

Jesus' Heavenly Home

CHAPTER 50

memory verse



[Jesus said,] "I am going to prepare a place for you." John 14:2

Jesus Returns Home (based on John 14:1–3; Acts 1:6–12)

After he came to life again, Jesus was happy to be with his friends. He told them to travel the world, telling people about him. They were so happy to have this special time with Jesus.

Then the time came for Jesus to return home to Heaven. Jesus got his friends together and they went for a long walk. Jesus told his friends, "Remember I am with you always." His friends may not have realized yet that Jesus was leaving, but his saying this must have made them feel better when he did leave.

Jesus continued, "I will watch over you and take care of you. Someday I will come back. When I do, I'll take you to be with me in Heaven." Jesus wanted them to know that even if they didn't see him with their eyes, he was thinking about them and would continue to take care of them.



Jesus' friends listened quietly as Jesus continued to talk. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you to be your helper. You will tell people everywhere about me—beginning in Jerusalem, then throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

By now Jesus' friends could tell something important was going to happen. But they never would have guessed what happened next! Jesus rose up off of the ground! He went up, up, up into the sky. Jesus' friends watched in amazement as he went higher and higher. They watched until he disappeared behind some clouds. And then they stared some more at where he'd disappeared!

Suddenly, there were two angels with them. "Why are you just standing there, staring up into the sky? Don't you know Jesus has gone back to Heaven? But he'll come back again someday."



discussion questions

1. What did Jesus say he was preparing for his friends?
2. Where did Jesus go?



Bible Story Craft

what you need

- Scissors
- Crayons or markers
- Glue
- Styrofoam coffee cups, one for each child
- Cotton balls



what you do

Before class, photocopy this page, making one for each child. Cut out Jesus, Jesus' friends, and the word strip.

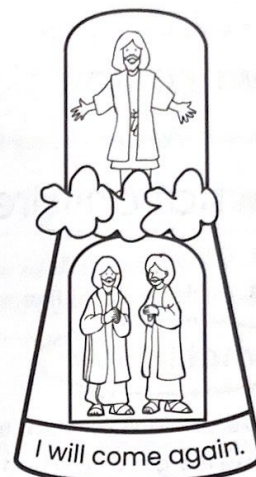
Older children may be able to cut for themselves.

what children do

1. Color Jesus, Jesus' friends, and the word strip.
2. Glue Jesus to the top of an upside-down cup.
3. Glue Jesus' friends to the front of the cup.
4. Stretch the cotton balls and glue them around Jesus' feet.
5. Glue the word strip to the rim of the cup.

what to say

Your Bible story craft will remind you of today's story and the promise Jesus gave his friends. Jesus lifted his hands and said, "Don't be afraid. I will come again." Then Jesus went up into heaven. As members of God's family, we will live forever with Jesus in Heaven.



finished craft



I will come again.

What's in Heaven?



what you need

- Crayons or markers

what you do

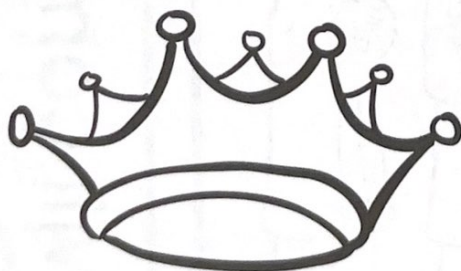
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what children do

1. Color the pictures.
2. Circle the things that will be in Heaven. Cross out the things that won't be in Heaven.

what to say

We can look forward to someday living in Heaven with Jesus! We crossed out the sad, crying boy and the girl with a hurt foot. The Bible tells us there will be no sadness, or sickness, or hurt bodies. Heaven sounds like a really wonderful place! The best part of Heaven is that Jesus will be there.



Preparing for Guests



what you need

- Crayons or markers



what you do

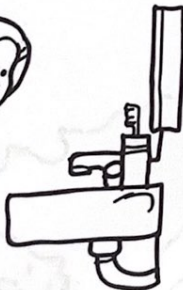
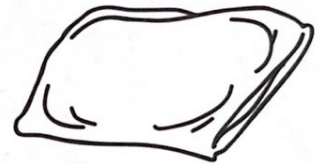
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what children do

Look at the pictures on the left side of the page. These children are preparing for someone to stay at their house. Draw a line to the things each child needs to prepare a place for a guest.

what to say

"Don't worry," Jesus told his friends. "I am going to Heaven soon to prepare a place for you." If you follow Jesus, he is preparing a place for you in God's house.



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Up in the Clouds

Color this picture of Jesus and his friends. Color the grass green. Draw some clouds around Jesus. Draw two angels in the sky.

