

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 3, Lesson 16

Ascending into Heaven

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus is blessing us now from heaven.

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. Pray. Read.

THE WAY BLESSINGS FROM JESUS

What did Jesus do for His disciples in Bethany just before He was taken up to heaven? (He blessed them.) A blessing is a prayer asking God to give good things to the person being blessed. To be blessed is a very special honor. How do you think the disciples felt as Jesus blessed them?

After Jesus blessed them, where did He go? (Into heaven.) With their own eyes, His disciples saw Jesus be taken up into heaven. Where is the Lord Jesus now? (In heaven.) If you had been there to see Jesus bless you and be lifted up into heaven, how do you think you would have felt? What would you have wanted to do next?

Afterwards, why did the disciples go to the temple? (To praise God.)

Why do you think they felt such great joy? Why do you think they wanted to worship God together right after Jesus went into heaven?

We still love to come together to praise the Lord and thank Him for His many blessings. How has the Lord blessed your life?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

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

Review these meanings with the children:

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 of this blessing 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. Lift your hands and repeat the following prayer for each child. For a large group of children, have children pray for each other, as you lead them in repeating the two lines of the prayer.

"May the Lord bless you, child's name, and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you. Amen."

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Cloud (small piece of cotton)
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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 Plague

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs,

Bible Memory Verse Bop
BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW