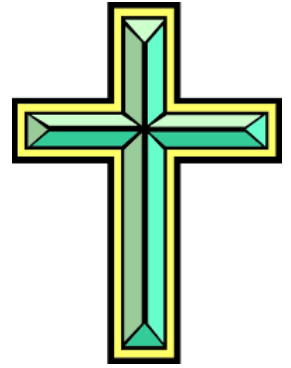


1st- 5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Jesus Ascended to Heaven

Bible Passage: Acts 1:4-14

Main Point: Jesus ascended to heaven in a cloud.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Big Picture Question: What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

Christ Connection: *Jesus left earth and returned to heaven, but He did not leave us alone. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us do God's work. One day, Jesus will return to make all things new and to rule as Lord over all.*

Don't Just Stand There!

Guide everyone to stand in a circle. Choose one player to begin the game by saying, "Don't just stand there, [*name an action*]!" For example, "Don't just stand there, shake your shoulders!" They should lead the rest of the group in completing the action. Then the next player will say, "Don't just stand there ..." and name another action (*i.e. hop on one foot, raise your hand, jog in place, touch your ears*). Continue around the circle so everyone gets a turn. Encourage players to be creative.

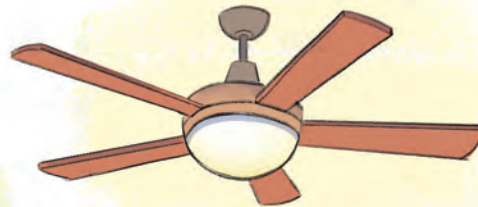
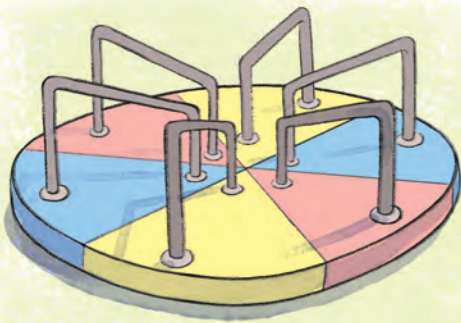
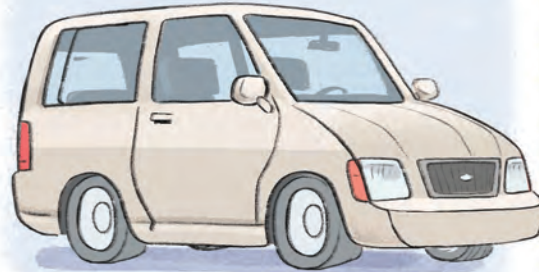
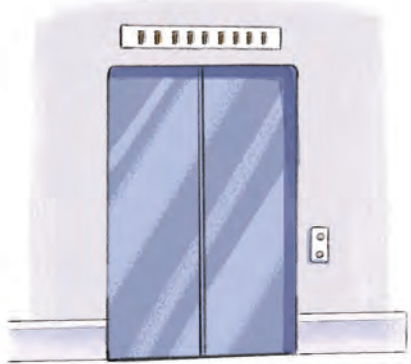
*If your group is small, extend the game and provide an added challenge by requiring the players to complete the current action and all previous actions before continuing on to the next player.

What happened after Jesus ascended to heaven in a cloud? Two men appeared and asked Jesus' disciples, "Why do you stand looking up into heaven?" They said that Jesus will return one day in the same way He went into heaven. So the disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions and went back to Jerusalem to pray and wait.

What Goes Up ...

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INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the things that tend to move up and down. Cross out things that move in other directions.



KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS ASCENDED TO HEAVEN

- Jesus gave His disciples important instructions.
- Jesus told them to wait until the Holy Spirit came.
- Jesus told them they would receive power and be His witnesses all over the world.
- Jesus ascended to heaven in a cloud.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does it mean to be a “witness” for Jesus?
- Who can be a “witness” for Jesus today?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Schedule a family outing to a trampoline park. As you jump up and down, talk about Jesus, who came down from heaven to save us, then went back up to heaven to be with God.