

## Family Worship at Home – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Jesus goes up to Heaven. Acts 1:1-11

**Introduction:** Can you tell me the names of some superheroes? (Superman, Spiderman, Batman, X-men, Avengers, Iron Man, Captain America, etc)

And can you tell me what some of their superpowers are? (*really strong, really fast, really sneaky, can fly, shoot things from their eyes, etc*)

What do super-heroes do? (*save people / fight supervillians*)

Now...what do you think normal people would do in the super-hero stories if there were no superheroes? (*The people would most likely do something other than sit around waiting for a superhero to save them*)

I ask about super-heroes because the disciples treated Jesus like a superhero.

They kept looking to him to figure things out and fix things for them.

But in today's story, we hear that Jesus leaves the disciples – which means they can't keep having Jesus rescue them.

Watch clip or read Jesus' Ascension from Bible Story Book.

[The Feast of the Ascension explained with LEGO - YouTube](#)

At first, it might seem like Jesus is being sort of mean to his disciples by leaving.

But the reason he leaves his disciples is so that they won't keep waiting for him to rescue them, so that they won't keep looking to him to fix the situations they are in.

Jesus leaves so that the disciples will be able to learn their last lesson that Jesus needs them to know: That with God's help, they can do what Jesus did, now that Jesus isn't there to do those things.

Jesus taught his disciples how to be God's super-heroes, just like he was God's super-hero.

Jesus did this by teaching the disciples how to pray, how to keep their attention on God and how to receive God's Holy Spirit.

And guess what? We can learn the same things that the disciples learned from Jesus by reading the stories about Jesus and then practicing the same things we see him teaching his disciples.

When we do these things, then we are learning from Jesus how to be God's super-heroes.

And this is what God's super-heroes do: They love with God's love, they help with God's help and they teach others what they've learned about God.

This is the Good News for today: Not only can we *learn* to be God's super-heroes, but then we can *be* God's super-heroes.

**Story Clips:** [God's Story: After the Tomb - YouTube](#)

[Sparks April 8: 41 Going Home Ascension - YouTube](#)

[Beginner's Bible: Jesus' Ascension - YouTube](#)

**Songs:** [Ascension Song - Acts 1 verse 11 - YouTube](#)

[Sing Hosanna - Jesus Loves The Little Children | Bible Songs for Kids - YouTube](#)

[Yancy & Little Praise Party - Brand New Day \[OFFICIAL MUSIC VIDEO\] from Happy Day Every Day - YouTube](#)

[Love One Another - YouTube](#)

**Activities:**

Ascension Bible Game: What's Different?

**Materials**

15 objects from around the house, including a couple chairs, some books, toys, a couple jackets, |whatever is available to form a mound of stuff.

**Bible Game Object**

One child at a time will be challenged to remember and guess what is missing from the mound.

**Introduction**

Today we celebrate Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. Jesus "lives" in heaven now, but still, He's with us each and every day. It's a mystery how he does that. You can't exactly see him, you can't exactly hear him, you just know something is different. It's like this game.

**Preparation**

Pile up the 15 (smaller for younger children) toys, books and chairs in the center of the room. Have the children study it, seeing where everything is and trying to take note of all that is there.

**Bible Game Instructions**

1. Pick one child to be the guesser.
2. That child will close her eyes.
3. You will then pick a student to pull something from the mound – either a book, toy or chair, and put it quietly as possible outside the classroom door or hidden behind him.
4. Don't give any hints. (Unless they need one)
5. When you say "Ready, the guesser will open her eyes.
6. They will look around the pile and try to guess what is missing.
7. Give one to three chance to guess.
8. To add intrigue, take a picture of the mound with your iPod. Allow the guesser to look at the original photo, then look at the mound after something was taken. Snap a new photo before anything is moved each time.

**Closing**

Jesus is always with us in spirit. He's as real as any object in that mound. Just because you can't always see where he is or feel him move – that doesn't mean He isn't among us. He is with us now, and he'll be with us in body someday!

Balloon Ascension- give each child a balloon. Talk about how Jesus stayed on Earth for 40 days after he came back to life at Easter and then went back up to Heaven. Today we are going to see if we can keep the balloon up in the air for 40 seconds. (Count to 40 while the children try and keep the balloon afloat)