

## Bible background

Luke 24:46-53; Acts 1:1-11

## Aim of lesson

To see how Jesus went to heaven and yet can help all his disciples, everywhere.

## Preparation required

Make one set of finger puppets from your activity book before the lesson. You will need glue and colouring materials. You may like to keep one set of finger puppets for Lesson 105.

## Suggested outline of lesson

1. Give each of the class a finger puppet so they can each 'be' one of the disciples.
2. Remind the children briefly of the death of the Lord Jesus, his resurrection and the time that he spent with them teaching. During the lesson, as you talk of something sad or happy, get the children to change the appearance of the puppets to make them look either sad or happy as you ask them to consider how the disciples felt.  
  
Jesus told them that he was going away to be with his Father in heaven. Then he would be like his Father in that he would be able to be with them, not just in one place, but able to see and hear and help all of his disciples, wherever they are. He also promised to give them God's special power to heal and to do miracles so they could carry on his work of teaching the people.
3. Tell the class of Jesus going with his disciples to the Mount of Olives. Describe the discussion, the questions and answers, the ascension and the angels.
4. Get each one of the 'disciples' to say what they would like to say to Jesus before he goes away to heaven. Are they sad he is going away? Do they want to thank him for the promise of power to do miracles? Are they looking forward to his coming back?
5. Teach the song 'He is Alive' or 'Jesus went to Heaven'. The second song is the easier of the two.

## Alternative activities

1. Make a collage picture on thin card. You could use the figures from the activity sheet if you wish. Cut two horizontal slits, one near the top of the card and the other where the top of the mountain will be. Cut a strip of card which is long enough to allow about 5 cm to stick out above and below the picture. Feed the strip in from behind the card, through the lower slit, and then out through the upper slit. The children can then draw or stick a green mountain and the figures of the disciples. Help each child to stick a figure of Jesus on to the strip of card. The figure can then be moved up and down by pulling the tabs sticking out at the top and bottom.
2. If you have access to a sand tray, moisten the sand and let the children help to pile it up to make a mountain. Stand some play people or cardboard figures on the top. Alternatively, build a mountain with playdough or Plasticine.
3. You could sponge print a mountain and then draw or print some people. Simple triangle body and round head shapes can be cut from sponge or potatoes.

## Relevance to the children's lives

Encourage the class to be glad that Jesus now can be with each of them when they are in different places.

## Prayer

Ask the children what their 'disciple' might have prayed that night after Jesus had ascended to be with his Father in heaven.

## Verse

'While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.' Luke 24:51.

## Songs

### He is alive (Tune: I got a robe)



He is alive  
He is alive  
Jesus has risen from the dead  
After spending forty days in teaching his friends  
Jesus rose right up into heaven  
heaven  
heaven  
He went up to be right in the presence of his Father  
in heaven, heaven  
Jesus rose right up into heaven.

*Music: Traditional.*

### Jesus Went To Heaven (Tune: Sing a song of sixpence)



- v.1 Jesus went to heaven  
I'd like you all to know  
Jesus went to heaven  
A long time ago  
He went onto a mountain  
With his disciples there  
And right before their very eyes  
He rose into the air.
- v.2 Jesus went to heaven  
I'd like you all to know  
Jesus went to heaven  
A long time ago  
As Jesus went to heaven  
Two angels came and then  
They said that the Lord Jesus  
Would come back here again.
- v.3 Jesus went to heaven  
I'd like you all to know  
Jesus went to heaven  
A long time ago  
Though Jesus went to heaven  
He's not so far away  
For he can see what you and I  
Are doing every day.

*Music: Traditional.*