

Week 32 Family Letter

Jesus Goes to Heaven: The Ascension and Great Commission

(Acts 1:6-11)

Where is Jesus? (Where is Jesus?)
Going to heav'n. (Going to heav'n.)

He is always with me. (He is always with me.)
He loves me. (He loves me.)

Where is Jesus? (Where is Jesus?)
In God's Word. (In God's Word.)

He is always with me. (He is always with me.)
He loves me. (He loves me.)

Where is Jesus? (Where is Jesus?)
In my heart. (In my heart.)

He is always with me. (He is always with me.)
He loves me. (He loves me.)

Where is Jesus? (Where is Jesus?)
Coming back. (Coming back.)

He is always with me. (He is always with me.)
He loves me. (He loves me.)

Bible Words

I am with you always.

Matthew 28:20

Dear Family,

Research tells us that fear begins in infancy and most likely will continue throughout a lifetime. Because of sin and death, it's normal for young children to have fears. They can be afraid of concrete objects, such as dogs and bugs; they can also be afraid of imaginary things, such as monsters and bad dreams. These fears are real and terrifying to them.

As Christians, we quickly try to soften a child's fear with assurance that Jesus is always with us. And that is a fact! It is also a fact that a merciful Creator often shows His presence and love through other people. The "Christ in me" reaching out and comforting a child with His presence, with loving interest and an understanding hug, assures a child concretely that Jesus is with him or her in the dark and when he or she is all alone. Our comfort in the face of fears is that sin and death and all our enemies are defeated by Christ, our Savior.

Sing the story to your child using the tune of the song "Are You Sleeping?" As your child colors the cloud in the picture, remember that Jesus has promised to come back in the same way He left, on the clouds. God especially calms fears that all people have in being separated from Him. Through the death of Jesus, God's Son, we know that we will be with Him forever in heaven.

As the Bible Words remind us, we have comfort that Jesus also comes to us now by the Gospel, by the preaching of His Word. Read the story on page 418 of *The Story Bible* together.

