

At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 3, Lesson 16

Jesus Goes Up to Heaven

Lesson Aim: To know where Jesus is.

THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Jesus Goes Up to Heaven
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Land, Water, and Sky
- ACTIVITY CENTER: Clouds in the Sky
- BLOCK CENTER: Jesus Is with Us

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart." When we pray, we show God we love Him. Let's pray right now. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us to love You with all our heart. Help us love our neighbors, too. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart." Matthew 22:37a

THE WORD JESUS WENT UP TO HEAVEN CLASSROOM PROMISE

Show children the balloon. Who can tell me what I brought today? (A balloon.) I love balloons. They come in so many fun shapes and colors. What's your favorite color?

If your balloon is filled with air, add this line: **This balloon is filled with air. If I let go of it, it falls.** Let go of the balloon and let it fall. Pick it back up and hold it again.

When a balloon is filled with helium, we have to hold onto it because it will float. If we are outside, it will go up, up, up into the air, higher and higher into the heavens until it disappears. After Jesus was raised to life and spent some time with His friends, it was time for Him to return to heaven. He was raised up, up, up into the air, higher and higher until He was taken up into heaven.

Next time you see a balloon floating in the air, you can remember the story of Jesus being taken up into heaven. Let's listen to our story. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 24:51.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 24:50-53

Read poem. Display visual.

- Jesus went to a special place;
- > He brought along His friends.
- > Then He stopped to bless them,
- > And He lifted up His hands.
- > While Jesus was blessing them,
- > To heaven He was raised.
- > They worshiped Him and went to stay
- > In the temple where God was praised.

What happened while Jesus was blessing His friends? (He was lifted up into heaven.) Where is Jesus now? (Heaven.)

THE WAY JESUS IS IN HEAVEN TODAY

CRAFT: I See Jesus GAMES: Two Ways to Praise, Where Is Jesus? SNACK: Marshmallow Clouds FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 24:50-53 BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Memory Verse Circle, I See Someone Jesus Loves STORY TIME