

# Jesus goes up to Heaven

## Aim

This week we learn that after forty days of appearing to his disciples, Jesus went up to heaven to be with God. Jesus gives his disciples instructions and promises that he will send his Holy Spirit to be with them always.

To understand that God is our King

## Bible Passage

Acts 1: 6-11

## Challenges

1. Jesus rose up into the air! Take the three minute challenge, how many things can you think of that go up into the air? Challenge your family to see how many things you can think of that go up.
2. Balloon fun! I love balloons, you can make up some great games with them. Play balloon football or tennis, see how long you can keep a balloon up in the air, have races with a balloon between your legs, can you balance a balloon on your nose?

## Bible Time

Have a look on the TMC website for the video clip of Tamsin this week! Read the passage from Acts 1: 6-11 from a children's Bible, or watch this Youtube clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

On Easter Sunday, we remembered that Jesus rose from the dead—the resurrection, and for forty days afterwards Jesus appeared to his disciples. At first, some of them had difficulty believing it was really him. After all, they had seen him crucified and laid in a tomb. The disciples were so happy to see Jesus again and to understand that what Jesus had said was true. Jesus appeared to his friends many times. On the fortieth day, Jesus and his disciples walked up a mountain. They chatted together and Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit—this would give them the power and ability to spread Jesus' good news around the world.

When he had finished speaking a great cloud came down upon the mountain, and as his disciples watched in amazement, the cloud surrounded Jesus. He was taken up to heaven before their very eyes! The disciples continued to look eagerly into the sky when two men dressed in white appeared before them and asked, "Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go into heaven". How do you think the disciples would have felt and thought seeing Jesus rise up—ascend—to heaven?

Who do you think the men in white were? Angels of God?

We remember that God is our king and Jesus sits on his right hand side in Heaven forever.

## Craft time

Jesus rose up, he ascended into heaven. Have fun today trying some of these craft ideas to help you remember the Bible passage.

1. Draw a cloud on some paper or card and cover it with pieces of white paper or cotton wool, cut it out. Draw Jesus and attach a piece of string or wool to the top of his head and the other end to the back of the cloud. Pull the string and Jesus will ascend up into the cloud on his way to heaven.
2. You could also try this craft using a paper cup which you could paint blue and stick on cotton wool clouds. Make a small hole in the top of the cup to pull Jesus up through to heaven.
3. To ascend means to go up. Think about the disciples looking up into the clouds to see if they could see Jesus. We can see lots of things in the sky if we use binoculars, I don't think we can see to heaven, but we might see some of God's birds!! Tape two toilet rolls together to make a set of binoculars, decorate however you like.

