

KING JESUS GOES UP TO HEAVEN

STORY 45 THE BEGINNER'S GOSPEL STORY BIBLE
LUKE 24:36-52, MATTHEW 28:18-20, ACTS 1:1-11

COME TOGETHER

Instruct the children to gather on the floor in a circle.

Sing Track 1 on the Whoooo Made You? CD

Explain how being a messenger can be an important job. If you are supposed to take a message from Mom or Dad to a sibling, it is important that you tell them the message or they may get into trouble!

Play a round of "Telephone". Whisper a short phrase to the first child in the circle, and when it comes all the way back to you tell the kids whether it was right or wrong. This game illustrates the importance of relaying a message correctly, in its entirety.

HEAR THE STORY

Read "King Jesus Goes Up to Heaven" on pages 266-271 in The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible

Ask

Who can be part of the new kingdom, where Jesus is king?

Anyone who trusts in Jesus

How can we get ready for Jesus to come back?

"We can tell our friends and neighbors about King Jesus. We can share his love with the whole world."

Review

Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

LET'S COLOR

Distribute coloring sheets and snacks. Ask the children questions about the story as they color.

If there is remaining time,

Demonstrate the spread of the gospel by the following activity. Take a sheet of red construction paper and tell the class it represents the gospel. Explain that the gospel is the story of Christ's death on the cross to pay for our sin and his resurrection. The red paper represents the blood of Christ covering our sins.

Organize your group like bowling pins, one person in front followed by two, then three, then four, and so on. Tell the children that we are going to see how the message of Jesus spreads. You as the teacher can demonstrate by tearing up a sheet of paper at the start of the exercise. When a child receives a piece of the red construction paper he should tear off a small piece for himself, then tear what is left in half (two pieces) and pass it along to someone else.

This should have the effect of multiplying the pieces. You can have the children in the back, send pieces forward if you want. Each time they should take a piece for themselves and then tear the remaining paper in half. Eventually everyone will have multiple pieces. Look for the smallest piece of paper torn and hold it up to the class.

Ask them what color the paper is. They, of course, will tell you- red. You can explain to them that no matter how many people we did this to, no matter how small the piece, it would still be red.

Similarly, the gospel spreads and though it goes from person to person, the message is still powerful. Jesus Christ died on the cross to save us from the punishment we deserve for our sins.