Jesus Ascends

Luke 24:36-53



Jesus appeared to the disciples, but they were frightened and confused. Jesus was supposed to be dead. Could this be a ghost? After Jesus showed them his hands and feet and ate a piece of fish, the disciples realized that this was the real Jesus, risen from the dead! Promising that the Holy Spirit would come to them, Jesus ascended to heaven.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Jesus ate fish in front of the disciples to show that he had a physical body. He opened the disciples' minds to understand.



The **disciples** said good-bye to Jesus in Bethany and then went joyfully to Jerusalem to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

Bethany was a village outside of Jerusalem. It was the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus and the location of Jesus' ascension.

About the Video

Yet again, the disciples were surprised by the appearance of Jesus, who ate fish to prove he was not a ghost. They all traveled to Bethany, where they said their good-byes—with the promise that they would one day be reunited—as Jesus rose to heaven.

- Why were the disciples afraid when Jesus appeared?
- How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus left?
- When have you had to say good-bye to someone?

Try This!

Use cotton balls to make several fluffy clouds. Hang them up high around your house to remember that Jesus ascended to be in heaven with God and that he is still with us.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for helping the disciples and us believe that Jesus really is alive! You are AWESOME! Thank you for your blessing and promise to always be with us. Amen!

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