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Text: Acts 1

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Memory Verse: Daniel 2:44

## Ascension

*Acts  
Written by Luke*

Concept development: Godhead—Reigning in heaven, overcoming death, ~~fulfilling the Holy Spirit~~, fulfilling prophecy

Words to define: passion; ascension; witnesses

### Body:

The source and proof of the Gospel

All that Jesus began both to do and to teach

Jesus gives commands through the Holy Spirit unto the Apostles whom He chose

Jesus presented Himself alive unto them after His death for 40 days

Giving many proofs

Speaking things concerning the Kingdom of God

He opened their mind to understand the scriptures [Luke 24:45]

They were not to depart from Jerusalem until the promise had come

They would be baptized in the Holy Spirit

The apostles asked if Jesus was going to restore the Kingdom of Israel

The physical political Kingdom of Israel (David and Solomon)

They needed the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all truth before they were ready to preach the Gospel

Jesus gave instruction on His Spiritual Kingdom

The apostles would receive power from the Holy Spirit

The apostles would be witnesses for Jesus in all of the earth

As Jesus said these things He was taken up

As the apostles were looking up two men in white apparel appeared beside them

Why do you stand here looking up?

He will return in the same way

The apostles stayed in Jerusalem in an upper chamber

Other devout women, Mary [Jesus' mother of Jesus], Jesus' brothers and other disciples

They were with one accord [one in mind and spirit]

They continued steadfastly in prayer

They chose a replacement for Judas

Another would take his place [Psalms 109:8]

They had to be witnesses of Jesus

Must be a disciple of Jesus starting at His Baptism by John

Among them after His resurrection

Joseph and Matthias

*Wednesday night - Telt held up by 3 men showing Jesus being  
raised into the clouds.*

*Now to sing - had to do the work -  
Sang disciples song*

# Jesus Returns to Heaven

**MEMORY VERSE:** "This same Jesus... shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go." Acts 1:11

**SCRIPTURES:** Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1

**AIM:** Jesus wants us to tell the good news about His coming.

**THE BIBLE IN LIVING SOUND:** Volume 6, Tape 60, Story 359, 360



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After His resurrection, Jesus appeared at different times to His disciples. There could be no doubt that He was alive. *He commended His apostles not to leave Jerusalem. He had an important job for them in a couple of days.*

One day Jesus and His disciples were walking to the Mount of Olives. This was the place where Jesus had often come to rest and pray. And this was the special place He had chosen to say good-bye to His disciples.

Jesus was going back to heaven. His work on earth was finished. Soon He would send the disciples the Holy Spirit, to help them with their work. Someday, Jesus would come again to take those who love and obey Him to heaven.

The disciples followed Jesus outside the city of Jerusalem toward the Mount of Olives. As they walked along, Jesus talked with the disciples. He told them again of the work they were to do.

They were to go everywhere telling the people the things they had seen and heard while Jesus had been with them. Everyone must know that the God in heaven loved them and had sent His Son to die for their sins.

Jesus began climbing up the mountain. His disciples followed, listening carefully to Him. Finally they reached the mountain top and walked a little way before stopping.

Then Jesus said, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive great power. Go to Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to all the world and tell

everyone the good news of salvation. I will be with you always, even to the end of the world."

While the disciples were listening and Jesus' hands were outstretched blessing them, He began to rise, higher and higher. They stood gazing up into heaven to get one last glimpse of Him.

A beautiful cloud of angels hid Jesus so they could no longer see Him.

Soon two men dressed in shining white garments stood beside them. They said, "You men of Galilee, why are you looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall come in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

These could have been the two angels that were at the tomb, and had been with Jesus all during His life here on earth.

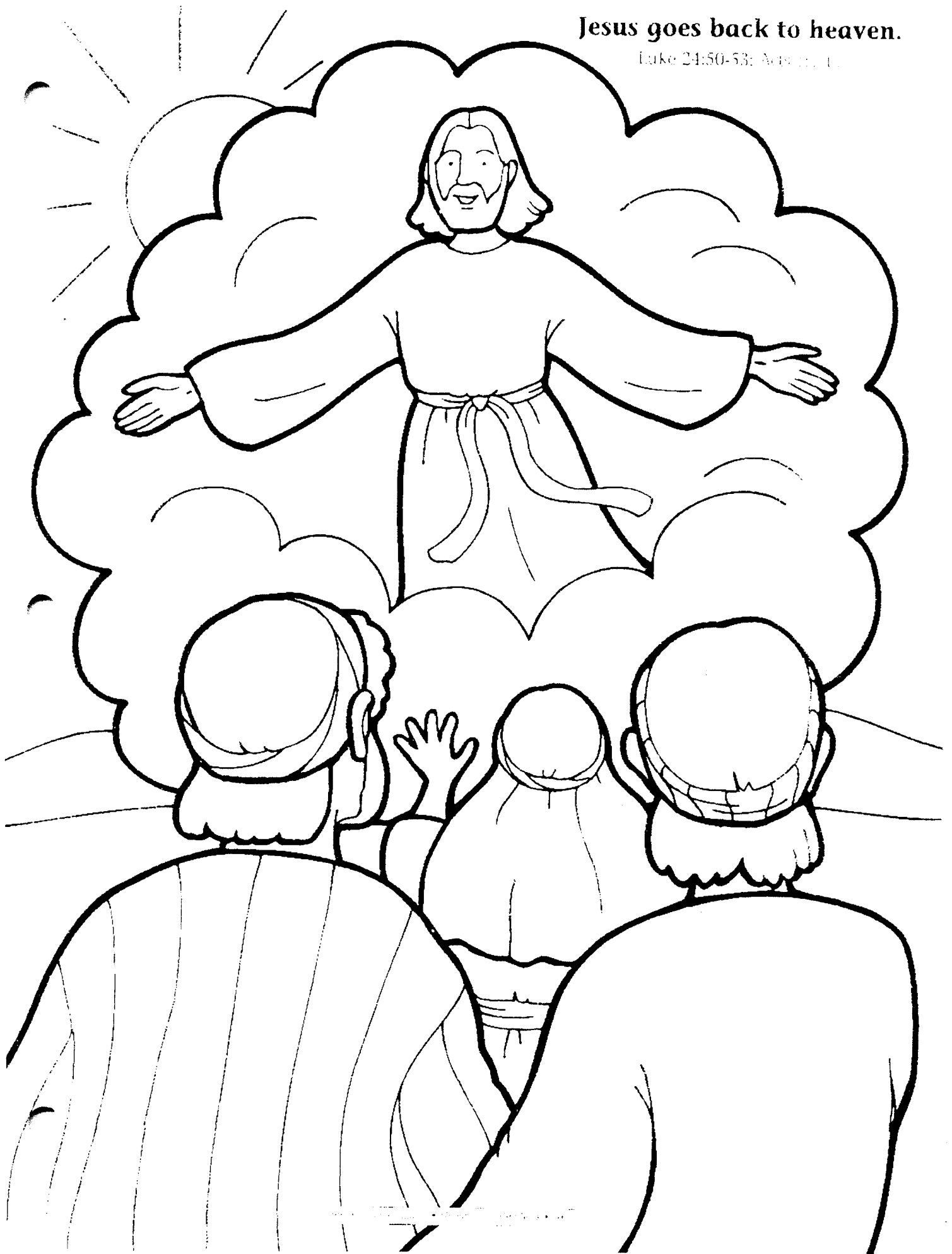
Their words cheered the disciples. The happy men hurried down the mountain to Jerusalem. What a story they had to tell the people!

You have a story to tell too. The wonderful story of Jesus and how He is coming again soon to take those who love and obey Him to heaven.

Do you love Jesus enough to want to tell that story to others? You must ask Jesus everyday to make you more like Him, and be ready for that wonderful day when He comes back again.

**Jesus goes back to heaven.**

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11







# APOSTLES

**PETER**

**ANDREW**

**JAMES**

**JOHN**

**PHILIP**

**BARTHOLOMEW**

**THOMAS**

**MATTHEW**

**JAMES THE SON OF ALPHEUS**

**THADDEUS**

**SIMON**

**JUDAS**

**MATTHIAS**



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### Introduction/review

1. At the beginning of each class period this quarter I will go over God's plan (in a nutshell) with the children using a program called "Our Spiritual Heritage". OSH uses 8 cards to illustrate what they feel are the major time periods in the OT leading up to the coming of Christ. Occasionally, instead of reviewing OSH, we'll discuss a single character and his or her attributes, but I always reiterate God's plan 1) Big Family 2) Special Land 3) Through that big family and special land would come a great blessing for all mankind.

### Lesson

2. Starting with the birth of Christ, using flannel graph or other visual/visuals, briefly tell about Jesus' life up to the time of the ascension concentrating heavily on the death, burial, and resurrection (Walking with God, Preschool Year 4 Book 1, Lesson 10; pg 37 has a scriptable dialogue to go along with visuals pertaining to the burial and resurrection).

Points specifically covered about Jesus after he arose:

- a) Jesus appearing to the men on the road to Emmaus
- b) Jesus appearing before His disciples
- c) Words of Christ in Luke 24:46-49
- d) Jesus departing to heaven after speaking to disciples in Bethany

### Visual Aids/Songs

3. "The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes" by Kenneth Taylor has great pictures and short stories that go along with the subjects discussed above.

Walking with God, Preschool Year 4 Book 3, pg 48 has a word story with pictures that you can read with the children.

Glenda Schuler songbook, "God Had A Plan", song...I Love My Savior.

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Home, Heaven, My Home (tune: Home on the Range)  
I have heard of a home, where we never shall roam,  
Where the sun and the stars never shine;  
For the light of God's love, rules that home up above,  
And that glorious home can be mine.

Oh, they tell of the joys, where no trouble annoys,  
On the banks of a life-giving stream;  
That flows from God's throne, and no sorrow is known,  
In that beautiful home of my dreams.

There's a home where Jesus went to prepare,  
It's a home that forever will stand;  
And some day I shall go, with my Savior, I know,  
And live in that beautiful land.

CHORUS:

Home, Heaven, My Home,  
Where Jesus, our Savior has gone;  
Where the streets are of gold,  
And we'll never grow old,  
There we'll live as the ages roll on.