

Unit 27, Session 4

# Jesus Returned to Heaven

Matthew 28; Acts 1

Story Point: Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission.

After Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead, He spent time with His disciples over 40 days. Jesus told them even more about God's kingdom.

Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus gave the disciples—and everyone who follows Him—a job to do. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples of people from every nation."

Jesus also said, "Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Then Jesus said, "Remember this: I am always with you, until the very end of the age."

Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

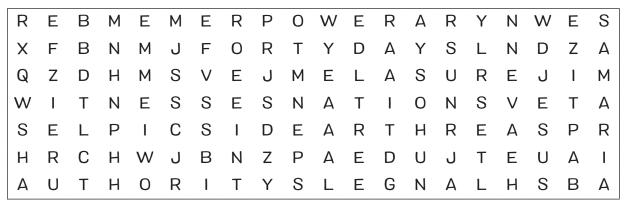
After Jesus said these things, He went up into heaven. All of a sudden, two angels appeared. These angels asked, "This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come again. He will return in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven."

Christ Connection: Jesus left earth and returned to heaven, but He did not leave us alone. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us do God's work—to teach people everywhere about Jesus so they will trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. One day, Jesus will return to make all things new and to rule as Lord over all.

# **EXPERIENCE** the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

 Find and circle the key words in the word search: ANGELS, AUTHORITY, BAPTIZE, DISCIPLES, EARTH, FORTY DAYS, HEAVEN, JERUSALEM, JESUS, JUDEA, NATIONS, POWER, REMEMBER, SAMARIA, WITNESSES



What does this story teach us about God?

• What is a disciple?

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• Why is obeying the Great Commission so important?

• How does the Great Commission apply to us?

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• Find John 11:25 in your Bible and write the words below.

• Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus for His promise to be with us always and to send the Holy Spirit to guide us until He comes again.

## **READ THE WORD**

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

2 Peter 3:9

☐ Hebrews 9:27-28

☐ Romans 10:14

☐ John 3:13

Romans 1:16

☐ Ephesians 1:20