

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

**Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:**

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

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If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email [permissions@group.com](mailto:permissions@group.com).

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing





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# Jesus Returns to Heaven

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11

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**Instructions:** Cut 8-inch lengths of string. Help kids cut out the Jesus figure. Attach Jesus' head to the end of the string with tape. Cut the dashed lines for kids, and let them thread the string through the hole. Have kids pull Jesus up into the clouds. *(For additional instructions, see Teacher Guide.)*

# WHAT I LEARNED TODAY...



## Bible Time

This week's Bible passage (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11) teaches us to tell others about Jesus. Jesus went with his friends, the disciples, to the top of a mountain. His last words to them were to tell everyone in the whole world about him. And then Jesus rose up into a cloud and went back to heaven to be with God. Two angels appeared and told them that Jesus would come back to earth the same way. Jesus wants us to tell other people about his good news!

**Key Verse: We can teach the world about Jesus (adapted from Matthew 28:19-20).**



## Outdoor Family Fun



On a clear day when there are lots of big, fluffy

clouds in the sky, go outside with your child and lie down on your backs. Look at the clouds together. Look for shapes in the clouds. Discuss how Jesus went up into the clouds and how he'll someday come back for us.

## ASK

- What do you think about when you think about how Jesus went into the clouds?
- What can you tell someone about Jesus?

## Daily Challenge

Your child learned to tell others about Jesus. He or she committed to one of the following challenges to tell someone about Jesus. Help your child follow through on the challenge!

- Tell someone in your family your favorite thing about Jesus.
- Have your mom or dad help you send a postcard or a letter to a family member who lives far away. Draw a picture of Jesus on your postcard or letter.
- Sing "Jesus Loves Me" for your family or friends.

## HOMESPUN IDEA

Make "Sweet Sharing Cards."

Copy the following poem onto individual index cards, and let your child decorate the cards. Punch a hole through each card, and have your child tie a ribbon through the hole. Tie each ribbon around a small candy bar. Keep these sweet treats in a basket near your door to share the good news with all who come into your home.

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I've got to tell the news  
REAL LOUD.  
Jesus will come back for  
me someday.  
I'll tell the world about  
that glad day!

## ASK

- Why is this such good news?
- Who do you hope we can share this good news with? Why?