

Lesson 127: Jesus Returns to Heaven

[Matthew 28:16-20: Acts 1:1-11](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/EsVoDxpeeJA>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/uyavEbqd7gM>

Worship Theme: God helps us tell others about Jesus.

Memory Verse: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. There Are Children in Heaven <https://youtu.be/qqSHauhCHWI>
2. I Know That <https://youtu.be/ywt-KvGIQcE>
3. Jesus Rose Again <https://youtu.be/WTL3xf69YEY>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Grab the Ball"

Materials Needed: Small balls (or fruits), rope

1. Divide the children into 4 groups.
2. Use the rope to make a big circle and place all the balls (or fruit or anything the children can grab) in the center of the circle.
3. Have the children stand in their groups around the circle.
4. When the game starts, each group will select a leader to reach for the ball while the other children hold on to the leader so that they can reach out farther. They have 2 minutes for each game.
5. If the leader goes over the rope or steps on it, the team loses the game.
6. The team that gets the most balls wins the game.
7. After the game, explain to the children that just as we helped each other to play the game, we have to help others believe in Jesus by sharing the Good News.



Introduction:

What is the best news you have ever heard in your life? When you hear good news, who do you want to tell first? Don't you want to tell everyone around you? As Christians, the best news we have is that Jesus is so powerful that he can take good care of us as well as take us to heaven. Don't you think this is good news? Today, let's learn about how Jesus helps us to tell this great news!

Bible Story:

Jesus died on the cross, but he came back to life after three days because Jesus is powerful! He is so strong that he even overcame death! And this is good news because this means that everyone who believes in Jesus will have a powerful God to help them in life. Also, this means all believers can also overcome death and live forever with Jesus in heaven!

After Jesus resurrected from death, he spent 40 days on earth to teach about the Kingdom of God and to show people that he has indeed truly resurrected. And Jesus encouraged all disciples to go and tell this Good News to everyone from all nations, to the ends of the earth. And then he ascended into heaven as people were watching him until the clouds hid him from their sight.

God wants everyone in the world to know Jesus. He wants everyone to be saved. God saved us, not because of the good things we do, but because of his mercy. Jesus saved us because he loves us. And Jesus wants us to share his love with everyone.

Sometimes, we are not sure how to share this Good News with other people. We feel

shy or don't know what to say. We should always pray that God will help us so that we can tell others about God's love for everyone. He is always ready to help us. God doesn't ask us to do anything that he won't help us do. Sometimes God uses other people to help us tell others about Jesus. Our Christian friends can encourage us, go with us to tell people, or add their stories to ours.

Another way God helps us tell others is by changing our lives. Because Jesus has changed your life, others will see how you are living your life differently. And this is a great story to tell and show to prove how great our God is! The bible also promises to help us through the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 says, "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." When we don't think we can share about God, the Holy Spirit will help us.

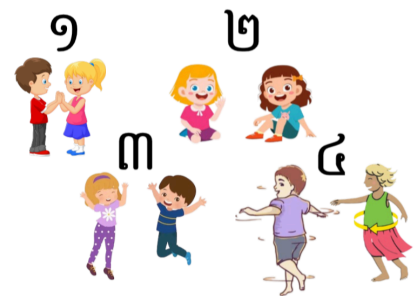
We thank God because he always helps us to tell others about Jesus!

Questions to discuss:

1. How did Jesus show that he is powerful? (he overcame death and resurrected)
2. How is this Good News for us? (We have a powerful God, and we can also overcome death and live in heaven with God forever)
3. What does Jesus want us to do about this Good News? (He wants us to share this news with others)
4. What does Jesus promise to do as we try to share this Good News? (He promises to help us through the Holy Spirit)

Game: "1-2-3-4 Action"

1. Have the children find a partner and stand in 2 lines.
2. When the teacher says a number, the children have to show an action. When the teacher says Number 1, children have to do high five; Number 2, children have to bend down; Number 3, the children have to jump; Number 4, the children have to turn around.
3. Teacher will say a number and children can make different actions.
4. If the children do not follow the action, they lose the game.
5. Continue to play the game until one team is left, and they win the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that Jesus did many things to bring the Good News to the world. In the same way, we should share the news of Jesus to everyone in the world.



Memory Verse:

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Craft: "Let's Tell About Jesus!" - Coloring Page

Materials Needed: Print coloring page, crayons

1. Have the children color the crosses and the earth
2. Write the memory verse and read it out loud together.
3. Ask children to think of someone they can tell about Jesus and pray for them before they go and share.



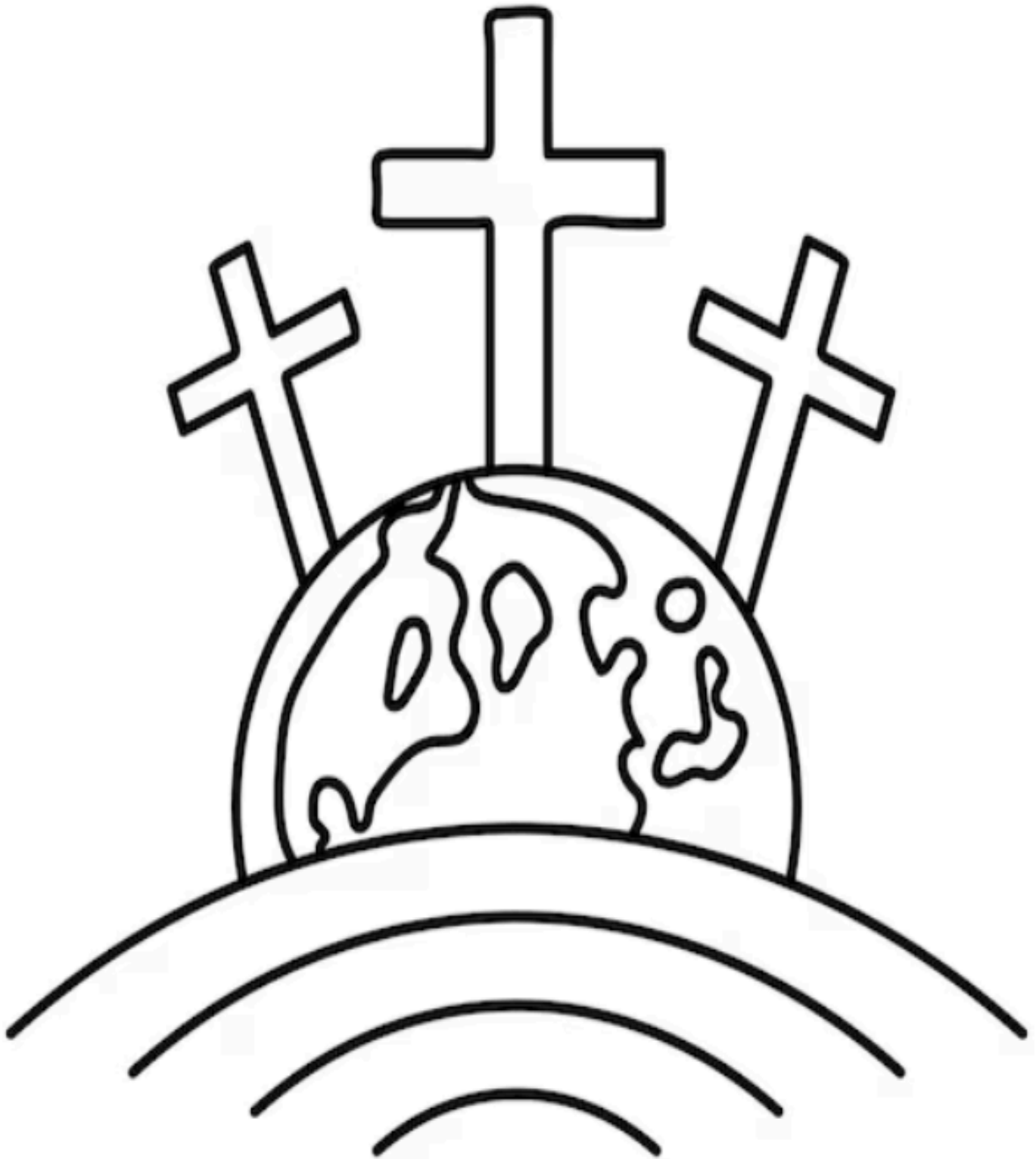
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Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus helps us grow—and he offers us full participation in his work and mission on earth. Reread the Great Commission from Matthew 28:16-20. It says the disciples had doubts. What doubts do you struggle with? Jesus issued a strong invitation and challenge. Imagine Jesus personally inviting you to carry out his plans! How do his words make you feel? Take a moment to discuss your doubts with God, and ask him to build your confidence and strengthen your desire to participate in his awesome work.

Let's Tell About Jesus!



Memory Verse: _____
