



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 16

Ascending into Heaven

Lesson Aim: To learn how the ascension of Christ still impacts the daily lives of His believers.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What will the best thing about heaven be for you?

GAME: Balloon Push

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS BLESSED THE DISCIPLES AND ASCENDED

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus appeared to the disciples who were fishing.

Today, we will discover what happened when Jesus led His disciples to Bethany forty days after He rose from the dead. Point to Bethany.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 24:50-53, Mark 16:19-20. Find Luke 24:50-53 First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 24:51. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After the risen Jesus appeared many times to His disciples, where did He lead them? (To Bethany.) **What happened there?** (Jesus blessed them and was taken up into heaven.) **Why do you think it was important for the disciples to see with their own eyes where Jesus went?** This moment showed them it was now time for followers to be His witnesses, because He would not be appearing on earth again until His final return.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

What do you think Jesus said when He blessed the disciples that day? 1,500 years earlier, the Lord gave Moses a blessing for the Israelites. This blessing is for anyone who belongs to God. Reveal Numbers 6:23-27. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Review these meanings. **The Lord “keeps you.”** (He watches over you to keep you safe.) **He “makes His face shine upon you.”** (He smiles upon you.) **He is “gracious to you.”** (He shows undeserved kindness.) **He “turns His face toward you and gives you peace.”** (He sees you, is pleased with you, and gives you a peaceful heart.) **Which part means the most to you?**

Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples. In the same way, I would like to bless each one of you today. Pray each child.

“May the Lord bless you, child’s name, and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you. Amen.”

How has the Lord shown kindness to you? In what ways has He given you a more peaceful heart?

After Jesus blessed them and ascended (was taken up) into heaven, where was He seated? (At the right hand of God.) **What did the disciples do after they praised God in the temple?** (Preached.) **What did Jesus do as He watched over them from heaven?** (Worked with them and showed them signs to prove His words were true.)

In what four ways are the events of that day in Bethany still continuing today? (Jesus still blesses us. We still gather to praise Him together. He is still in heaven. He still works with us to build His kingdom.) **No one knows the date, but 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 describes the return of Jesus.** Read. **What do you look forward to most on that day?** **Paul tells us to encourage each other with these words. How does knowing Jesus will return encourage you?** **Why is it important for all people to know Jesus will return to gather those who believe in Him?** **Who can you encourage with those words?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord’s Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Cloud (small piece of cotton)
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #16
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus being taken up through the clouds into heaven
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Clouds of Heaven

GAME: Rising Balloons

CRAFT: The Lord’s Blessing Plaque

THE APOSTLES’ CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: “Sit on the Throne” Musical Chairs, Bible Memory Verse Bop

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW