

Week 32

Jesus' Ascension

After Easter, Jesus spent many days with His friends and helpers. Jesus talked to them about God's love. Jesus helped them understand why He had died on the cross and become alive again. He said He did this to take away our sins and to give us the promise of life in heaven. He also told them about the work He wanted them to do, telling this Good News to others. Jesus said He would always be with them.

One day, Jesus took His helpers to a hill outside the city. (*) As Jesus talked to His helpers, He suddenly began to rise into the sky. Up, up He went, until a cloud covered Him. It was time for Him to return to heaven.

Two angels came to talk to His helpers. "Why are you still looking up? Jesus will come back again someday." The helpers were glad. They knew Jesus still loved them. They knew Jesus was still with them, even though they could not see Him. They sang praises to God as they returned to the city.

Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

Think about It

Read the story for yourself in your Bible in Acts 1:6-11. How can Jesus be in heaven and still keep His promise to always be with us? Because Jesus is true God, He is everywhere and can do all things! Remember: Jesus is with you. He loves you and will always be with you.

Bible Words

Jesus said, "I am with you always."

Matthew 28:20





Dear Family,

Jesus made a promise to be with us always. And Jesus keeps His promises. Though we can't see Him, He is near to forgive, bless, and protect us and to supply our needs.

Nurture in your child the confidence that Jesus is always there. After your child talks on the phone with someone, talk about how we can hear that person's voice but can't see him or her. Talk about how Jesus is really here, but we can't see Him. We hear His words in the Bible.

Read a letter to your child, explaining that these are the person's words. Tell your child that the Bible has Jesus' words. In the Bible, Jesus gives us His message about His love and forgiveness.

Have pictures of Jesus or crosses in your house as a reminder of His presence. At bedtime, talk about ways Jesus has blessed your day.

Read more about the Bible lesson on pages 418–420 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).