



# Into the Clouds

*Jesus Returns to Heaven Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:4-12*

Character Trait: Generosity

## Objectives:

Children will understand that:

- Jesus returned to heaven.
- Jesus did not leave us all alone because sent His Holy Spirit to help us.
- It is important to share the Gospel with others while waiting for Jesus to return.

## Supplies:

- Into the Clouds loaded onto a tablet or phone or in the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope (pages 29-32)



## Welcome Activity:

(5 minutes)

Share that it is very natural to want to share good news with other people. Ask the children to turn to someone near them and briefly share what their favourite activity or lesson has been.



## God's Bigger Story:

Jesus returned to heaven. But He did not leave us alone. He sent His Holy Spirit to help us until He returns again. While we wait for Jesus' return, it is important to share the Good News of the forgiveness that Jesus offers with others.



## Today's Bible Story:

Show Into the Clouds or read the story aloud from the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope.



## Discussion:

(8 minutes)

★ **What was the last thing Jesus said before He went up to heaven?**

*("I will always be with you.")*

★ **What did the two angels tell the disciples?** *(Jesus will come back the same way!)*



Share that God's Holy Spirit lives inside the hearts of those who follow Jesus. This means that God sends His spirit to become a part of our thoughts and feelings. The Holy Spirit is our helper, guiding us to listen to, learn from and obey God.

## “Memory Verse:

**“For this is how God** *(point to heaven)*  
**loved** *(cross both hands over the middle of your chest with your right hand on your left shoulder and left hand on your right)*  
**the world: He** *(point to heaven)*  
**gave His one** *(hold up one finger)*  
**and only Son, so that everyone** *(point to all the children and yourself)*  
**who believes in Him** *(point to heaven)*  
**will not** *(shake head back and forth to indicate “no”)*  
**perish but have eternal life.”** *(raise both arms out and towards heaven)*

John 3:16



## Activity: *(10 minutes)*

Explain that only instructions that begin with the words, “Simon says...” should be followed. Sample statements include:

“Simon says... Put your hand on your head.”

“Clap your hands twice.”

Children who follow instructions that do not begin with “Simon says...” are out. Continue until only one child is left standing. Explain that the words “Simon says” were the clue to obey. God’s Holy Spirit works the same way inside of us, helping us to live more like Jesus.



## Character Trait: Self-Image

★ **What are some ways God has been generous with us?** *(Answers will vary.)*



## Connect with Others:

Do your friends and family know about Jesus? Think about ways that you can share Jesus’ love with them.



## Prayer: *(2 minutes)*

Dear God,

**We are thankful to be part of Your great story. Help us share Jesus with others, so that they can come to know Your love, too.**

**Amen.**

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