

2-3 Year Olds

Bible Story: "Jesus Goes to Heaven," pp. 388-391

Topic: Jesus' Ascension

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4 "Christ died and rose again!"

Group Activity: Tell the story of the life of a butterfly

Songs: "There was a Man from Galilee" pg. 37; "Hallelujah" pg. 40;

"Easter Sunday" pg. 38; "Where Is Jesus?" pg. 38; "Clap Your Hands" pg. 38

Special Snack Idea : NONE

Art: Copy of butterfly life cycle	Children color a simple life cycle of a butterfly
Blocks: Plastic butterflies and other insects Bug boxes Small nets	Children play with the butterflies and other insects
Home living: 2 sets of butterfly wings.	Children put on butterfly wings and pretend to fly.
Puzzles/Games: 1. Jesus' Ascension Puzzle 2. Butterfly File folder Matching Game 3. Butterfly Puzzle 4. Life cycle of butterfly sequencing	Leader helps children play with puzzles and games
Nature/Science: Clear plastic cups Food coloring Set of instruction cards Paint smocks	The children mix colors
Books: The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Teacher and children read the story books

Jesus Goes to Heaven

Children's Discovery Bible

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Jesus died and came alive again. Many people saw Jesus after He came alive. He spent time with His helpers teaching them the things they needed to know before He went away. One day Jesus took His helpers for a walk up a big hill.

When they came to the top, Jesus stopped and said, "Wait for God's Holy Spirit. He will help you be My witnesses. Go and tell other people about Me. Tell people here. Tell people in other lands. Tell people all over the world."

As the helpers stood there listening to Jesus, Jesus began to rise up off the ground! Soon He was so high in the sky a cloud covered Him. Jesus' helpers didn't know what to think. They just stood there looking up into the sky.

Suddenly two angels dressed all in white were beside them. "Why are you looking up into the sky?" the angels asked. "Jesus has gone into heaven. You saw Him go. He will come back someday the same way."

Then Jesus' friends went back to the city. They prayed together and waited for the Special Helper Jesus promised to send them.

"Thank You, God, for sending Jesus," the friends prayed. "Thank You for making Jesus live again. Help us do what You want. We will work for You until Jesus comes back again."

Bible story from Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:8-14