



3PK

April 26-27, 2014

DATE

Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 14
(Jesus Storybook Bible, p. 318)

WHERE TO FIND IT

The Ascension (Going Home)

LESSON TITLE

Before Jesus went to Heaven (ascended),
he gave us a special job to do.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition, or 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, remind them to tell their parents about the special job Jesus gave us!

large group heads up

Today, we're learning about the story of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. But before Jesus went to Heaven, he gave his followers a very special job to do.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- As kids are lined up, play a game of “Simon Says”: Lead the kids in some simple actions:
 - Touch your toes
 - Spin around
 - Clap three times
 - High five a friend
 - Sit on the ground
 - Stand back up
 - Jump twice
 - Etc.—whatever you want! But as you finish, move into several calmer moves, like tip-toeing, whispering, freezing perfectly still, etc.

Before you go, tell kids that Simon gives us special jobs to do in this game. And in Large Group, we'll learn about a special job Jesus tells us to do. Then tip-toe in together!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) recognize that Jesus went to Heaven (without dying) and (2) understand that Jesus gave his followers a special job

Why? As kids get older, we'll practice specific ways to share Jesus with others. For today, we want kids to understand that Jesus wants us to share his story!

Tip: The extra baptism teaching is to help kids understand baptism is a part of following Jesus and declaring you follow Jesus. Since their parents may be getting baptized this week (at Last Wednesday in Florence, Mason, or Oakley), we want kids to at least hear about it.

small group

*Mason and West Side, please fill a **container with water** and bring it into the room prior to small group. Discard all water before you leave.*

***This lesson will probably work best if you do the baptism teaching during snacks.**

REVIEW THE STORY:

1. What did Jesus do after he rescued us and came back to life? (He showed up in a room with his friends, ate food, talked to his friends.)
2. Where did Jesus tell his friends he was going? (home, to his Father, Heaven)
3. How did Jesus get to Heaven? (he rose up into the sky)
4. Who else can someday live with Jesus and God? (Jesus' friends, the whole world, everyone who follows Jesus, which means you and me!)

BAPTISM TEACHING

SAY: Remember, Jesus also promised to be with us always. It's hard to understand that, but it's important to remember that we can talk to Jesus anytime and that it's our special job to follow him and show others how to follow him. One way we can show people we follow Jesus is by getting baptized.

- **(Fill the container with water; dip the doll into the water.)** Baptism is when we go under water and come back up again. It shows everybody that we follow Jesus!
- When we follow Jesus, we can act like him. What are some ways we can act like him? (Help kids think of things like: sharing, being kind, helping others, saying nice things, etc.)
- When we follow Jesus and act like him, we also have a special job. What's our special job? (tell people about Jesus)

ACTIVITY

- Give each kid a **foam megaphone** and use **markers** to decorate it
- Practice using the megaphone to say: Jesus rescued you!
- What else can you tell people about Jesus? (Use the megaphone to share Bible story/character qualities.)

***Pray together and thank Jesus for giving us a special job.** Then ask kids to practice telling others about Jesus' rescue!

...Extra time? Play Simon Says again, with an emphasis on the commands being "special jobs." You can even say, "Simon Says do the special job Jesus gave us" and have kids turn to a friend and say something about Jesus.

special notes

Today's video is not available for preview on YouTube. Please refer to the Jesus Storybook Bible (pg. 318-324) to preview the content.

presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, make a face or a motion... every couple 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 4 Share With Others (about 1 minute)

Wow, let me see those listening ears again (let kids respond). Great! Now raise your hand if you're ready to have some fun in Kids' Club today! (Let kids respond.) Me too! Alright, let's start by remembering the beginning of a *very* special story....

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold 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? God made an amazing home for us because he loves us SO much! Let me see a BIG smile (let kids smile).

But *then*.... something bad happened. A snake tricked Adam and Eve into thinking God didn't really love them. They disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world! Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) But God loved Adam and Eve—and us—WAY too much to leave us alone in a world full of wrong things. So God sent his son, Jesus, to rescue us! This is great news, so let's see your happy face again! (Let kids respond.)

JESUS IS ALIVE

Remember, Jesus rescued us by dying on the cross. But three days later, he came back to life! And when Jesus was alive again, he said hello to his friends. One night, his friends were in a room with a locked door...and all of the sudden, he just *showed up* in the room!



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He also ate food with his friends (***show picture of Jesus eating***). Can you guys pretend to eat with me? (Pretend to eat with your hands.) Yep! Just like that. Jesus had died but come back to life, and lots of people got to talk to him and spend time with him!

But Jesus wasn't going to stay on earth for long. Jesus told his friends that pretty soon, he would go home to God in Heaven. But even though he was leaving, he told his friends not to be sad because one day, they would come to Heaven and live with him.

JESUS GOES TO HEAVEN

We're going to watch a video about how Jesus saw his friends and then went home to Heaven. As you watch, see if you can figure out how Jesus got home to Heaven:

Video: JSB: Going home

Wow, so Jesus died...then he came back to life...*then* he went to Heaven. And did you guys see how Jesus got to Heaven? He just started going into the sky! The Bible says he disappeared behind a cloud. Lots of people saw him—it was amazing!

JESUS GAVE HIS FRIENDS A SPECIAL JOB

The best part of this story is that before Jesus left, he told his friends that LOTS of other people could come home with him someday. In fact, everyone who follows Jesus can one day live with him! That's great news!

And he also gave his friends—and everyone else who followed him—a special job: to go tell everyone the good news that Jesus rescued us! That means that even though you and I didn't get to meet Jesus while he was on earth, we can still follow him and be part of God's family!

JESUS GAVE US A SPECIAL JOB TOO

(Grab the megaphone.) So if we follow Jesus, we have a special job too. Our special job is to say: JESUS RESCUED YOU. Let's all practice. Put your hands around your mouth, like this (model). Now on the count of three, say "Jesus rescued you." Ready? 1-2-3: "Jesus rescued you!" Now, that's some great news!

Before we pray, I want you all to close your eyes and imagine you are telling one person at home, "Jesus rescued you!" Imagine they are listening to you. Imagine you are telling them about how Jesus died and then came back to life—and then went into Heaven. And one day, he'll come back for God's whole family! (Pause) OK, now let's pray together and thank Jesus that we can follow him! (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for sending Jesus! Thank you that I can follow Jesus. Thank you that he's with me always. Aaaaa-MEN.

Now let's sing and celebrate!

Song: Thank You Lord



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Song: *Whole Wide World* (new music video with images, but can learn hand motions ahead of time by watching this version of the song: <http://vimeo.com/13033365>)

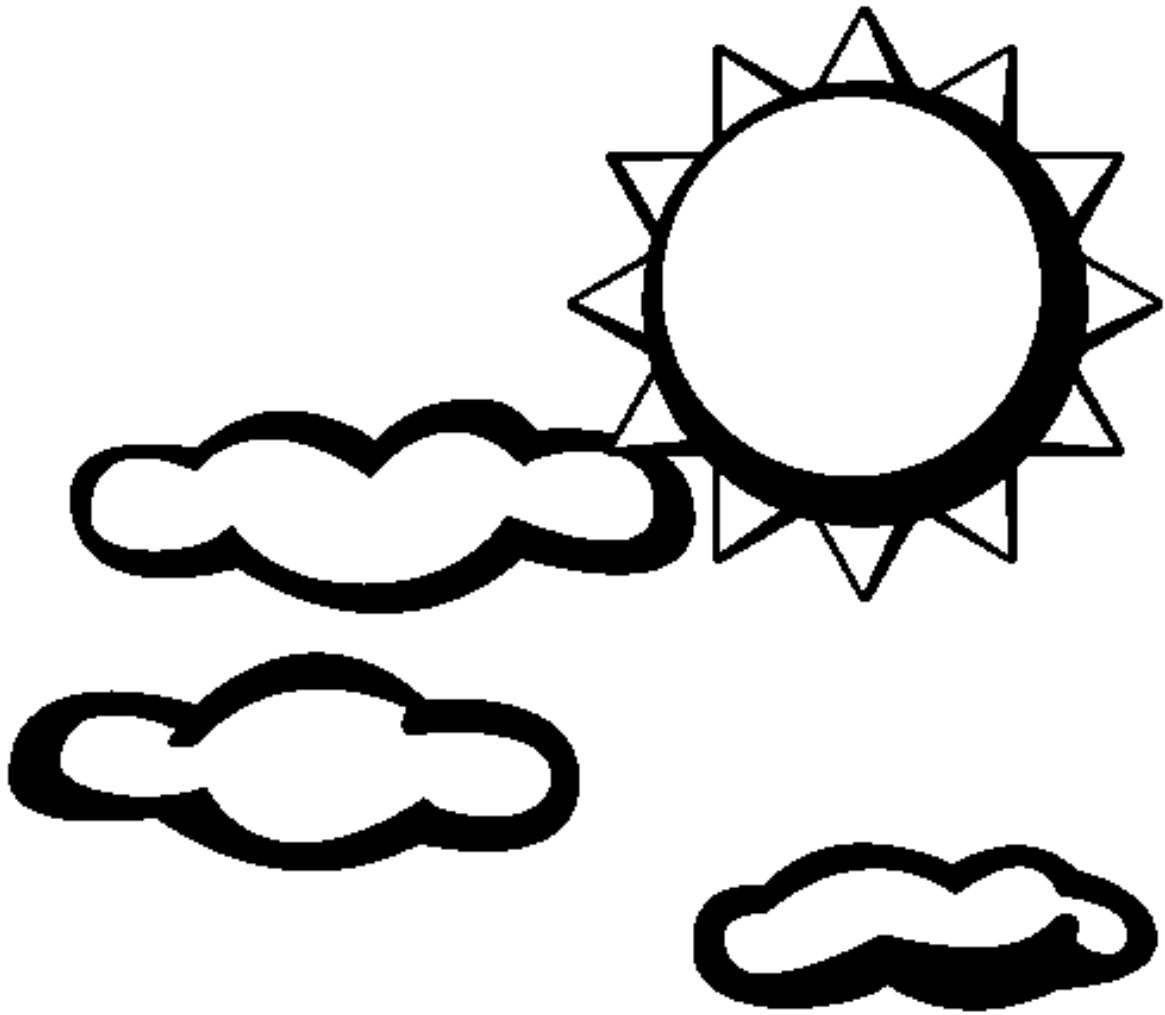
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop—like Hops—to their groups.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Simon Says Game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per Group/Room:

- Plastic doll (Barbie-type)
- Container for water (one that fits the doll)
- Markers

Per Kid:

- Foam Megaphone: OT: IN-48/7610
- Coloring Page: Sky

large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible (p. 318)
Megaphone (plastic)

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others
2. Image: Jesus eating food (pg. 320 in JSB)
3. Video: JSB / “Going Home”
4. Song: Thank You Lord
5. Music Video: Whole Wide World (new animated version, not the version with real kids)

connect questions

Tell me about the special job Jesus gave his friends.
What’s our special job?

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