

KIDS' DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, April 19, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

1. Smart phone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. Scripture Reference: Today's story focuses on Genesis 2:17, Luke 24, John 20, Acts 1:1-10, Romans 8:14-17, and Romans 10:9-10.
3. YouTube video: God's Story: Jesus' Rescue by Crossroads Kids
4. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring pages
 - Craft
 - Extension Activities

Step 1. Worship

1. Lion and the Lamb lyric video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rT-HulZ6TQA>
2. Forever lyric video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeJ14W2IXCw>
3. This is Amazing Grace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjXjkbODrro>
4. Everyone Praise the Lord https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8KEhRS23T8&list=PL5aPdmniG3y9b6l_QSw4HatWAFc5LipeI

Step 2. Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

- Before the video, say:

God wants to be a father to us and he's made it possible through the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus' rescue is an amazing part of God's story. Today, we're learning about the story of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Even though Jesus went to Heaven, we will learn that he has promised to be with you always! Today is about what happened after Jesus died. Because remember, Jesus didn't stay dead! He is alive!

- Play Video: God's Story / Jesus' Rescue by Crossroads Kids https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDL3Eq5YWjA&list=PLactlIEFMk_I0LqO5DebtTLDjFcLajXGB&index=52

Step 3. Review

Jesus' Last Days on Earth

When Jesus was alive again, he did some normal stuff just like us. He ate food with his friends. And you know what else he did? He appeared to two guys who were walking, and he could walk just like normal! Jesus also saw his friends and talked to them!

Jesus Went to Heaven

But Jesus wasn't eating and walking and talking on earth very long. He left again! We're going to watch a video that reminds us of Jesus' rescue and also shows us where Jesus went. Wow, so Jesus died...then he came back to life...then where did he go? (Let kids respond.)

Yes, he went into the sky and then into Heaven!

But before Jesus left, he told everybody who follows him something pretty cool: He said, "Even though you won't be able to see me anymore, I will never leave you." Jesus is with us always!

Questions/Review for Younger Kids:

1. After Jesus died to rescue us, what happened? (He came back to life; the angel said he was alive!)
2. What did Jesus do on earth after he came back to life? (he ate, walked, and talked to friends)
3. Did Jesus' friends believe it was really him? (Yes!)
4. Then where did Jesus go? (he went up into the sky, up into Heaven)
5. Where is Jesus now? (He is in Heaven, but he's also with us always!)
6. Who came down from heaven? An ANGEL!
6. What did the angel say? JESUS IS ALIVE!

Prayer for Preschoolers:

Let's say thank you to God. "Dear God, we're so happy that you brought Jesus back. That shows how much you love us and WE LOVE YOU! Amen."

Questions for Older Kids:

1. If you guys saw that Jesus wasn't buried anymore, what would you have done? (they can say anything, but try to get kids to connect their reactions to the women, who ran to share the news)
2. If you guys were in a room and all of a sudden, Jesus appeared inside, what would you have done? (they can say anything, but help them connect with the disciples who wanted to see Jesus' scars)
3. If you guys saw Jesus going up to Heaven by rising to the sky, what would you have done? (help them connect to wanting to tell others about the amazing event they saw—then tell them that since they know what Jesus did for us and how he's going to one day come back to recreate a perfect world for God's whole family, they CAN tell others!)
4. Even though Jesus is in Heaven, you know what? He's also with US. That's really hard to understand, but before Jesus left, he gave his disciples a special job to do. In Matthew 28:18-20, the Bible says this "Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So, you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."
5. What do you guys think this verse means? What does Jesus want US to do?
 - a. Teach people to follow Jesus.
 - b. Trust that Jesus is with us always!
6. One person who got surprised was a woman named Mary, a friend of Jesus. She was in a garden crying, really sad because Jesus was gone. All of a sudden, Jesus was in the garden, too! Mary didn't even recognize him at first, but then Jesus said her name. And Mary felt surprised, because she realized it was REALLY Jesus.
7. Later, some of Jesus' other friends were in a room. All of a sudden, Jesus appeared! He didn't even open the door to get in! How do you think Jesus' friends felt? But pretty soon, they realized it was REALLY Jesus! Wow, so Jesus died...then he came back to life...then where did he go? (Let kids respond.)

8. Yes, he went into the sky and then into Heaven! But before he left, Jesus told his friends that he would always be with them, even though he was in Heaven! Then he rose up into the sky. Do you think Jesus' friends felt surprised to see him go up into the clouds?
9. The best part is, after Jesus was gone, two men dressed in white stood and talked to Jesus' friends, who were just looking up at the sky and the clouds, probably with surprised faces. The men told Jesus' friends this: They said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven. But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go."
10. Wow, one day Jesus will come back! And guess why he's coming back? He's coming to recreate a perfect world for God's WHOLE family to live in. Does that make anybody else really excited?! (Let kids respond.) Me, too!
11. Why do you think Jesus gave us a job to do?
12. How can Jesus be with us even though he is in Heaven? (This is a tough concept—and it's okay to admit that to kids. But God is everywhere— omnipresent—and Jesus is God. So Jesus is everywhere too!)

Prayer for Older Kids

God I thank you that Jesus is Alive and is with me wherever I go. Help me to do the job you've given me to tell everyone about Jesus and your love for all of us. Show me ways to love the people in my life. Amen

Step 4. Craft/Coloring/Activities:

Draw one way you can do this special job Jesus gave his followers. Let's brainstorm together:

Maybe you want to draw a person you could tell about Jesus. Or you could draw yourself praying for a person in your school—or another country who doesn't know Jesus. You could draw yourself following Jesus by doing your chores at home. Maybe helping a neighbor to clean his or her house, etc.

Coloring:

Print out the coloring pages attached to this document!

Feast of the Ascension:

Supplies Needed

- Blue sky-jello
- Clouds-whipped cream
- picture of Jesus.

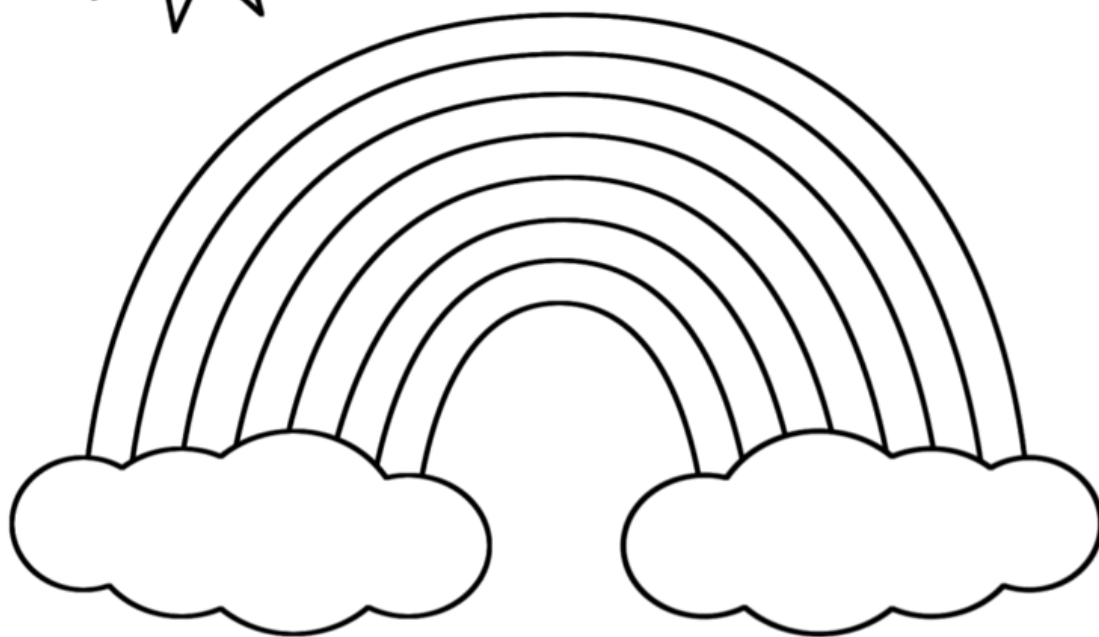
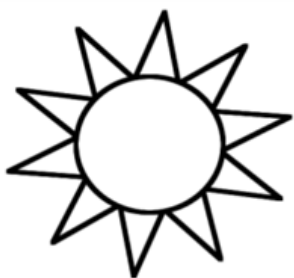


Ascension Craft:

Supplies Needed

- Paper or plastic cups
- Cotton balls
- Blue construction paper
- Printout of Jesus
- String or yarn, glue

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**Mary and
Jesus at
the tomb**

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