

Hello everyone,

My name is Janis Cox. I have volunteered to help Harry with the Sunday School lessons while we are in COVID. This lesson is based on the lectionary reading for Sunday.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at authorjaniscox@gmail.com. And don't forget to send pictures and videos to Harry.

Lesson: Choose to Tell Others About Jesus

Background and Story

On Easter Jesus arose from the dead. Jesus is alive. He showed Himself to Mary and other women and to the apostles. For the next 40 days Jesus talked, walked and ate with many friends. He taught them more of what they were to do when He was gone.

One day Jesus told the apostles that He would send a gift to them, the Holy Spirit. They were to wait for that to happen.

He called them His witnesses. They were to tell all the world about Him.

After He said that He was taken up in a cloud into Heaven, right before their eyes.

As the apostles stared into the clouds, two angels appeared. The angels told them that Jesus had gone to Heaven and would return one day, in just the same way.

The apostles now knew they had a job to do – to tell others about what they had seen and heard. And to wait for the gift that would be given to them, the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension of Jesus

Scripture

Acts 1:3-11(NIV)

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

³ *After his suffering, he presented himself to them [the apostles and women] and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

⁴ *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit."*

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Memory Verse for youngest ones

Tell others about Jesus.

Memory verse for older ones (choose)

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, NIV)

But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will be seized with power. You will be my messenger to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth! (Acts 1:8, TPT)

Here are a few ideas to memorize verses:

1. Cut the words out separately and then mix them up. Now try to put them back together.
2. Using actions say the verse.

For this week you could use these actions:

But you (point to someone) will receive power (show a power hand sign) when the Holy Spirit comes on you (wave the fingers of both hands from the top of your head to the floor); and you (point to someone) will be my witnesses (use your fingers to show a walking motion) in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (point in all directions on at a time).

3. Print out the words on a card. On the back of the card, print the first letter of each word. Now try to say the verse.

Thinking about the Lesson

Questions:

1. How many days did Jesus stay on the earth after His resurrection? (40)
2. Who are some people that Jesus appeared to in His resurrected body? (*the women and His disciples*)
3. What instructions did Jesus give His disciples before He returned to heaven? (*wait for the Holy Spirit*)
4. Why did Jesus say they needed to wait for the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8) (*They would receive power from the Holy Spirit. Then they could be witnesses to all the people they met.*)
5. Why were the apostles staring up at the sky? (*Jesus had disappeared into a cloud.*)
6. How did the 2 men say Jesus would return? (*Jesus will come back the same way He left.*)

Discussion:

We know that Jesus wants us to tell others about Him. Why? (He wants others to be know God and be forgiven, too.)

God speaks to us through His Holy Spirit. When you pray, listen for His voice. What is He saying to you?

Prayer

Father, thank You for the gift of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit. Thank You that we can talk to You but also listen for an answer. Help us to wait quietly to hear the answer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Activities

1. Painting. Paint a picture of Jesus ascending into the clouds. If you use watercolour paints for the sky, you can make clouds by dabbing a tissue into the wet paint. You could also paste on cotton balls.

2. Word Search

3. Colouring Page

Resources:

Video of the Ascension

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

Blessings,

Janis

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The Ascension

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