He appeared to more than 500 people. Jesus performed miracles and showed people that He really was alive.
- **What else did Jesus tell us in these verses?** He told us to go into all the world and tell everyone the good news of the Gospel, and to tell everyone about Jesus' death and resurrection. He's alive!
- **What happened to Jesus after He gave us instructions to tell everyone about Him?** Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit, who is God, would come give power to His people. Then Jesus went up into heaven. The Bible says that Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. 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

- Let's spend time with God in prayer.
- Dear God, thank you for the incredible gift of Jesus! Thank you for the clear message, that we are to tell everyone about Jesus. Help us to be brave and bold when we share the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. We love you, amen.

MEMORY VERSE | Joshua 1:9

BE STRONG (*flex one arm*)
AND COURAGEOUS (*flex the other arm*).
DO NOT BE AFRAID (*put arms in front of your face*).
GOD WILL BE WITH YOU (*point up, and then put hands on hips*)
WHEREVER YOU GO (*march in place*).



MUSIC | Worship

- Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "Hosanna Rock" by Yancy and "I Believe in Jesus" by Saddleback Kids. Keep practicing the song "Sing wherever I go" by We the Kingdom. We will worship together when we are able to gather again. :)

ACTIVITY | Secret Message

- Jesus left us with a pretty important message. Let's see if we remember what it is.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use a white crayon to write (pressing down very hard) "Jesus" and draw a heart on a piece of white paper. Have your child paint over the secret message with water color paint or food coloring to reveal the secret message.
- **What does the secret message say? It says Jesus with a heart. What do you think that means? What assignment did Jesus give us?** Don't keep the awesome news of Jesus quiet! Tell everyone the good news of His love!

ACTIVITY | Telephone

- Ok guys, let's practice our communication skills! Jesus told us to share His good news with everyone and we're going to play a game and see how good we are at telling a message.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You need a minimum of three people to join you in a circle on the floor. Whisper a short message in the ear of the child to your left and tell them to whisper what they heard to the next person. Continue all the way around the circle. Once the message makes it back to you, share what the last child told you. Remember to keep your original message short and simple.
- Wow! That was fun! I think you guys are ready to go out and share this good news with the world!