

April 22-23, 2017

DATE

Jesus goes home.

LESSON TITLE

Luke 7:36-50

WHERE TO FIND IT

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

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)**
- Line up.
- 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.

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!



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.

small group

***Fill up the container with water before Small Group. If there's no sink in your room, fill a container with water and bring it into the room prior to small group.**

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, in heaven.)
3. How did Jesus get to Heaven? (He rose up into the sky.)
4. Who else can follow Jesus and be a part of God's family? (Everyone—which means you and me!)
5. When we follow Jesus and act like him, we also have a special job. What's our special job? (To tell people about Jesus!)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

*For this activity, you'll need the **container filled with water** and the **plastic doll**.

- **SAY:** Jesus promised to be with us ALWAYS. We can talk to Jesus anytime and it's our special job to follow him and show others how to follow him!
- **SAY:** One way we can show people we follow Jesus is by getting baptized. Baptism is when we go underwater and come back up again. It shows everybody that we follow Jesus!
- Fill the container with water, and dip the doll into the water. (If it feels right for your age group, go around and let kids gently dip the doll into the water themselves!)
- After you're done with the baptism activity, let each kid take a turn using the **megaphone** to say, "I can follow Jesus!"

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*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring sheet**. After that, 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

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

Notes:

- ***Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Share with others**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Main Goal: Understand that Jesus died for us...but then he came back to life!

- **Say:** 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!
- **(Image: Jesus eating)** He also ate food with his friends. 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!
- **Say:** 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

Main Goal: See how Jesus went to heaven after he appeared to all his friends.

- **Say:** 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**
- **Say:** 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

Main Goal: Describe the special job Jesus gave us before he left—that we get to show others how to follow him!

- **Say:** 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!
- **Say:** 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!
- **Say:** So if we follow Jesus, we have a special job too. Our special job is to say (Speak loudly into your microphone): 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!" (Let kids yell.) Now, that's some great news!



WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

Notes:

- **Say:** Before we pray, I want you all to close your eyes and imagine you are telling one person at home, “Jesus rescued you!”
- **Say:** 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** (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.): Hi God! Thanks for sending Jesus! Thank you that I can follow Jesus. Thank you that he’s with me always. Aaaaa-MEN.
- **Set up worship:** Now let’s sing, dance and celebrate that Jesus is alive today, and he wants EVERYONE to follow him!
- **Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage**
- **Music Video: Boss of Me**
- **Song: King of the Jungle**

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.)



connect questions

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

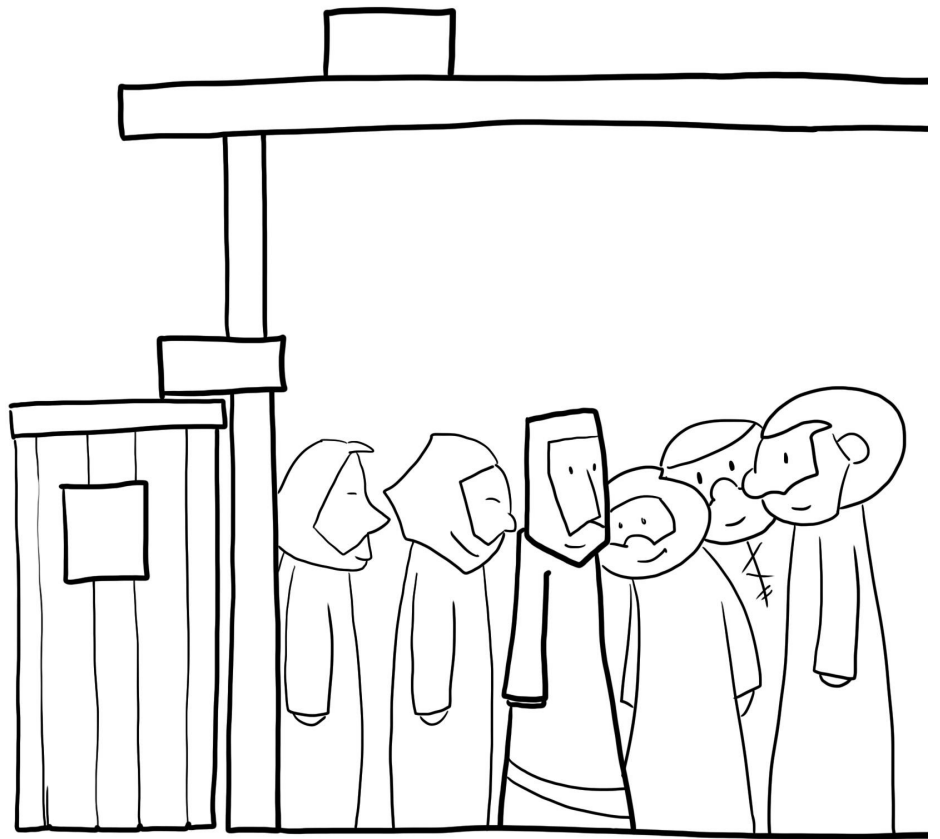
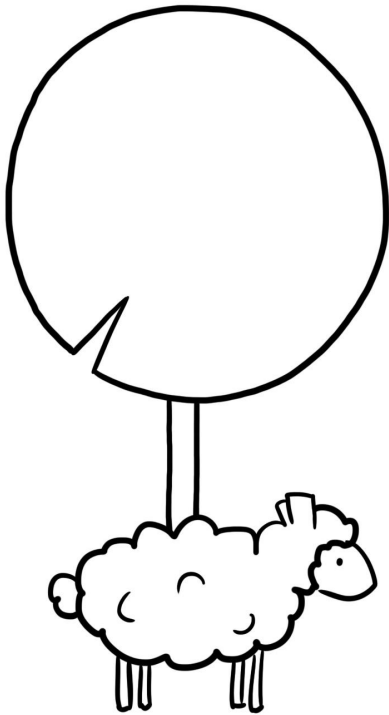
lesson supplies

Connect Time		
Item	Usage	Details
No supplies needed		

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring Page - Ascension	1 per kid	Page 9, white paper, black & white	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Clear Plastic Bin	1 per room, reused	Clear Sterlite Shoebox sized bins from Target or Site Resource Room	site
Plastic Ken Doll	1 per room, reused	Dress in hankerchief, tie at waist with rope	KC Central
Megaphone	1 per room, reused	Oriental Trading, Plastic DIY Megaphones	KC Central

Large Group		
Item	Usage	Details
Jesus Storybook Bible	1 per large group, reused	

name





1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Share with others (<https://vimeo.com/67408014>)
3. Image: Jesus eating
4. Video: Jesus Storybook Bible / Going Home (KC/SM media videos songs>videos>jesus storybook bible)
5. Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage (<https://vimeo.com/144037020>)
6. Music Video: Boss of Me (<https://vimeo.com/1181519410>)
7. Song: King of the Jungle (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)