



# 3PK

April 6-7, 2013

DATE

Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension

LESSON TITLE

Luke 24, John 20, Acts 1

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus is always with us!

MAIN POINT

## schedule

### **SCHEDULE for all sites:**

First 10 minutes of the service hour:  
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

*If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week*

## tips

Have activities ready for kids when they arrive. Place coloring pages and crayons on the table. Help kids engage in other activities like playing with a truck or baby doll. Use this time to get to know the kids individually. Ask them questions like: "Who brings you to church?", "What's your favorite," etc.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, tell their parents one positive thing they did. You'll make at least one parent's day!

## large group heads up

Today, we're learning about the story of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Even though Jesus went to Heaven, kids will learn that he has promised to be with them always!



## instructions

**Goal:** to retell the story and have some fun remembering that Jesus is always with us!

**Why?** We want kids to have fun learning about Jesus.

**Tip:** This story is a tough concept to understand, even as an adult. That's okay! But remember, if you communicate that you take Jesus at his Word, the kids will too!

## small group

**\*\*Give kids a snack. As they eat, use the 4 images to review the story together. Do it a few times—as many times as you can while keeping their attention! You can ask individual kids to retell it or go around the room, one by one, retelling the story as many times as it takes to get to everybody. Try to get all kids involved!**

### REVIEW

1. (**Image 1**—the angel and two women discovering the empty tomb) After Jesus died to rescue us, what happened? (He came back to life; the angel said he was alive!)
2. (**Image 2**—Jesus in a house with friends) What did Jesus do on earth after he came back to life? (he ate, walked, and talked to friends)
3. (**Image 3**—friends looking at Jesus' scars) Did Jesus' friends believe it was really him? (Yes!)
4. (**Image 4**—people looking up through crowds) Then where did Jesus go? (he went up into the sky, up into Heaven)
5. Where is Jesus now? (He is in Heaven, but he's also with us always!\*)

*\*It's okay to admit to kids that this is hard to understand! But assure them that Jesus is everywhere!*

### ACTIVITY

Freeze Dance: Play some upbeat music (use your Kids' Club CD) and have everyone dance like crazy while the music is playing. Stop the music at random intervals and have kids freeze in place until the music plays again. But here's the catch: After they freeze, everybody says, "Jesus is always with me!" before you start it again! Oh—and you gotta shake it some, too, or this game won't work. Don't worry—they won't know you're a horrible dancer.

**(Extra time? Continue to the next page)**

***Do you have Extra time?***

*After your dance party, go through your story images again! See what kids remember and give them some extra practice.*

## special notes

We're reviewing sign language from last week. We're pointing up and then doing the sign for "alive." If you missed it last week, you can visit this site to learn it: <http://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/ALIVE/2946/1>.

## presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, or make a face or a motion... every couple of minutes give them a way to engage verbally or kinesthetically. Double bonus - It will actually help them remember what you're saying, too!

## script

**Presenter:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

**Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun!** (About 1 minute)

### REVIEW

**Presenter:** (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up"! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN....something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And God sent his own son, Jesus, to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world! We talked about how Jesus rescued us by dying on the cross! And then he came back to life! That's GREAT NEWS!

### INTRO: REMEMBER, JESUS IS ALIVE!

Today, we're going to talk about what happened after Jesus died. Because remember, Jesus didn't stay dead! He is alive! Let's practice our sign language to help us remember the best part of this story. First, everybody point up and say "Jesus" (let kids respond).



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Now, point toward your tummy but keep your thumbs up, like this (model and let kids respond). Great job! Okay, now bring your hands up to point at your chin while you say “alive.” (Model and let kids respond. \*See the sign here: <http://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/ALIVE/2946/1>)

Let's do it together! Ready? 1-2-3: “Jesus is alive!” (Model the signs and let kids follow) One more time--AS LOUD AS WE CAN...Ready? 1-2-3: “Jesus is alive!” Model sign language and yell, “Great job!”

### **JESUS' LAST DAYS ON EARTH**

And when Jesus was alive again, he did some normal stuff just like us. He ate food (**show picture of Jesus eating**). Can you guys pretend to eat with me? (Pretend to eat off your hand) Yep! Just like that.

And you know what else he did? He appeared to two guys who were walking, and he could walk just like normal! Let's swing our arms like we're going on a walk (keep the kids seated but model swinging arms while you walk in place). Good job!

Jesus also saw his friends and talked to them! Point to a friend in this room! (Let kids respond. Then say...) “If you don't know anybody, point to *me* because I'd LOVE to be your friend!”

### **JESUS WENT TO HEAVEN**

But Jesus wasn't eating and walking and talking on earth very long. He left again! We're going to watch a video that reminds us of Jesus' rescue and also shows us where Jesus went. As you watch, see if you can figure out where Jesus went after he came back to life.

#### **Video: God's Story / Jesus' Rescue (resurrection and ascension)**

Wow, so Jesus died...then he came back to life...*then* where did he go? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he went into the sky and then into Heaven!

But before Jesus left, he told everybody who follows him something pretty cool: He said, “Even though you won't be able to see me anymore, I will never leave you.” Jesus is with us always! Everybody hug yourself and say, “Jesus is with me!” (Let kids respond.)

Let's pray together and thank him! (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for sending Jesus! Thank you that he is alive. Thank you that he's with us always. Aaaaa-MEN.

Now let's sing and celebrate!

**Song: Trust in the Lord**

**Music Video: Jesus Loves Me**

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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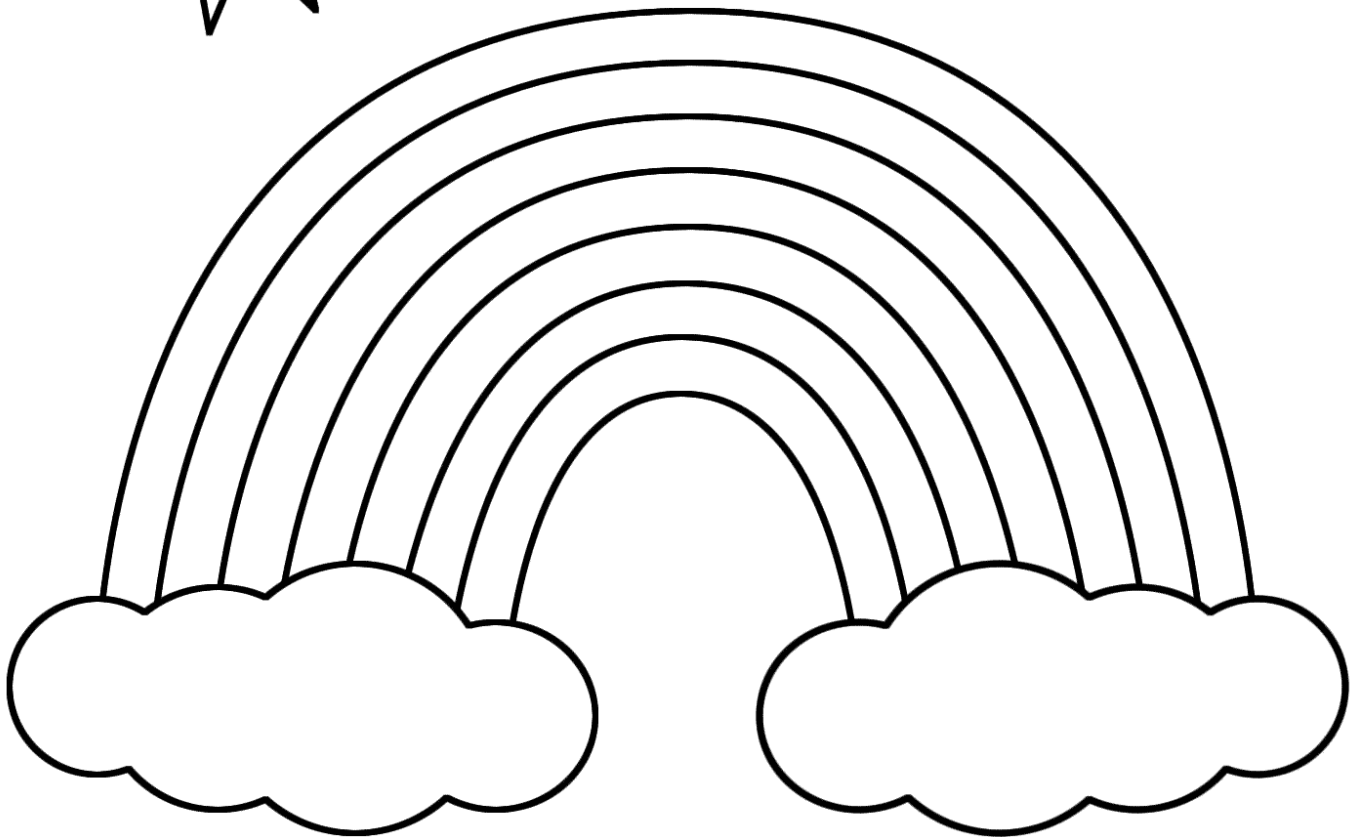
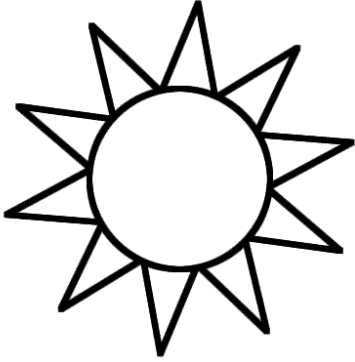


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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

1. Coloring pages
2. Per small group: 4 8.5x11 colored images (all 4 images are in curriculum folder)
3. Make sure KC CDs are in every room and the DVD player works

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## large group supplies

Bible

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## a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun!
2. Image: pg. 320 from JSB (Jesus eating with his friends)
3. Video: God's Story / Jesus' Rescue
4. Song: Trust in the Lord
5. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (the animated version)

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## special room set-up

None

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## connect questions

Tell me what you learned about Jesus today.  
Read today's story together in Acts 1.

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## parent page

Today's story is all about what happened *after* Jesus was resurrected. Ask your kid about it. And if you don't have a Bible at home—or want to read the story together in a kids' version—ask your child's volunteer to give you a "Jesus Storybook Bible."