



ACTS 1

THE ASCENSION

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Main Takeaway: Jesus rose from the dead and before he ascended back to heaven, he called on his followers to be his witnesses to the world.

Supplies: Printout at the end of the lesson, crayons/markers.

Book Background:

We are starting to study a new book today! We are going to begin the study of Acts. Does anyone know where Acts is found (in the New Testament). Does anyone know what type of books Acts is? (This is a book of history, written likely in AD 60-62. In particular it is the history of the beginning of the church.) This book was written to Theophilus and is the second part of the story. Most believe this was written by Luke and is the second part to his Gospel. The Gospel of Luke told of the life of Jesus, and in the beginning of Acts he picks up on what happens next. For forty days after Jesus' resurrection, he showed himself to many people and taught many things. The story picks up on day 40.

Read: Acts 1:1-11

Ask:

What did Jesus ask the disciples to do? (Wait for the promised baptism of the Holy Spirit)
What did the disciples wonder? (If Jesus was going to restore the Kingdom. You see, the Jewish understanding of the Messiah was that he would create a new Kingdom. We know this will happen eventually, but the disciples were hoping for it right then.)
What did Jesus tell them to do? (Witness to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and all the world).

Explain:

Jesus called his followers to spread the news. We were never meant to keep the good news of the resurrection and salvation from our sins a secret. We are meant to tell the world. Today, we're going to think about the people we can reach with the gospel. You may not ever go to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, or the whole world, but you can go to the places near you.

Have the kids fill out the paper printout. Jerusalem was the close city, then Judea was a bit further out. Then came Samaria and the world. So let's start small for ourselves. How can you share the good news of Jesus with your family? How about your neighbors? Or your city? List people you plan to pray for or reach out to and draw a picture or write how you plan to show them Jesus.

Do A Craft:

If there is time, have the kids create a Stained-Glass window craft that looks like Jesus' ascension, which can also remind them he will return the same way he left. I will have an example of this for you. Kids will glue tissue paper on a plain sheet of paper, and then overlay a black outline of Jesus to make it look like a stained-glass window. There is an outline below, but the one for the lesson will be thicker.

Memorize Acts 1:8

Close in Prayer



My Home



My
neighbors



My village or city



