

Jesus' Promise of the Holy Spirit

Luke 24: 45-53; Acts 1:1-11

Warm up:

Fill a glass with soda (lemonade, 7-Up, Sprite...)

Put a few raisins in and watch what happens!



If you don't have soda or raisins watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMDazlwiakg>

In today's bible reading we will hear about Jesus being carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:45-53

⁴⁵ Then Jesus helped the followers understand these Scriptures about him. ⁴⁶ Jesus said to them, "It is written that the Messiah would be killed and rise from death on the third day. ⁴⁷⁻⁴⁸ You saw these things happen—you are witnesses. You must go and tell people that they must change and turn to God, which will bring them his forgiveness. You must start from Jerusalem and tell this message in my name to the people of all nations. ⁴⁹ Remember that I will send you the one my Father promised. Stay in the city until you are given that power from heaven."

Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

⁵⁰ Jesus led his followers out of Jerusalem almost to Bethany. He raised his hands and blessed his followers. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he was separated from them and carried into heaven. ⁵² They worshiped him and went back to Jerusalem very happy. ⁵³ They stayed at the Temple all the time, praising God.

Acts 1:1-11

Luke Writes Another Book

1 Dear Theophilus,

The first book I wrote was about everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day he was carried up into heaven. Before he went, he talked to the apostles he had chosen. With the help of the Holy Spirit, he told them what they should do. ³ This was after his death, but he showed them that he was alive, proving it to them in many ways. The apostles saw Jesus many times during the 40 days after he was raised from death. He spoke to them about God's kingdom. ⁴ One time when Jesus was eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem. He said, "Wait here until you receive what the Father promised to send. Remember, I told you about it before. ⁵ John baptized people with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus Is Carried Up Into Heaven

⁶ The apostles were all together. They asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time for you to give the people of Israel their kingdom again?"

⁷ Jesus said to them, "The Father is the only one who has the authority to decide dates and times. They are not for you to know. ⁸ But the Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power. You will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about me—in Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."

⁹ After Jesus said this, he was lifted up into the sky. While they were watching, he went into a cloud, and they could not see him. ¹⁰ They were staring into the sky where he had gone. Suddenly two men wearing white clothes were standing beside them. ¹¹ They said, "Men from Galilee, why are you standing here looking into the sky? You saw Jesus carried away from you into heaven. He will come back in the same way you saw him go."

Think about it:

How many days did Jesus stay on the earth after he was raised from the dead? (Acts 1:3)

What does Jesus tell the apostles to do in Acts 1: 4?

What help did Jesus have when he talked to the apostles?

What does Jesus tell the apostles in Acts 1 verse 8?

What does Jesus tell his apostles to do after he has gone?
Who could you tell about Jesus? What help will you have to do this?

Pray:

Thank you God for sending your holy spirit to be with us always.
Please help us to talk to our friends about you.

Amen.

Activities:

Get a piece of paper, draw clouds at the top or if you have cotton wool, stick some cotton wool down to make clouds.

Cut a slit down the middle of the paper.

Draw Jesus or print a picture off and cut him out. If you have a lolly stick you could stick Jesus onto the stick. Then slide Jesus up and down through the gap in the paper like he is ascending into heaven.

On the side of your paper you could write: He is with us always and will return one day.



If you have a paper or plastic cup and string, you could decorate the cup with cotton wool, make a hole in the bottom of the cup and thread some string through. Turn the cup upside down. Stick Jesus to the end of the string and then pull him up.



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Ascension: Paint by Number

Paint the following blocks of numbers using 1. Yellow 2. Orange 3. Blue 4. Tan 5. Purple 6. Green.



