

Going Home

ONE GOD, ONE STORY



Week 6 - Day 1

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READ IT

Bible: Mark 16:12-20; Luke 24:13-53; Acts 1:6-11

The Jesus Storybook Bible: Going Home, pages 318-325

TALK ABOUT IT

- After Jesus rose from the grave, he saw his friends. If you had been one of his friends, how would you have felt to see Jesus appear to you? Would you have been hiding?
- Jesus told his followers "go into the world and tell everyone about him and the life He offers." Do you think this command still applies to you today? Why or why not?
- As Jesus' friends were standing and watching, what happened?

DO IT: CLOUD POSTER

Jesus went up into the clouds to be with God, his Heavenly Father. So, let's make a cloud poster.

Material: construction paper, crayons, glue, and cotton balls.

Directions: Using crayons, draw a picture of Jesus going up into the clouds while his followers watched from the ground. Then, use the cotton balls to make clouds. You can stretch them out, make them small or big and puffy. Lastly, glue the cotton balls on your poster. Let the poster be a reminder that Jesus died, was buried, rose from the grave, and went to heaven where he sits next to his Father waiting on you.

Variation: Parents, lead your child to draw a self portrait of how he would have felt if he had been watching Jesus go up into the clouds.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Jesus promised he would never leave you and would be with you forever. Think about forever... that is how long Jesus is going to be with you. Talk to God about what it means to know that Jesus is always with you: anywhere, anytime, anyplace, right now, wherever.

God Sends Help

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Week 6 - Day 2

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READ IT

Bible: Acts 2

The Jesus Storybook Bible: God Sends Help, pages 326-333

TALK ABOUT IT

- How did the people celebrate their new joy?
- Peter shared the good news with many people who spoke different languages and they all understood. What do you think it would have been like to hear the good news of Jesus being shared with lots of people who spoke different languages?

DO IT: ICHTUS SYMBOL

It is a Secret. Being an early Christian was risky business. Early Christians used a secret symbol to identify themselves as Christ Followers, the ICHTUS, a fish symbol. Let's pretend we are early Christians and make a sign to display in our front window.

Materials: construction paper and markers

Directions: Draw the ICHTUS symbol on construction paper and write the Greek letters indicated below inside the fish. Then decorate and display in a window at the front of the house.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Jesus said he would send a helper and he did... the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit is given to a person when they trust Jesus, it becomes a forever part of their life. If you have trusted Jesus, then thank God for the always with you Holy Spirit.



A New Way to See

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Week 6 - Day 3

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Bible: Acts 9:1-22

The Jesus Storybook Bible: A New Way to See, pages 334-341

TALK ABOUT IT

- What was the message Saul heard?
- God told Saul to go see Ananias. Why?
- Ananias' name means "the Lord is full of grace." Grace is a gift from God. What do you know or think about God's grace?
- God changed Saul's name to Paul which means small/humble. Why do you think God gave Paul a new name?

DO IT: BUTTERFLY MOSAIC

Saul became Paul and lived a new life just like a caterpillar that becomes a butterfly. Let's make a mosaic butterfly to symbolize the change in Paul's life.

Materials: construction paper torn into small pieces, one large sheet of construction paper, glue, and a marker.

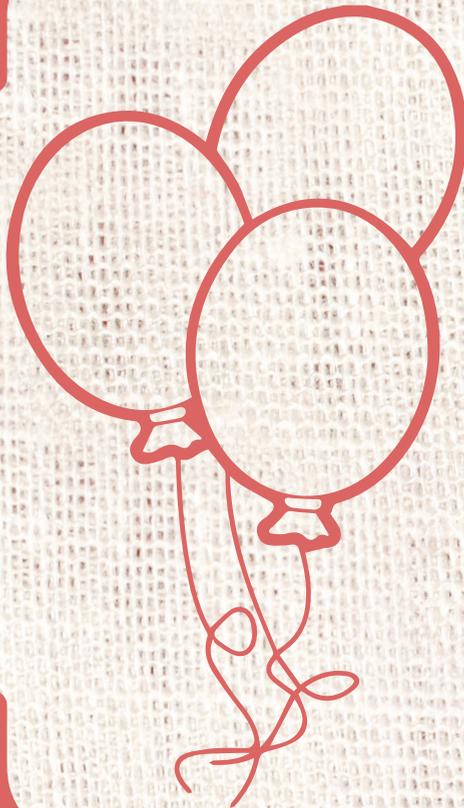
Directions: Using the marker, draw a picture of a butterfly. Then glue the torn pieces of construction paper onto the butterfly in a beautiful design.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Because of Jesus you don't have to be "good at being good" for God to love you. You simply have to believe in what Jesus has done for you by trusting and following him. Talk with God about what it means to trust in what Jesus did for you.

Celebrate!

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Week 6 - Day 4

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Plan a party to celebrate all God has done for us.
Consider making a banner with a flag for each
of the pieces of the story you have discovered.

God's Wonderful Surprise

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Week 6 - Day 5

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Bible: Revelation 21 and 22

The Jesus Storybook Bible: A Dream of Heaven, pages 342-349

TALK ABOUT IT

- God gave John a beautiful dream. In his dream, who was on the throne?
- John described a beautiful new world. What were some of the things John wrote about the "New Heaven" and "New Earth?"
- John's book does not have an ending... because Jesus is coming again. What does that mean for you?

DO IT: A DREAM OF HEAVEN

John described the "new heaven," based on his dream, with great details. See if you can draw what you think it might look like.

Materials: markers, crayons, construction paper, glitter, and whatever other crafts supplies you want to use.

Directions: Create a poster that looks like the "new heaven" in John's dream. You will probably want to go back and reread the story or scripture to get the details. Title your poster, "A Dream of Heaven!" Put it somewhere as a reminder of what people who believe in Jesus have to look forward to in heaven.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Jesus is the beginning and the ending! You are part of his story. Talk to God about what it means to be a part of his story. Thank God for Jesus. Share with God things that make you happy, make you sad, and keep you from living like you are in his story.