
Game and Lesson Introduction

Lesson Opening: In this story, the disciples watch as Jesus is taken up into Heaven. He promises them to send a special Holy Spirit helper, and lets them know He will always be with them.

Since Jesus goes up into the sky, you might consider some fun ways to explore clouds or sky.

Here are some potential activities to enjoy...(select the best one for your audience and age group):

- Observe evaporation: set a glass or bowl of water outside. Track how the water level depletes as the day goes on. (Note: this works best in sunny weather.)
- Have some fun tossing things into the air! Play catch with balloons, beanbags, or even water balloons!
- Jesus told the disciples to spread the news about who He was. Spread some joy to others in your neighborhood with chalk messages or posters.
- Make some "clouds" with shaving cream. For younger students, this is a fun opportunity to practice writing letters or numbers. It gets tables nice and clean, too!
- Watch a chemical reaction that involves things rising up. This can be done with baking soda and vinegar, Alka-seltzer tablets, or "dancing raisins". For extra excitement, go OUTSIDE and drop a tube of Mentos into a bottle of soda and watch what happens!

Explain that Jesus promised to prepare a special place for us, and that He will come back for us one day! Meanwhile, He will be with us always. We will read about His departure into Heaven, but we know that He is also present with us in each and every moment.

Ask: Do you think Heaven is a place up in the sky? Can we get there from Earth? Why do you think some people might think they can?

