

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

Acts to Revelation

When is Jesus coming back? Acts 1:1-11

Younger Verse

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ Jesus.
2nd Corinthians 1:20

Older Verse

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Lesson Goals

To tell where Jesus is right now
To know that Jesus made a way for us to be with Him in Heaven
To understand what it means to have hope because Jesus is coming back again

Welcome Time

Was there something you REALLY wanted for Christmas? Sometimes you may get the gift; sometimes you don't. In today's lesson, Jesus promises something. We can hope and look forward to His promise because He always keeps it. Let's listen and see what Jesus promises.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We have learned about Jesus and how He came back to life! He is alive and that is why we celebrate Easter.

Many people saw Him when He was alive again. He showed them that He was alive. He proved that God kept His promise.

When Jesus talked to people, He told them about God's world. Everyone listened and wanted to learn more.

He also told them something very important. He told His friends that they must go and tell people about Him. He told them to do this first in the city where they were (Jerusalem) then go out into bigger areas (Judea and Samaria) and then into the rest of the world. It would be like saying "First tell people in Arlington about Jesus. Then go to all of Texas, then to all the world." Do you know what? It really happened that way. Jesus' friends went and told their friends in the city, and then in their area, and then to all the world!

After Jesus said these things, He went up to Heaven right before their eyes! He probably floated up into the sky like a balloon. The Bible says that a cloud hid Him from their sight.

Jesus' friends were standing there watching the sky when something happened! Two angels came! They asked Jesus' friends why they were looking into the sky. They told the people that Jesus would someday come back just like He went up into the sky. The Bible tells us that only God knows when that will be. That's why we should be ready anytime!

Jesus has kept every promise He ever made. So, we know that He will come back one

day. We can be sure that Jesus will come back one day. In His promise, He said He would take everyone to Heaven that believes in Him.

Jesus died and rose again so that we can be with Him in Heaven if we believe in Him. You can believe in Jesus. You must tell Him that you are sorry for the wrong things that you have done. Then trust Him with all your heart and ask Him to live with you forever. Jesus comes into your life and stays forever—He'll never leave. (Teachers: watch and see who may be ready to make a decision, but do not force them, or scare them into a decision.)

Learning Activities

Use the Hands-on activities to help the kids remember and apply the lesson.

Memory Verse Activities

Let the kids draw a hot-air balloon or blimp. Write the verse on the balloon and talk about how Jesus has risen from death.

Prayer Time

Ask the kids how it makes them feel to know that Jesus is coming back. Pray and thank God for Jesus and thank them for keeping His promise.

Snack Time/CleanUp

You may want to snack on marshmallows or cotton candy to remind the kids of the clouds. There are lots of other treats to use also.

Planning for January 11th
Many people believe in Jesus
Acts 2

Hands-On Activities for Jesus goes to Heaven

Get a helium balloon. Assemble the group outside and let the balloon go into the sky. As the kids watch, let them talk about what Jesus' friends must have felt when Jesus did the same thing.

Bring bubbles. Let the children blow bubbles into the sky and think about how Jesus is in Heaven now.

Let each child draw Jesus rising in the clouds. You may want to glue cotton around Him to signify "clouds."

Share with the kids how they can get to Heaven, by believing in Jesus and asking Him to come into their life.

Use the power bands to show the children how to trust Jesus: Dark bead, Red bead, White bead, Green bead, and Yellow bead. For smaller kids, use Fruit Loop cereal as the beads. For the white bead use 1 plain Cheeri-O.

Make paper airplanes and soar them into the sky. Talk about how we can't get to Heaven on an airplane. The only way to Heaven is by believing in Jesus. You may want to show them the folding object lesson.

The angels told Jesus' friends that they should tell people about Jesus. Look at a map and see how people all over the world learned about Jesus from His friends!

Make megaphones to "shout" out the news about Jesus. Decorate cardstock paper and roll it into a cone. Staple or tape together. Another idea is to use paper towel or toilet paper rolls as megaphones.

Preschool Lesson
for
Jesus goes to Heaven

When Jesus talked to people, He told them about God's world. Everyone listened and wanted to learn more.

Jesus told His friends that they should tell their friends about Him.

After Jesus said these things, He starting rising into the sky! (raise your head up like you are looking up into the sky) He went up, up, up into Heaven. He probably floated up into the sky like a balloon. The Bible says that a cloud hid Him from their sight. (You can illustrate the story by bringing a helium balloon; draw Jesus on it; let go of it and watch it go up into the sky.)

Jesus' friends were standing there watching the sky when something happened! Two angels came! (Look surprised) They asked Jesus' friends why they were looking into the sky. They told them that Jesus would someday come back just like He went up into the sky. The Bible tells us that only God knows when that will be. That's why we should be ready anytime!

That's where Jesus is right now—in Heaven. He promises that He will come back one day. He also tells us that He is making Heaven ready for us. He must be making it look so beautiful!

Let's think of some friends that we can tell about Jesus. (Let them share names)

Jesus loves us so much and He wants us to be in Heaven with Him one day. We can go to Heaven when we believe in Him. That's wonderful!

Take time to sing songs about Jesus and play together.

This song is to the tune of "Are you Sleeping?"

Jesus went to Heaven, Jesus went to Heaven

Yes, He did. Yes, He did.

It was so amazing;

People stood there gazing.

Yes, they did. Yes, they did.