

ASCENSION DAY

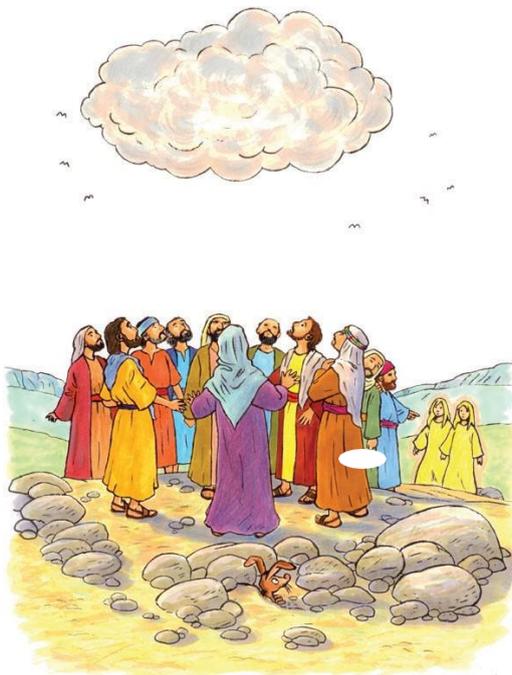
Acts 1:1-11



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ How Jesus returned to His Father.■ The angels announced that Jesus Christ would return.■ What happens on Ascension Day.
Bible Text	Acts 1:1–11

Ascension Day



After His resurrection, Jesus stayed with His Apostles for forty days and talked to them about the kingdom of God. He ordered them not to leave Jerusalem. They were to wait until the Spirit of God came to them.

The Apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time You will restore the kingdom of Israel?" Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know about dates or times the Father has set within His control. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

You will be witnesses for Me in Jerusalem and throughout all Judaea and Samaria and even in the farthest corners of the earth."

After Jesus said this, a cloud then took Jesus and He was lifted up in the air until the Apostles could no longer see Him.

As they stood staring up into heaven, two men in white robes suddenly stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand there looking up into heaven? This Jesus who has been taken from you up to heaven will come in the same way as you have seen Him go."

At that, the Apostles turned around and went back to Jerusalem joyfully.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel... Review with them what the disciples experienced with Jesus during the forty days He was on earth after He resurrected. (See previous lessons.)

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What does "ascension" mean? (Jesus rises through the air to heaven.)
- Why is it important for the Apostles to see Jesus ascending to heaven? (He wants to strengthen their faith and prepare them for the coming of the Holy Spirit.)
- Which two important promises are given to the faithful?
 - God sends the Holy Spirit to the people as a Comforter.
 - Jesus will return in the same way as He ascended into heaven.
- What task does Jesus give to the disciples? ("Be witnesses for Me in Jerusalem and even in the farthest corners of the earth.")

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus returned to His Father.
- The angels announced that Jesus Christ would return.
- On Ascension Day, a cloud took Jesus and He was lifted up in the air.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- The angels announced to the disciples that Jesus would return to earth.
- We still believe this today.
- How do we prepare ourselves for the return of Jesus?
(Love our neighbour, pray for Jesus' return, attend Sunday school and listen to God's word)

Repeat the Message

Like Jesus' ascension, we too will ascend when He returns.