LEFC KIDS

SHEPHERD OVERVIEW

Grades 3-4
Nov. 22, 2026
2nd Service

Jesus Ascended to Heaven

Mark 16; Luke 24; Acts 1

How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?

The Holy Spirit comforts, shows sin, and guides Christians to live for God's glory.

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.
-Acts 1:8

Story Point:
Before Jesus returned to heaven, He told His followers to make disciples.

PREPARE HEARTS

- [ ] Starter Activity - Welcome and Question of the Day
- [ ] **11:00 - Kids Worship**

ACTIVATE HEARTS

- [ ] Lesson Review - Jesus Ascended to Heaven
- [ ] Discussion Questions
- [ ] Group Activity: Dancing Raisins Demonstration

ENGAGE HEARTS

- [ ] Group Game: Take the Good News Relay
- [ ] Share and Care Prayer Time
- [ ] Group Activity: Jesus Goes With Us

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Matthew, Luke, and Acts all recount the weeks Jesus spent with His followers in the days before He ascended to heaven. Jesus spent these days fellowshipping with friends and speaking to them about God's kingdom. When the disciples saw Him, they worshiped, though some still doubted whether the resurrection was true.

In these days, Jesus prepared the disciples, taught them, and granted them the authority to proclaim His message of hope and love. He commissioned them to go and make disciples of all nations—not just the Jews or those who lived nearby, but to anyone who would come to Him by faith and be saved. And through it all, Jesus promised to be near to them and to remain with them always, to the end of the age.

As the disciples watched Jesus ascend, they gazed into heaven as two angels appeared and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). It was as if they were telling them that it was already time to get going!

The disciples continued worshiping Jesus as they joyfully returned to Jerusalem and spent time in the temple together, praising God as they awaited what He would do next.

Kids may experience doubts similar to what the disciples felt in the days immediately following the resurrection. Remind them that it takes faith to believe that God's Word is true and that Jesus knew we might feel this way at times. Jesus said it's better for Him to be in heaven with His Father and for us to have His Spirit to comfort us as we await His return (John 16:7). Pray that kids would hear this story and call upon the Savior who draws near to them—even in their doubts and uncertainty. Ask the Lord to soften their hearts so they may receive salvation, experiencing His gift of eternal life now and for all eternity.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 10:20 - 10:30 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.

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GRADES 3-4

KNOW + LOVE + FOLLOW + SHARE

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MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

*KNOW Jesus returned to heaven and gave His follows a mission to make disciples.

DEPEND on the Holy Spirit to help them follow Jesus.

*TELL others about Jesus!



As you arrive and children come and go - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the others.
Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.
Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.
When most kids have arrived for 2nd service (by 10:50ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.
Option - Pen Pal Kit!!



PREPARE HEARTS

Question of the Day:

Starter Activity

Welcome and Question of the Day

Have you ever been given a really important job? Maybe you were asked to lead a group at school, watch a younger sibling, feed a pet, or take care of something special. How did you feel when you were given that responsibility? Were you excited? A little nervous? Did you wonder if you'd be able to do it? Did someone help you?

Over the next few weeks, we'll learn that Jesus didn't leave His followers to do everything on their own. Even when they couldn't see Him anymore, He gave them the Holy Spirit so they could obey Him, follow Him, and share His good news with the world.



KIDS WORSHIP

11:00 **Kids Worship for Pre-K - 4th Grade in LG2.**

ACTIVE MINDS

You can use the REVIEW VIDEO on your TV and / or use this lesson as a review of what was taught 1st service.

Jesus Ascended to Heaven

Bibles,
Review Video -
Bible story on TV

Open your Bible to Matthew 28. You can use the Kids Sermon Outline as you go through the story.

KIDS SERMON OUTLINE:

Jesus sends His followers to make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20): On the mountain in Galilee, Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." Because Jesus is the risen King, He gave His disciples a mission: go and make disciples of all nations. Jesus's authority gives us confidence to obey His command.

Jesus promised His followers that the Holy Spirit would give them power. (Acts 1:8): Before ascending to heaven, Jesus told the disciples to wait for "the gift My Father promised"—the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you." This teaches kids that following Jesus is not something Christians do alone; the Holy Spirit helps, strengthens, and guides believers.

Jesus ascended to heaven and will return one day. (Acts 1:9-11): As the disciples watched, Jesus rose into the sky until a cloud hid Him. Two angels said He would return the same way. Jesus is alive, reigning in heaven, and will come back just as He promised—giving us hope and purpose as we wait and obey.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His friends many times over The disciples were overjoyed—Jesus was alive! But soon, Jesus told them it was almost time for Him to return to His Father in heaven.

One day, Jesus met His disciples on a mountain in Galilee. Some of them worshiped Him, but some were still unsure. Jesus came close and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember this: 1 am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Later, Jesus told them, "Don't leave this city yet. Wait for the gift My Father promised—the Holy Spirit. John baptized with water, but soon you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

The disciples still wondered, "Lord, are You going to restore Israel's kingdom now?" Jesus said, "It's not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Then Jesus led them out toward the town of Bethany. He lifted His hands and blessed them. As He was blessing them, something amazing happened: He began to rise up into the sky! The disciples watched, amazed, as a cloud hid Him from their sight.

Suddenly, two men in bright clothes stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back the same way you saw Him go."

The disciples worshiped Jesus and returned to Jerusalem filled with joy. They stayed there, praising God and waiting for the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus had told them.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus returned to heaven, but He did not leave His followers alone. He gave them the Holy Spirit to be with them and help them share the good news to the whole world. Because Jesus died, rose again, and reigns in heaven, we can be forgiven and live with Him forever.

Did anything in our story surprise you? [Allow responses.] Jesus didn't leave His disciples without help or direction. BEFORE JESUS RETURNED TO HEAVEN, HE TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS TO MAKE DISCIPLES. Then He made a promise: 'I am with you always.' Jesus returned to heaven, but He did not leave His followers alone. He gave them the Holy Spirit to be with them and help them share the good news to the whole world. The Bible says in Acts 1:8, 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses.' The disciples would not rely on their own strength—they would rely on God's power.

Because Jesus died, rose again, and reigns in heaven, we can be forgiven and live with Him forever. Jesus gives us the same invitation to go into the world and tell others about Him. Why do you think Jesus wants us to do that? [Allow responses.] God loves us so much, and He loves all people made in His image. He doesn't want anyone to continue living in a way that pulls them away from Him. But like the disciples, we're not alone either. We have the Holy Spirit to help and guide us along the way. How does it encourage you to know that Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey Him? [Allow responses.]



Discussion

Discussion questions listed here

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

How can I make disciples? Believers make disciples by obeying Jesus's command to go and share the good news with others. If we have trusted Jesus as Savior, we must be ready to share about the hope we have in Him. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 Peter 3:15.)

How is Jesus always with us? Jesus did not leave His followers alone when He returned to heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to always be with believers as their Helper, Comforter, and Guide. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 14:26.)

What did the angels tell the disciples after Jesus ascended to heaven? How does this give followers of Jesus hope? The angels told the disciples that Jesus would one day return to earth. Later in the Bible we see many promises of Jesus's return to earth where He will make all things right. The disciples rejoiced at the news that Jesus would return, and we can, too. When we see sin and pain in the world, we can remind ourselves that one day, Jesus will return and make all things good and right. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Hebrews 9:28.)



Dancing Raisins Demonstration

- 2 Clear cups
- Baggie of raisins
- Water
- Carbonated Water

Display the raisins to the kids and ask them if raisins can dance. Explain that you will perform a quick experiment to see if raisins can dance.

Fill a cup with water and then add 10 raisins. Prompt kids to see if anything happens. Tell kids that the plain water had no “power” to make the raisins dance.

Next, fill the other cup with the clear carbonated beverage and add the other 10 raisins.Prompt kids to see if anything happens. Point out how the raisins dance by ascending, or rising up, and then falling back down.

When you are done, pour out the liquids and dispose of the cups and raisins.

SAY: The carbonation, or bubbles in the liquid, gave ‘power’ to the raisins and helped them ascend and dance. In today’s story, Jesus ascended on a cloud back to heaven, and He also promised to send the Holy Spirit to give power to His disciples as they become His witness throughout the earth. Just as the raisins needed help to “dance”, we need the Holy Spirit to folow Jesus and share His love with others.

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He told His followers to make disciples. He gave them a mission. Jesus said, ‘Go and make disciples of all nations.’ Imagine hearing that! Tell the whole world about Jesus? Teach everyone His commands? Baptize people in every nation? That’s a huge job—too big for anyone to handle alone. But Jesus didn’t expect them to do it alone. He promised something powerful. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses.’ Jesus knew His followers needed help, so He promised the Holy Spirit to give them strength, courage, and guidance.



Take the Good News Relay

- Painter’s tape
- Chairs
- Golf balls
- Spoons

Before this activity, make two starting lines on the floor using painter’s tape and set up two chairs on the other side of the room, across from the starting lines.

Create two teams and direct them to line up behind their team’s starting line.

Distribute a golf ball and spoon to each kid. When you say, Go! challenge the first kid in each team’s line to balance the golf ball on the spoon and carefully walk across the room, around the cone, and back to the starting line without dropping the ball. If a kid drops a ball, you can either have him just pick it up and continue or go back to the starting line and begin again.

The first team to have all their members complete the relay wins.

SAY: Jesus gave His disciples a mission that was even more important than our relay challenges. He told them to go into the whole world and make disciples. That sounds huge—and it is! But Jesus also gave them something we don’t have in this game: the Holy Spirit, who gives power, courage, and guidance. Acts 1:8 says the disciples would be Jesus’s witnesses ‘to the ends of the earth.’ That means the mission didn’t stop with them—it continues with us today.

We don’t race around or compete, but we do follow Jesus step by step as He leads us by His Spirit. We tell others about Jesus because we love Him. We teach people His Word because it changes lives. We live for God’s glory because the Spirit helps us obey. Which part of Jesus’s mission is hardest for you—and how can the Holy Spirit help you?



Share and Care Prayer

Spend some time as a class sharing about:

- Our Global Partner Family of the Month (**The Karthak Family**)
- Specific prayer requests from any of the kids about something going on in their own lives.

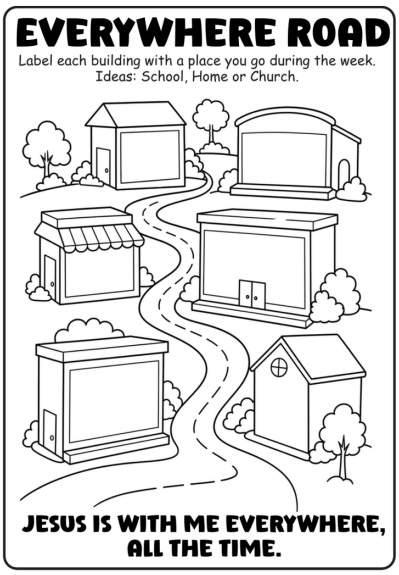
Have the class sit in a circle as you share and care for one another's needs. Ask for and share requests with one another. Review and follow up with any prayer requests from the chain made the week before. Use the Global Partner of the Month spotlight sheet (In the Pen Pal Kit) to talk about prayer requests from the Karthak Family



Jesus Goes with Us

- Bible
- "Everywhere road " sheet
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers

Read Matthew 28:19-20 and talk about how the Great Commission ends with a promise.



Ask: Which word shows how long Jesus will be with His followers? (always - to the end of the age)

SAY:After giving His followers a huge mission, Jesus promises that He will always be with them. Jesus knew that they would face questions, challenges and moments when they felt afraid. He knew they would need more than instructions. They would need Him.

Jesus did not simply say "Good luck!" and send them away. He gives them His presence. Wherever they go, whatever they face, Jesus promises that they will not be alone.

His promise remains true. The disciples were never meant to carry this mission by themselves and neither are we. The Great Commission begins by showing Jesus' power and ends by showing that Jesus is always with us. The King who sends His people is also the King who stays with them.

Give each child an "Everywhere Road" sheet along with colored pencils, etc. Have them draw a picture that relates to the buildings/places they go to each week. For examples: Home, School, Church, Grocery Store, etc. Talk about how Jesus is with them everywhere, all the time.