

Jesus Returns to Heaven - April 18

Parents: Can you imagine seeing Jesus return to heaven before your very eyes? The disciples saw just that! Before He was taken up to heaven, the Lord Jesus told them that they would be His witnesses. We see that fulfilled even now as we read the Bible and the gospel is being shared to the ends of the earth.



Read: Acts 1:6-11 Jesus Taken Up to Heaven

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Discuss: When Jesus appeared to the disciples after He had died on the cross and rose again they asked if He was going to restore the kingdom to Israel. What did Jesus say? *He said it was not for them to know what God the Father has set.*

When the Holy Spirit came on them what did they receive? *Power.*

What did Jesus mean when He said they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem and all the way to the ends of the earth? *By the power of the Holy Spirit they were to tell others about Jesus and the good news of the gospel (the Lord saves us from our sins).*

Do you think the same applies to us? *Yes. Why? We are to share with others the love of Jesus and what He did for us.*

What happened after Jesus spoke? *He was taken up to heaven and a cloud hid him.*

What did the two men dressed in white say? *Jesus will return the same way He left.*

Key Point: Jesus Was Taken Up to Heaven

Jesus Was Taken (Tap one finger in the middle of the opposite palm, extend one hand out pull into a fist)

Up to Heaven (Point up, take both sets of fingers facing each other and open arms out)

Family Activity: Color the sheet attached. While coloring, think of someone you'd like to see in heaven one day. Pray for the person and ask God to help you share the love of Jesus with them.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for sending Jesus to save us and make a place for us in heaven. Help us tell others this wonderful news. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Acts 1: 11b - "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



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