



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 16

Ascending into Heaven

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus is now in heaven, blessing us and working with us to build His kingdom.

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 JESUS BLESSES US AND WORKS WITH US

After the risen Jesus appeared many times to His disciples, where did He lead them? (To Bethany.) What did Jesus do for them just before He was taken up into heaven? (He blessed them.) How do you think His disciples felt as they received Jesus' blessing?

Why do you think it was important for the disciples to see where Jesus went? It was time for the followers to be His witnesses because He would not appear again on earth until His final return. Where does Jesus sit in heaven? (At the right hand of God.) Why do you think they chose the temple as the place to worship? In Bible times, it was the place where God's people worshiped Him. Heaven will one day be our place of worship. What do you think will be the first thing we will all do together when we arrive? (Worship Jesus.)

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 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 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. Pray this prayer for each child.

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

What did the disciples do after they spent time praising God? (Went out and preached everywhere.) What did the Lord Jesus do as He watched over them from His seat in heaven? (Worked with them and showed them certain signs to prove His words were true.) It is comforting to know exactly where the Lord Jesus is. Today, Jesus continues to watch over us, bless us, and work with us to build His kingdom.

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 Plaque

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW