

At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3 Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts-Revelation Unit 1, Lesson 1

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus promised a special helper.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

COLORING CENTER: Jesus Is Taken Up to Heaven

PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: A Special Helper
BLOCK AND CAR CENTER: Wait and Go
DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Promise Keepers

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES US POWER

Today, we are going to hear about a very special promise Jesus made. Let's pray and thank Jesus for keeping His promises. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear Jesus**, thank You for keeping Your promises. Help us to always trust in You. 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. "'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." Zechariah 4:6b

THE WORD JESUS IS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN CLASSROOM PROMISE

Show children the balloon. Hold balloon close to you. Who can tell me what I brought today? (A balloon.) I love balloons. I love their pretty colors. What color balloon do you like? I especially like to watch them float through the air. Allow balloon to float upward or if it is not helium, slowly lift it above your head. When I am outside, if

I don't hold it tight, it might be taken up higher and higher until I can't even see it.

In our story today, Jesus is all grown up and it is time for Him to be taken up to heaven. At first, His friends were sad. They would miss Jesus, but He promised to send them a special helper, called the Holy Spirit, who would be with them. Let's listen. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 1:9.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 1:4-11

Read poem. Display visual.

- > Jesus was born as a gift from God.
- > He gave His life to save everyone.
- > He rose again and promised His friends:
- "Wait for the gift of the Spirit to come."
- > Then Jesus was taken up into heaven,
- Everyone stared up at the clouds.
- > Two men said, "Why are you looking up there?"
- > In the same way, one day He'll come back down!"

What did Jesus tell His friends to do? (Wait for the gift of the Spirit to come.) Jesus sent us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us know how to follow God.

THE WAY GIVING TREASURES TO JESUS

CRAFT: Wait for the Gift

GAMES: Up and Down, "By the Spirit" Tag

SNACK: Marshmallow Clouds

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

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

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Acts 1:4-11

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Bible Memory Verse Hop,

Close with Him **STORY TIME**