

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 244: THE ASCENSION**  
**LUKE 24:44-53**

Jesus said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must happen which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms about me." Then Jesus made the disciples understand these Scriptures about him. Jesus said to them, "It is written and therefore it was necessary that the Messiah would suffer and be killed and rise from death on the third day. You saw these things happen--you are witnesses. You must go and tell people that they must change and turn to God, which will bring them His forgiveness. You must start from Jerusalem and tell this message in my name to the people of all nations. Remember that I will send you the One my Father promised (The Holy Spirit). Stay in the city until you are given that power from heaven." Jesus led his disciples out of Jerusalem almost to Bethany. He raised his hands and blessed his disciples. While he was blessing them, he was separated from them and carried into heaven. They worshiped him and went back to Jerusalem very happy. They stayed at the Temple all the time, praising God.

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### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was separated from them and carried up into heaven."*     **LUKE 24:51**

### **Review Questions**

#### **True or False**

1. Jesus told His disciples, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must happen which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms about me."
2. Jesus did not make the disciples understand the scriptures about Him.
3. Then He told them, "It is written and therefore it was not necessary that the Messiah would suffer and be killed and raise from death on the third day."
4. Jesus told them they must go and tell everyone to change and turn to God, which will bring them forgiveness.
5. Jesus told them they must begin in Jerusalem, and then tell the people of all nations.

### **Questions**

1. Did the disciples finally understand the scriptures about Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say the scriptures said about Him, what did the scriptures say would happen to Him?
3. What did Jesus tell the Disciples they must tell everyone?
4. Where did He tell them to go and wait for the One His Father promised to send?
5. When He was blessing them as they were traveling together, what happened?
6. What did the disciples do after Jesus was carried away into heaven?

## Lesson 244 Activity

### With a Little Help

Write the memory verse for today's lesson and place it in a sealed envelope. Tape the envelope to the ceiling before class. When the children come back into the class after worship, pick a volunteer to do a difficult task. Tell the volunteer that you need what's in the envelope and to please get it down for you. Do not allow him to stand on anything or take help from anyone in the class. When he sees that they can't get the envelope, lift him up to reach the envelope. Have him read its contents to the class (or you read it if the child is too young to read).

Explain to your class that Jesus said He must physically leave to send the Helper, or Holy Spirit. Just like the volunteer couldn't complete the task assigned without help, we can't do what God wants us to do or be what God wants us to be without His help. **God promises His Holy Spirit to help His children.**

### Red Light/Green Light

Set as many pieces of candy or small prizes at the front of the classroom as the number of children in your class. Tell them to line up at the opposite end of the room for a game of "Red Light/Green Light." When you say "Green Light" the children must move forward toward the candy. When you say "Red Light" they must stop and freeze. If they move they are out and must start over. The first child to get a candy or prize is the winner, and must sit out and watch the game until all the children have received a treat or prize.

Explain that sometimes it's hard to wait for the treats that the Lord has for us. Imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus sent them to Jerusalem to wait for the prize of the Holy Spirit, or the Helper, the One that God promised to send to them!

Just like this game of red light/green light we have to only move when God wants us to move, and stop and wait when He says to.

When He tells us to stop, we need to stop; when He says go, we need to go. If we move without His direction, we often get delayed at reaching the goal.

God has made many promises to us because we are His children! We spend a lot of our life waiting on those promises to happen, or to be fulfilled. Do we worry or feel bad while we wait for His promises, or should we do as the disciples did, and spend that waiting time praising and worshiping Him? God promises His Holy Spirit to His children!

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.