

## Talk About It:

- Who is the person in your family who lives farthest away from you?
  - Has someone you loved ever moved away? How did you feel when they moved?
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## Read About It:

Read today's story from Acts 1:1-11\*:

The Bible tells us that Jesus stayed on earth for 40 days after God raised him from the dead. During that time, he talked with his disciples, proving to them that he really was alive, and kept teaching them about God and his Kingdom.

When it was almost to the end of the 40 days, Jesus was eating with his disciples, and he said, "Don't leave Jerusalem until you receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a gift that God promised to give you, and you've heard me talk about him. The Spirit will be given to you in just a few more days. He will give you power so that you will be able to tell everyone about me. I want you to tell the people in this country and the people all over the world all the things I taught you about God and about how I died and took the punishment for their sins so that they could be forgiven."

After Jesus said this, he floated up into the sky. He floated so high that he went into the clouds, and the disciples couldn't see him anywhere.

They were still looking up into the sky when suddenly, two angels appeared beside them. They said, "Why are you looking up into the sky? Jesus, who you just saw being taken up into heaven, will come back down from heaven someday."

- Why do you think Jesus wanted to be with his disciples before he went back to heaven?
- Why did Jesus want his disciples to wait in Jerusalem? What were they waiting for?
- Jesus promised that after he went back to heaven, the Holy Spirit would come to be with his disciples and give them the power to tell others about Jesus. Why do you think Jesus wanted his disciples to tell everyone about him?

\*Adapted from <https://ministry-to-children.com/lesson-the-ascension-jesus-goes-back-up-to-heaven/>

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## Sing About It:

Jesus went back to heaven so that the Holy Spirit could come and give us the power to share about Jesus with the whole world. Sing about Jesus' love for the world with this song on YouTube:

[Light of the World](#) (Lifetree Kids, Cave Quest VBS Music Video, Group Publishing)

## Think About It:

- Jesus went back to heaven so the Holy Spirit could come and be with us forever. Jesus had a human body, a lot like yours. He could only be in one place at one time. But the Spirit of God can be everywhere at all times.
  - Why do you think Jesus wanted his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come? What would the Holy Spirit do for them?
  - How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus left them to go back to heaven? Do you think it made a difference for them to know that the Holy Spirit, God's presence with them everywhere at all times, would come to them in just a few days?
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## Make It:

Create an activity page to remember how Jesus returned to heaven.

Find the instructions on the next page and printable coloring sheets in the accompanying PDF file.

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## Do It:

Jesus told his disciples that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit to tell others about him all over the world. As followers of Jesus, we have the power of the Holy Spirit in us, too! How can you tell others about Jesus this week? Here are some ideas:

- Share the link to today's YouTube music video with one of your friends. Ask them to learn the words and the dance moves so you can sing "[Light of the World](#)" together.
  - Prepare a snack or bake cookies for someone. Write a note to go along with the treat that says, "Jesus cares for you and so do I!" Share the treat with a neighbor or friend.
  - Practice sharing about Jesus by asking your family members to each tell three things they know about Jesus. You can do this at the dinner table and give each person a chance to share.
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## Pray About It:

Jesus, it can be hard to understand why you went back to heaven instead of staying on earth here with us. But we know that you went to heaven so that you could send the Holy Spirit to be with us everywhere at all times. Thank you for not leaving us alone. Amen.

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## Memorize It:

You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere. Acts 1:8

## Jesus Goes Up to Heaven Craft

You will need: scissors, tape, yarn, hole-punch, cotton balls, glue, crayons

1. Print the activity pages onto cardstock, if possible, or you can use white copy paper.
2. Punch a hole in the center top and bottom of the activity page where indicated.
3. Thread a piece of yarn (about 20 inches long) through each hole. Tie off the ends of the yarn in the back near to the top hole.
4. Cut out one of the pictures of Jesus. Tape Jesus to the piece of yarn on your activity page.
5. Color your page and glue cotton balls to the small clouds, if you would like.
6. Cut out the large cloud and carefully tape just the sides of the cloud to the top of activity page (with the yarn in the center) so that Jesus can easily be pulled up behind it. You can glue cotton balls onto the cloud if you would like.
7. Now you can pull the string in the back to move Jesus from standing on the ground with His disciples, to go up to heaven in a cloud!