



The Ascension of Jesus

May 29

Luke 24:50-52; Acts 1:1-11

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Tell the story of the ascension from Acts 1. Is Jesus dead? What is he doing now?
- What does it mean to be a witness? Revisit the lesson from a few weeks ago and recap the instructions that the disciples were given. Relate the instructions from Acts 1:8 to us now (ie. Jerusalem is your town, Judea and Samaria your province, etc.)
- When Jesus went to heaven, his work didn't stop. Instead, he gave the Holy Spirit to the people who believed in him and gave them the job to tell people about the kingdom of heaven. Talk about how this is still our job today.
- Skit idea: Friends relaying to other friends what happened. Or you could have a reporter interview one of the disciples about what they saw.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- Sometimes we forget that Jesus is God. The ascension is a really big reminder that Jesus is fully God - this was a surprising moment of glory and majesty for the people that saw it. How do you think they felt? How do you think you would have felt?
- What does it mean for us that Jesus is God? What does it mean for us that Jesus is in heaven?

At Home Connections

- Go cloud-gazing as a family. Find a spot in the park, read Luke 24 and Acts 1 together, and imagine what it would have been like. Can you find shapes in the clouds that fit with the story?
- Our friend Jesus has gone to another place. As a practice of prayer, write Jesus a letter together as a family. What do you want to tell him? What do you think the disciples would have wanted to tell Jesus if they wrote him a letter after he went back to heaven?